

**DCSA Meeting**  
**25/05/2010**

**Attendees**

Samir Khan (SK)	President
Carolina Baltar (CB)	Secretary
Greg Jordan (GJ)	Communications
Nikon Rasumov (NR)	External
Matt Gasparetti (MG)	Punts
Aleix Altimiras (AA)	Acting Green Officer
James Lyon (JL)	Treasurer
Raliza Stoyanova (RSt)	College Council Rep
Richard Silveira (RSi)	BarCom Chair
Jon Etheridge (JE)	Ents
Emmy Goodby (EG)	Welfare
Valerie Brandt (VB)	International Officer

**Apologies**

Tim Guillian (TG)	Ents
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**Missing**

Rowan Jackson (RJ)	Sports Officer
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**Agenda items**

- 1. Student Support Team at Darwin in collaboration with CUSU and GU:** SK suggested creating a welfare team to give support to the welfare officer. This team would allow the welfare officer to be closer to students. EG pointed that some of the positions inside the DCSA that give support to the welfare officer were not filled, so it would be better first to have students for these positions and maybe in the future think of the welfare team. All DCSA members voted to open as a referendum so other college students can decide.
- 2. Amendments in the election and constitution of DCSA:** NR suggested to have all positions for elections in June, because of the organization of freshers week. JL said that many MPhil students are keen to help DCSA and to open all positions in June will not give the chance to the new students in college to participate. CB said most of the students in college are Mphils and they should have the right to participate in the DCSA and take decisions. RS said that it is not the positions that are important for freshers week, since all committee should work as a team. JL said that if DCSA opens elections in November too, it gives some incentives to new students to participate. AA suggested to have a freshers committee asking for help to other students that are not in the DCSA to organize the events. Votes for the motion: 4, against: 0. Suggested amendments to the motion: include punts officer and green officer in the election in June. Votes for the motion: 8, against: 0. It was decided to go as a referendum the inclusion of green officer and punts officer in the elections in June.
- 3. Change the Nomenclature of External Officer to Ambassador:** JL was against the motion arguing that all colleges have external officers and it is not nice to create confusions. GJ said he thinks it can be fun to have different names. NR said since he started using ambassador instead of external officer he got famous in the college and outside, so he supposes it is good to change the name. JL compared Ambassador Nomenclature with Admiral of Punts, saying that the latter

is college based, and external officer is related to other colleges. AA said that the motion for Ambassador says that this position has extra duties, but they are not in the constitution and part of them belongs to the welfare officer. SK supports the motion affirming that the external officer this year had some effort in the DCSA and that he likes the name. AA said the name can be pretentious and Darwin College doesn't incentivise hierarchies. Votes for the motion: 5, against: 3. DCSA members decided to open this motion as a referendum and include the new duties of this position.

4. **DCGC:** SK explained the motion about creating the green committee. Votes for the motion: 9, against: 0. AA suggested some amendments to this motion. Since many people are involved in the green committee and the amount of tasks are high, it would be important to have one more position inside the DCSA related to the green officer. MG supports the idea and says that it can balance elections giving the chance to have more positions open for election in November. SK said that the green committee is already taking space in the DCSA and it is negative. RSt suggested the creation of one more green officer helps to build continuity for the green committee and it is very positive. JL said that the college has to decrease energy and one more green officer can help in that task. Vote for the motion 8, against: 2. DCSA decided to open two referenda related to DCGC. One to create the committee and another one to create one more position inside the DCSA.
5. **Create Events Officer:** AA gave a brief idea of the position, saying that it would be related to events such as talks, international food fest and not BOPs. JE said it would be related to non alcoholic events. EG and JL said it is not necessary to have one more entertainment officer, since the DCSA has already two. MG said that these type of events can be organized by the ents officers, because their tasks are not just BOPs. Votes for the motion: 4, against: 4. DCSA members decided that more discussion should be done about the topic before opening it as a referendum.
6. **Accommodation Issues:** SK informed DCSA about the accommodation policy and the waiting list for second year students to have an accommodation. He said it would be important for DCSA to have the right to more accommodation for members, such as Sports officer, Welfare officer and Green officer. JL questioned the accommodation for sports officer. SK said that this year many problems appeared related to clubs, especially the boat club, so it would be important to create interest and competition among students for the sports officer position, so the officer will have more strength to help the difficulties inside the clubs. NR said that sport officer can promote non alcoholic events too. GJ said that sports officer should live close to the college to increase interaction with students. Motion to bring this discussion to the next college council meeting. Votes for the motion: 9, against: 0.

**Next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010**