

DCSA Minutes

7th March 2006

<u>Present</u>	Katie Tanner (KT)	President
	Melanie Keene (MK)	Treasurer
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
	Caren Weinberg (CW)	Womens
	Patrick Boner (PB)	Sports
	Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
	Caroline Scott (CS)	Punts
	Robin Usher (RU)	LBGT
	Nico Petty (NPy)	Welfare
	Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
	Nicky Pickering (NP)	Ents
	Sull In (SI)	Council Rep
<u>Apologies</u>	Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Greens

Ents

Poker night: Ents would like to organise a poker night - a session on how to play poker in the bar area. There will be no money involved. CC will have to spend some of the Ents money to buy cards and chips. KT asked what prizes would be given and MK suggested Darwin wear.

Pool table: CC and CS have been asked for new cues. It is not clear if the DCSA or barcom has responsibility of the pool table. KT will discuss with MH.

DCSA printer

The DCSA colour printer is not installed yet. The driver CD is in the printer's box. CC will look into installing it.

End of year party

It will not be possible to hold a May ball or May event this year because we needed to apply for a licence in November or at the latest in February. It is now too late to apply.

CC and NP are looking into organising an alternative end of year party. This will most likely be a big bop. CC has asked if there is any extra funding for this event. Ruth McKnight who was going to be the May Ball committee president suggested charging a £5 entry fee.

Proposed date: Saturday 24th June – Midsummer's night

Suggested dress code: Formal dress

Ents will look into using the dining hall for the bop. There is the possibility of having an afternoon BBQ to start off the party. CS will look into organising punt games.

LBGT events

CUSU LBGT event will be held on the 8th March in Darwin bar. RU will collect a list of guests' names as they arrive. They will be entitled to a free drink at the bar. The bar will then pass the bill on to MK.

KT suggested it would be better if RU bought red and white wine from the bar and borrowed a few glasses and distributed the free drinks himself. This would keep track of the people getting free drinks and the number of free drinks given.

Women's & Amnesty International

CW reported that the Darwin Unplugged event organised in aid of Amnesty's campaign Stop violence against women was a great success. It raised more money than any other Amnesty event held.

Jenny should be complimented.

Punts

CS reports that the punts will be out first week of April.

The new punts have been named and each punt will have coloured stripes to match the key colours to make them more recognisable.

CS would like to raise the season's membership fee from £15 to £20.

PB asked how much money is taken in from memberships. CS will check the accounts.

The main reason for raising the membership fees is that Scudamores have increased their fees for storage and maintenance by 30%.

It would be ideal to go through last year's budget and then decide how much the membership should increase.

WF asked if we could get rain covers for the punts – to avoid flooding when it rains.

KT asked about new cushions. CS confirmed that we need new cushions and will look into purchasing them.

KT reminded CS about the hand pump the DCSA agreed to buy for use when the punts flood or sink.

Treasurer: Finance Committee report

MK reported from last week's finance committee meeting. There is concern about the size of the kitchen subsidy. College is looking into strategies to make the kitchens more viable. The DCSA has been asked to run a 'use it or lose it' campaign.

College Options: An extra guest at formal for so many meals eaten in college
 Cheaper meals for so many meals eaten in college
 Minimum meal charge

KT and CS suggested a survey to see why students do not use the dining hall. Student's opinion will be asked through whatsapp.

Alternative dining facilities

RU asked which other colleges will allow Darwin students to have meals at members' rates when Darwin Kitchens are closed. RU said that students were turned away from Queens when they went for Sunday lunch.

KT will email the bursar to see what arrangements are in place.

Badminton Society

The badminton society sent MK a letter saying that the society has been very successful and therefore needs more money. The document does not mention how much more money is needed. DCSA pays for half the practice costs and the entire tournament entry fees plus a small amount for kit.

MK will contact the badminton Society and ask how much more money they are asking for.

CUSU officers

KT reports that CUSU black campaigns officer would like all colleges to have an ethnic minorities officer on the students council. It is not clear if the officer should be elected or appointed. CUSU asked for feedback on whether we are willing to create such a position, any reasons for not wanting to, and information on how far ahead we are in establishing such an officer.

KT is concerned that a single person representing all ethnic minorities could be a tricky situation. Darwin is an international college and somewhat different from the other undergraduate colleges. We have an international officer and a welfare officer and do not feel the need of an ethnic minorities officer.

Darwear Sale

PB will hold a Darwear sale on Thursday 9th March. New stock has been received, particularly more items in ladies fit. PB will send a whatsapp notice. The sale will be held between 7.30pm and 9.30pm in the DCSA office, basement of Newnham Terrace No 2. Entry is from the back door.

RF will help with the sale.

MK will organise a cash box and float.

Blues Money

DCSA has been approached by blues students asking for money to fund their sports activities. The DCSA does not have any money set aside for these issues however the bursar has informed RF that the college has a small fund.

PB will ask Margaret Cone, the associate dean for more information regarding this fund. Particularly how much money there is in the fund, when can students apply and how to apply.

RF to forward the bursar's email to PB

Next meeting: Tuesday 21st March 2006 at 8.00pm in the Old Library