

DCSA Minutes

6th December 2005

<u>Present</u>	Katie Tanner (KT)	President
	Melanie Keene (MK)	Treasurer
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
	Caren Weinberg (CW)	Womens
	Nicky Pickering (NP)	Ents
	Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Green
	Patrick Boner (PB)	Sports
	Joab Rosenberg (JR)	Comms
	Nico Petty (NPY)	Welfare
	Robin Usher (RU)	LGBT

<u>Apologies</u>	Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
	Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
	Su Il In (SI)	Council Rep
	Scott Shackelford (SS)	International

Comms: Yearbook and River Rat

JR reported that the photo society has agreed to take photos of all events happening in college and to make these available for the annual year book. They should be reminded before each event.

JR has also asked the computer officer for space on the Darwin server where the photos can be uploaded.

The question of whether we need a printed year book, which would cost £20-£30 per copy, or a DVD also arose. JR has found a website which allows people to upload their photos and description. The photo collection can then be edited and printed at £20 per copy for a minimum of 100 copies. In the new term JR will send out an email to gauge interest.

River Rat: Martyn (last years Comms officer) had suggested to JR to merge the River Rat and the Darwinian. JR will start approaching people for articles.

KT asked about the Darwin calendar. JR explained that we agreed to have a 16 month calendar from Oct 2006 to Dec 2007 and sell it at the end of this academic year.

Ents

KT has received requests for copies of the CinDARella Panto videos. RF will check if Lydia Bell is willing to burn some extra copies against payment for members who request copies.

LBGT Officer

KT introduced Robin Usher who will be the Darwin LBGT officer.

RU presented a list of proposals – a short manifesto

- Make people welcome

- Introduce them to social events

- Organise a graduate event in the common room for members of the university

Sees it as his role to make it clear to LBGT members that the LBGT officer is available for consultation about way of life, welfare, discrimination issues as well as safety, etc.

Budget

MK informed RU that as a DCSA Officer he will have a small budget to be used for the organisation of events.

JR asked for a budget summary which MK will give him next term.

Recycling

SH noted that people generally are not recycling. She went around the properties and noted that the recycling boxes were overflowing and apparently nobody is taking them out to be collected. SH will sort out recycling posters and send out a whatsapp reminder. She will also try to approach people the people who had agreed to take care of the recycling in their respective houses.

KT reminded the DCSA of the electrical equipment collection happening at Sydney Sussex in January. SH will take care of organising a collection in college in early January and then organise transport to Sydney Sussex.

Brazilian Night

A Brazilian Night was organised months ago. The proceeds were to go to a Brazilian charity. The DCSA has now been approached and informed that the donation never arrived at the charity and asked if we can make a replacement donation. As we are ourselves a charity we cannot give money to other charities. Thus we'll organise another Brazilian night and give away a designated amount to the charity.

Welfare

NPy asked whether during Darwin Formals the port is not served at the table with the cheese course.

In Darwin the port is served downstairs as it is charged separately. KT suggested that NPy discuss this with catering or get SS to bring this up at the next meals committee.

Student Union Welfare Officer

The student union welfare officer mentioned the availability of condoms, attack alarms and pregnancy kits. NPy asked whether we have any or should order some. If we do order, how much to get and do we charge students for them.

CW as women's officer takes care of personal alarms and pregnancy kits.

NPy will order 1 box of condoms at 144 for £14.40 out of her own budget and will gauge the demand. She will also order some new pregnancy kits and pass them on to CW.

Accommodation

Showers It has been brought to the attention of the DCSA that 2 houses have no showers but only bathtubs. NPy was asked why there are no shower facilities and if there are any plans to get showers installed.

KT will talk to the CoW to determine if there are any plans to get showers installed in these houses.

Basement rooms in Newnham Terrace RU mentioned that the basement rooms in Newnham Terrace are really habitable as they are semi-basements with no natural lighting, are very cold and also extremely noisy. Furthermore, they are more expensive than other rooms in the house as they have an *en suite* shower. RU knows of at least 5 or 6 people who left such rooms and found other accommodation because of these reasons.

It was suggested that this be brought up at the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. RU will send RF a summary to present at the B&G meeting.

Darwear Sale

PB suggested holding a sale in the DCSA office on Thursday at about 7.30pm

Open Meeting

An open meeting will be held on the 7th February 2006 to discuss the smoking policy in college. The meeting will be a discussion of the issues of smoking in the bedrooms as well as in the public rooms.

The current policy allows students to smoke in their bedrooms but not in the public rooms except the Bar area.

A no smoking policy has been implemented in other colleges (ex. Clare's) and seems to be working.

RU had once suggested to the CoW to install a metal ash tray bin at the garden door to the Rayne building but there were objections to the idea.

Goodenough lunch

RF received a thankyou phone call from the organiser of the Goodenough visit to thank the Darwin students for helping to host the goodenough students.

Next meeting: Thursday 12th January 2006 at 8.00pm in the Old Library