

DCSA Budget

Open Meeting

27th October 2005

<u>Present</u>	Melanie Keene (MK)	Treasurer
	Katie Tanner (KT)	President
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary/Womens
	Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
	Caroline Scott (CS)	Admiral

Representatives of most clubs and societies requesting funding

KT opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.
MK explained how the budget was worked out

The DCSA money allocated in this budget comes from college and is part of the students' college fees.

The money is spent on clubs, societies and on improving facilities within college. Constitutionally the DCSA cannot allocate more than 10% of the whole sum to any one club or society.

Considerations taken into account for allocation of funding include:

- Requests by club/society members
- Number of members in the club/society
- Last year's funding and expenditure

KT explained that the DCSA does not generally allocate money for refreshment or dinner outings. Amnesty International and the Film Club are the only exceptions.

MK explained the DCSA policy for actually giving the money. Money is given out as reimbursement on presentation of the relevant receipts and expenses claim forms. It is in the interest of the club/society member who incurs the expense to keep the receipt, fill in the correct form available online or from the porter's lodge and submit all to the DCSA treasurer. The treasurer will then issue a cheque for the amount spent.

Sports Clubs

The DCSA contribution for the booking of grounds or training/lessons is half the fee. Members can pay a small subscription fee that can cover the remaining expense.

Men's basketball

The men's basketball pointed out that the Cupper's fee which the DCSA pays in full was increased from last year. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly to cover the entire fee.**

Boat Club

MJK explained the £6000 lent to the boat club last year for the new boat. This will be listed as instalment payments of £1500 per year for 4 years until the whole £6000 is covered.

Men's captain pointed out for the benefit of all present that the DCSA money given to the boat club only covers half the boat club costs. The remainder is paid in by the members themselves.

CC pointed out that the Bumps entry fee is £500. Traditionally the DCSA pays the whole sum. Thus the bumps and race entries allocation needs to be raised to £500.

The budget will be adjusted accordingly to cover the entire fee.

It was clarified that the replacement of equipment item is provision for next year's breakages and wearing out, whereas the repairs to boats item is to cover the cost of fixing what was broken during the last year. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly to cover these costs.**

Money for Tournament Prizes

MK pointed out that the DCSA policy is not to give out money for the purchase of prizes which will stay with one individual and thus benefit only one individual. Thus the chess club's chess tournament prize cannot be funded by the DCSA.

Women's football

The DCSA has new bibs which can be given for team practice. These were bought by the previous sports officer. Thus this item will be removed from the budget and replaced by £20 for new gloves. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly.**

Greek Dancing Club

It was pointed out by the students present that most people attending the Greek dancing lessons are not from Darwin. No representative was present to defend their position. The DCSA will consider reducing the Greek Dancing Club's funding to £100. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly.**

Music Society

Again no representative was present. The society asked for money for an amplifier. The DCSA is in the process of discussing this issue. Since there is no space to store

this in the bar cellar, buying equipment that cannot be safely stored makes justification of the expense difficult. The sheet music requested can be obtained through another college fund. The DCSA does not fund personal leisure outings such as concerts.

Photography Society

Representatives present asked for an extra £100, not detailed in their original request, to replace the current projector which is very old and broken, cannot be fixed easily as replacement parts are not readily available. A new projector would cost around £300, thus the society proposes buying a second hand one. The extra £100 for the projector will be allocated. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly.**

The photography society is also planning to offer workshops during which students can be taught how to take and develop photos.

Salsa Club

The music system requested by the salsa club will be funded provided that it is left in the porter's lodge and made available to all Darwin members when it is not in use or needed by the Salsa club.

Amnesty International

Amnesty representatives asked for an extra £30 not detailed in their original request to cover the cost of plastic clip boards. They might also need to ask for some extra money later on in the year to cover the cost of more stamps. **The budget will be adjusted accordingly.**

MK asked that any questions, comments or requests be sent to her by Tuesday 1st November when the DCSA will vote to ratify the budget.