

DCSA Minutes

22 January 2008

<u>Present</u>	Mikhail Kibalchenko	President
	Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary
	Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Treasurer
	Simone Cooper (SC)	External
	Samir Khan (SK)	Green
	Marla Fuchs (MF)	Women's
	Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
	Ali Hakimi (AHK)	Sports Rep
	Tomas Ryan (TR)	Council Rep

<u>Apologies</u>	Ali Shah (AS)	ENTS
	Sophia Davis (SD)	ENTS
	Jenny Symonds (JS)	Welfare
	John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
	Tim Button (TB)	Sexuality
	Raliza Stoyanova (RS)	Communications
	Matina Rassia (MR)	International

1. Message from Welfare officer

Welfare evening being organized by JS. Date to be confirmed.

2. CUSU withdrawal voting

Online voting is ongoing January 21st -23rd . The returning officers are Prof. Harry Bhadeshia, EI, and all copies of votes are kept by the Computer Officer. In agreement with the constitution the vote will hold if the quorum is fulfilled and the majority wins, regardless of the percentage split.

3. Last year's DCSA photo

TR suggests that last year's photo should be replaced with a more serious one.

4. Removal of freezers from student accommodation

EI reported on the discussions at the Buildings and Grounds meeting from January 15th. The freezers have been gradually removed from Darwin accommodation. The main reasons are Health & Safety – food being stored long after its 'best before' date;

difficulty with maintaining the freezers – require time to be defrosted; and to encourage students to use the dining hall more frequently.

The B&G committee stated that the decision of freezers removal was supported by the DCSA 4-5 years ago. However, there is no mention of this decision in the DCSA minutes record.

B&G committee offered DCSA to come up with a suggestion of how freezers could be managed if they are to be re-installed. The DCSA will put together a survey of whether Darwin students want the freezers to be re-installed in the kitchens.

5. Potential removal of ovens from student accommodation

Clerk of Works has contacted EI about that ovens may be removed due to Health & Safety regulations. Timers will be installed on the cooking hobs and ovens may be replaced with microwaves. CoW suggested to EI that DCSA conducts a survey of whether the students would like to keep the ovens. The survey will be combined with the question about freezers (item 4).

6. Access to student rooms

As discussed on B&G committee meeting, student rooms are only accessed by the college staff without prior notice when absolutely necessary. If students are concerned that their room was accessed without prior warning/valid reason, they should contact the Porter's lodge or the Clerk of Works who keeps a record of all jobs ordered. MK will send out a whatsapp message to inform students of this.

7. Correction of item 5 in minutes from January 10th 2008

The college housekeeping staff – and not maintenance staff - has been throwing away items in the OG recycling bins.

8. Recycling in the Old Granary and College housekeeping

Currently, the tenants of the OG are responsible for emptying the recycling bins. DCSA suggests that recycling should not be an option but a requirement and hence should be covered by the housekeeping staff. Other colleges will be contacted to compare their housekeeping procedures. A letter will be drafted by the Green Officer stating our expectations.

Christine Wright will be asked to provide a list of the expected housekeeping staff duties and it will be compared to the student's expectations (SK).

9 Recycling of coffee sachets

The sachets used in the new coffee machine in the parlour are currently not being recycled. The DCSA supports the motion that the urn should be reinstalled being more environmentally friendly.

10. Burn's night bagpiper

Following discussions with AS, Accounts have offered to split the cost of the bagpiper with DCSA. The offer will be asked for in writing to avoid any misunderstandings (MR and AS).

Next meeting

Tuesday Feb 5th 19:45

