

DCSA Minutes

17th July 2007

Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President (outgoing)/Treasurer
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary (outgoing)
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep (outgoing)
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents (outgoing)/Welfare
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Ents (outgoing)/Council Rep
Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports (outgoing)
Ali Shah (AS)	Ents (incoming)
Sophia Davis (SD)	Ents (incoming)
Ali Hakimi (AH)	Sports (incoming)
Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary (incoming)
Alice Hall (AH)	External

Apologies

John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer (outgoing)
Chris Wright (CWF)	Council Rep

Welcome to the new DCSA members + info

The committee meets every 2 weeks, currently on a Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Old Library or the upstairs seminar room.

The secretary sends notice of the meeting the week before and a reminder on the day requesting agenda items to be sent to the president and apologies for absence to be sent to the secretary.

The DCSA communicates via the dcsa-exec list. RF will be updating the list and the email forwarding this week. If too much spam is being received on the dcsa address, the format of the email address can be changed by asking Espen.

The DCSA office is located in the basement of Newnham Terrace No2. The DCSA has access to it and the key can be obtained from the porters' lodge. JS has spent a lot of time keeping the office in order and it would be great to keep the office in shape. A computer and printer are installed in the office for the committee's use. The office also houses the Darwear boxes, ents supplies, stationery etc etc.

The DCSA has a photocopier account and the photocopy machine can be used for DCSA copies and billed to that account. Inform the porters to bill to DCSA.

Budget – all officers have a budget. It would be ideal to discuss the status of this during the handover. Last year's budget can be looked at to see what is to be expected for next year. Generally large items of expenditure – over £50 – are discussed with the committee or president / treasurer beforehand.

LBGT officer position

This is a position that is appointed rather than elected. The current committee thinks that the LBGT officer position should be a democratically elected position just like all the other positions. Possibly change the name to sexuality officer and make it less exclusive. This would mean a change in the constitution and as such needs to be discussed with a full committee, possibly next meeting.

Open-air Summer Films

DCSA had planned on airing some films in the garden. AS and SD will be discussing this with Claudia as well as the bursar to see what can be organised.

DCSA office storage

The office does not have proper storage. This was discussed beforehand but college is not keen on having fixed furniture in there. JS would like to get somebody to volunteer to help her buy some furniture for the office from Waterbeach. The shop delivers to college. The money for this will come out of the DCSA projects budget. EI will help JS to look for furniture next week.

An Issue from the last election

Stamatina Rassia ran for the position of president and was not elected. SH asked her if she would be interested in still staying involved with DCSA. She is doing an architecture degree and is very into design. It would be ideal to appoint her as a student rep to coordinate the upcoming refurbishments. All the president DCSA members agree with this proposition. This will be suggested to the bursar.

Unauthorised mooring on college

Last night some guys were punting past and decided to moor on Darwin. College staff was authorized to cut the punt loose and this punt drifted downstream. The owners came banging on Darwin windows saying the police had told them to talk to the porters. Davind Cann who opened the door to see what had happened took them to the porters' lodge to discuss this with the porter. Apparently there was an argument with the porters and David Cann was called into the CoW's office and told off for letting people in to talk to the porters.

David was put out that his action to try and avoid trouble (the people seemed ready to bang on the windows till they broke) ended up with him being put at fault. JS thinks that this is a welfare issue and what the DCSA could do is send a representative to the dean to discuss this.

AS made the point that it might have been better to ask the porters to go outside to talk to these people rather than ushering in them into the lodge.

Date for next meeting to be decided