

DCSA Minutes

8th May 2007

Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents
Tomás Ryan (TR)	Ents
Maja Ivankovic (MI)	Womens
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Alice Hall (AH)	External
Mikhail Kibalchenko (MK)	International
Steve Keene (SK)	Bar chair
Tricia Peters (TP)	f/Bar
Bettina Schreck (BS)	Greens

Apologies

Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Chris Wright (CFW)	Comms

Formal Hall on Friday

AH has organised an exchange formal for Friday 11th May. Robinson and Emma are attending. AH would like to organise a special formal since both colleges have hosted us really well in the past. AH would like to spend some of the external officer's budget on decorations, flowers and wine. AH will talk to kitchens and see if wine can be purchased at a special price.

JS suggested that Murder mystery formal hall might be good theme which does not need decorations.

All other colleges have themed formals and Darwin never does. It would be nice to have such formals organised in Darwin too.

It would also be interesting to have a short musical performance during the dinner. Suggested AH contacts Martin Roheimer and ask if he would be willing to play against payment. Possibly get him a free ticket for formal and ask for music between courses. RF suggested that AH would need to check with kitchens about the practicality of having the piano accessible during dinner.

AH asked if there could be extra money given by DCSA should she go over budget. SY confirmed that there are surplus funds available that could be used

International Event – Salsa Evening

The event has been organised for 20th May from 7.30pm till 9pm. There will be instructors to teach salsa. A £1 entrance fee will be charged. The Ents music system is needed. MK needs help to set up the music system from 7pm. MI has volunteered to help set up. MK will help set up on Saturday for the bop so he knows where the PA system is stored and how it is all set up.

SY will need to give MK a £60 cheque for the deposit.

DCSA elections

Positions up are President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Ents officer, 2 Council reps, Sports officer, welfare officer.

Elections held during the 3rd week of June. At least 14 days' notice need to be given before the election. Nominations close 3 days before polling opens.

WF and TR are organising a wine reception to help advertise the elections. Money is needed for the wine etc. SY says the funding for this can come out of the DCSA admin budget.

MK suggests that since the 3rd week of June is Ball week a lot of people will not be in college. The week before is May bumps week. Possible dates 11th June to the 13th June. Nominations will open 28th May and close 8th June at midday. Hustings will be on the 8th of June at 9pm in the bar.

Wine reception can be organised on Tuesday the 22nd of May between dinner and the opening hours of the bar – from 7.30pm till 9pm.

Men's Football

Darwin men's football team have won the final. SH needs someone to write a short note for whatsapp to inform all college that we have one. SH will ask Ali Hakimi to write a short note.

Parent and Toddler Event

SH has been contacted by Emily from the GU. She organises the parent and toddler events in different colleges and would like to organise one in Darwin. DCSA approves of the idea and suggest we could use the gardens. The lawns would be ideal for the children's play area. SH will get in touch with Emily and see what she needs.

Bar Issues

SK pointed out the following:

Russ Glenn has joined BarCom. Bursar has approved the appointment

SK has sent an email to all Bar staff asking for interest to sit on the Committee as a lot of the current committee are leaving over the next 9 months.

SK has discussed accounts with the Bursar and come to the realisation that the meeting where the finances have been discussed have not happened these last 2 years as all discussions were done over email. SK is suggesting that the financial reports be put on the bar notice boards for students to peruse.

Bursar and College Council are against an elected BarCom as the people on the committee need knowledge of how the bar is run and also the bar needs continuity. The only way the Bar committee can become a fully elected body is if the college bar changed to a non-student run bar with proper bar staff etc.

Bar is involved in helping with the May ball this year.

Bursar would like DCSA and Bar to work together on ideas for refurbishing the bar after the smoking ban comes into effect. The surplus fund can be used to refurbish the bar and common room and make it a more homely and friendly area to attract people to that area during all the day. DCSA and Bar will work together to come up with proposals to present to college including costings.

MI suggest a design competition to be advertised on whatsapp as it would be good if a professional or semi-professional can come up with a long lasting idea. JS and SK recommend that instead of asking for a full design, ask people for ideas.

SH will write to the bursar to invite him to the next DCSA meeting where smoking ban and the refurbishment of the bar area are discussed.

SK will invite BarCom.

JS asked if the Bar were considering publishing the minutes for their meetings on the web. SK said this had not been considered but will make sure that next meeting will be minuted and made available to the student body.

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd May 2007 at 6.30pm in the Old Library