

DCSA Minutes

21st August 2007

Present

Mikhail Kibalchenko	President
Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary
Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Treasurer
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Welfare
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Council Rep
Ali Shah (AS)	Ents
Sophia Davis (SD)	Ents
Alice Hall (AH)	External officer

Apologies

John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
Chris Wright (CWF)	Council Rep
Ali Hakimi	Sports Rep

1 ● Freshers' arrival in September

Majority of the new Darwin students will be arriving between September 26th -28th (Wednesday – Friday).

i. Welcome drinks

Are organised by the College on Thursday September 27th and Monday October 1st, 18.00-18.45. DCSA committee will be present. JS will print name tags for the committee.

ii. Welcome dinners

Are scheduled for October 10th and 17th DCSA committee members get a choice between the two, or can go to both if they wish.

iii. Welcome desk

Will be open for three days: September 26th - 28th (Wednesday-Friday), from 10.00-15.00.

It will be proposed to all members of Darwin to volunteer to man the desk. MK will send out an email asking for volunteers.

Two shifts of volunteers will be working at the desk: morning and afternoon, 2.5 hours each shift, with at least 2 people. EI will send out rota which will allow people to sign up to the shifts of their choice.

Sandra James will be sent the information about the welcome desk to pass on to the freshers.

SH proposed for the welcome desk to have a copy of the new Darwin calendar available for viewing.

iv. Freshers' booklet

DCSA booklet will be available as an online copy and not printed. CUSU handbooks will be handed out to freshers.

v. Ents-events

The Ents officers have put together a program for the first two weeks after arrival of freshers. The program may be a subject to minor changes.

Thu Sept 27th Bar quiz

Fri 28th Pub crawl

Sat 29th BBQ on Darwin island in the afternoon

Sun 30th Punting tour. Admiral of the punts is asked to organise a sign-up sheet

Tue Oct 2nd Pub crawl

Sat 6th Freshers' bop

Sat 13th GU Bop

A clear, easy-to-read program will be prepared by the Ents officers.

vi. Freshers fair

Has been scheduled for October 11th (Thursday) after dinner. In addition to clubs and societies, a DCSA desk will be set up.

2. President's room

Since this year's president, MK, is not taking up his allocated room in Old Granary, the College has proposed to take the room off DCSA and temporarily rent it to a fellow. DCSA is opposed to this decision. Normally, 5 rooms are allocated to DCSA. Three years ago, the largest room was allegedly temporarily given to the computer officer, but this seems now to have become a permanent residence of a fellow. It was the general agreement of DCSA committee that the president's room (the second largest) should not

be taken away, but allocated to another member of the committee, at the committee's discretion. A letter stating the position of DSCA committee on this matter, will be sent on the behalf of the committee to the Bursar.

3. TV room

AS reports that the College has been a customer of Sky for two years, and has received no upgrades so far. It would be desirable to get a HD (high definition) projector and more variation of channels. AS was appointed to obtain quotes for upgrading the system from SKY and others.

SH reports that a lot non-Darwin people use the TV room. This happens mainly when societies book TV sessions for large groups of people, many of whom are non-members. AS proposes new management of bookings. Societies (group bookings) should not be allowed, unless they go through AS. An individual name should be put down and Ali contacted via email. Agreed by the committee.

4. DCSA poster

Will include photos of DCSA committee members. Please email the photos to Mikhail ASAP.

5. ● DSCA-exec email issues

Few member of the Exec are not receiving the emails forwarded to dcsa-exec list. EI will check the email list for correct details.

Spam problems: forwarding email addresses will be changed for the committee members that suffer from excessive spamming.

6. Punts

John Mifsud reported that one punting pole belonging to Darwin has been broken; three Darwin paddles have gone missing; and a metal pole and one paddle belonging to Scudamore punts have appeared in the punt shed. MK will speak to the porters to see if the matter can be cleared.

7. Next meeting

31st of August (Friday) 19.30. EI will be away on fieldwork, will find a substitute to take minutes.