

# DCSA Minutes

7<sup>th</sup> February 2006

## Present

Katie Tanner (KT)	President
Melanie Keene (MK)	Treasurer
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Womens
Patrick Boner (PB)	Sports
Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
Scott Shackelford (SS)	International
Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Green
Joab Rosenberg (JR)	Comms
Robin Usher (RU)	LBGT
Mike Hoenig (MH)	Bar-chair

## Apologies

Su Il In (SI)	Council Rep
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Nico Petty (NPy)	Welfare
Nicky Pickering (NP)	Ents

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## *£250 room deposit*

College is considering charging a deposit of £250 for the accommodation rooms and has asked the DCSA for feedback. If such a system is put in place, some issues need to be considered:

JR suggested that the room needs to be checked eg the day before by a responsible member of college staff.

SH commented that a £250 deposit is reasonable as it is a standard cost when renting a room.

SS asked how the system will be enforced as it should not be decided on an arbitrary basis on whether the room was left in a good state or not. Criteria need to be set up.

PB suggested that a checklist could be put together and used to evaluate the status of the room at the end of the lease.

KT raised the issue of the cash problems, one option is to put on the college bill.

KT will take back the information to college with elaborations and concerns raised and then the issue can be discussed again at a later date.

### *Blues Football tour to the US– James Dean*

The blues football team is going on tour to the US. James Dean has asked the DCSA for help to fund his expenses.

RU queried whether James has explored all funding options, and how much the tour will cost.

JR queried how much money the DCSA has available.

It was decided that the DCSA would not give money towards the cost of the tour.

### *Sports Day*

PB reported that the Sports Day is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

So far there has been very little correspondence from Oxford. PB is in the meantime looking into putting the teams together.

PB would also like to use some of the sport's officer budget to organise a trip for 2 to see the Fulham vs Wigan premiership football game. The total cost will be of £75 for the trip. To increase interest PB suggested a raffle during the sports day.

It was decided that the issue would be brought up and discussed in the next meeting.

### *Smoking Ban pre-open meeting discussion*

KT prepared a handout compiling the students' response to requests for opinions. Most of the feedback received supported the smoking ban.

Reasons for and against a smoking ban include:

- Health issues
- Civil liberties
- The possibility of a nationwide ban
- Bar staff needing to police the bar area

JR queried how a smoking ban would affect the bar income

MH replied that the financial effect of a smoking ban was unpredictable.

PB asked whether the DCSA can in itself take this decision.

KT clarified that the DCSA cannot take this decision. The question will need to be put to the whole student body and the result presented to college.

MH asked whether any referendum would need to be quorate. The constitution will need to be checked.

The question of whether having people walk outside to smoke a cigarette would create a security risk was mentioned. Particularly since there will be more people

walking in and out of the main doors which after 9pm are kept locked. This issue will be magnified during bops.

RU queried what the ban would be like, and whether just the common room could be used for smoking in.

MH pointed out that smoking is not allowed at the bar and in the little area around the bar. Besides the new ventilation system helps pull out the smoke.

Separate issues were brought up:

Separate smoking rooms in the accommodation

Smoking in the bar by college staff during the day

The question of where to smoke if a ban is instituted. MH clarified this as the where to smoke indoors.

The issue of banning smoking in bedrooms will be discussed during the open meeting as a separate issue.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 at 8.00pm in the Old Library**