

DCSA Minutes

5th June 2007

Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents
Tomás Ryan (TR)	Ents
John Mifsud (JM)	Admiral
Maja Ivankovic (MI)	Womens
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Mikhail Kibalchenko (MK)	International
Chris Wright	Communications

Apologies

Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
Bettina Schreck (BS)	Greens
Steve Keen (SK)	Bar Chair
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Alice Hall (AH)	External
Nico Petty (NP)	Welfare

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1. NP – update on DCSA dinner
 - a. Wed 27 June St. Catz OCR
 - b. Budget extended by £150 to cover greater number of people this year
 - c. Committee photo to be taken at Darwin 6:30, from SH's balcony

 2. SH – Pigeon Holes
 - a. Message to Bursar approved and sent regarding pigeon holes for pre 2004 members:
 - i. Suggested box to be set up for pre-2004 people
 - ii. One concession was made since the version sent to the DCSA exec list: that pre-2004 members who haven't yet submitted will maintain boxes
 - b. There are a few related areas of confusion, including:
 - i. Note from Bursar's secretary
 - ii. When does college member cease to be member?

- iii. Royal mail doesn't provide a mail forwarding service from Colleges
 - iv. Four year science students should have a concession, allowing them to maintain rights for their extra year
- c. TR asked why can't space be made for more pigeon holes, if porters lodge is going to be extended? SH suggested that RF might pose this question at the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.
3. SH reported on forthcoming DCSA Elections
- a. Need to identify appropriate treasurer candidate. Possibility of CW and JM to share the job suggested
 - b. Nominations for all positions unopposed except for President and potentially Secretary
 - c. Nominations close on Friday – Hustings on Friday at 9pm in the Bar– Elections on 11th /12th /13th June, CW and MI to help with the ballot box at lunch or dinner
4. SH reported on Smoking ban being added to election ballot to canvas student opinion– only regarding applying the ban to student rooms.
- a. Question to go on the ballot paper agreed by the DCSA as follows:

“On July 1st, a national smoking ban becomes operational across the UK. Smoking will no longer be permitted in the bar and public areas of Darwin College. Do you think smoking should also be banned in student members' College rooms? Please tick one of the following boxes to share your opinion:

Smoking should be banned in all college rooms
Smoking should not be banned in all college rooms
Smoking should only be allowed in student rooms designated for smokers

This decision is to be made by college council, who have requested student feedback in order to help make this decision.”

5. JM Admiral of the Punt Elections
- a. What is optimal date of electing admiral job?
 - i. Vote in June ties in with room from sept. to sept. so person on site
 - ii. Vote in November new person has to deal with storage right off
 - b. Punt season April – November
 - c. Elections June and November
 - d. Need someone in office for Storage – Oct. November
 - e. Need someone for season start
 - f. Accommodation Sept. to Sept.
 - g. Punts for May week – punt members +1 guest are invited to attend a trip to view the fireworks during May Week. Monday (Trinity) and Tuesday (St. John's). SH to assist with the trip.
6. SH reported to the DCSA on Rents –
- a. Rents are going up this year

- b. Base line rent + utilities
- c. Base rents based on RPI – retail price index – up 5.4%
- d. There is flexibility in relative costs of various rooms, although the total income from rents needs to remain the same. Suggest putting aside funds to support a group of students to carry out a comprehensive study rating the relative quality of all Darwin College rooms. Criteria for judging rooms
 - i. Size of room
 - ii. Distance from college
 - iii. Shower -- How many people sharing shower
 - iv. Number sharing kitchen
 - v. Number of people sharing fridge
 - vi. Road side garden side
 - vii. Storage space – furniture

- e. As an aside, the rent increases present a good opportunity to bring up the following issues that should be addressed with college –
 - i. Fridge space
 - ii. Showers
 - iii. Storage space
 - iv. Furniture
 - v. Freezers needed