

DCSA Minutes

09 October 2007

Present

Mikhail Kibalchenko	President
Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary
Ali Shah (AS)	ENTS
Sophia Davis (SD)	ENTS
Alice Hall (AH)	External officer
Russ Glenn (RG)	Bar chair
Ali Hakimi (AH)	Sports Rep
Chris Wright (CWF)	Council Rep

Apologies

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Treasurer
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Welfare
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Council Rep
John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep

1. Appointment of Senior Treasurer

DCSA committee needs to appoint a Senior Treasurer, a position which was previously filled by the Bursar. The Senior Treasurer can be either a junior or senior fellow of the College. He/she looks after DCSA accounts and represents DCSA at College meetings.

AS agreed on asking Harry Bhadeshia whether he is willing to take on the position.

MK will ask Alan Blackwell

AH will ask Calder Walton

2. DCSA committee benefits

MK suggested that DCSA will start a tradition of paying for bop tickets and similar social events for DCSA committee member. This would be a benefit to the otherwise volunteering job, and potentially raise the profile of DCSA and get more people interested in serving on the committee. The yearly expenditure would be about £200. Similarly, tickets to social events of MCR in other Colleges should be paid for the DCSA committee from DCSA budget. DCSA committee represents DCSA at these events and

this provides an opportunity to strengthen connections between graduate student associations in different Colleges.

AS and SD argued that better networking with other Colleges and better representation of DCSA can be achieved by participation of the committee in organisational work (such as attending GU meetings and organising MCR events), rather than by attending social events in other Colleges.

The general agreement of the present members is that the committee should not be financially subsidised to attend social events at Darwin or other Colleges.

3. Freshers bop: security issues

AS: On the morning of the Fresher's bop, the Bursar sent out a message that the bop cannot be held because the pre-booked security firm had cancelled. The reason for cancellation was intentional and personal: to get a 'revenge' for DCSA using services of a different security firm at May Ball 2007. AS and RG held a meeting with the Bursar where the decision was made to decrease the number of admitted bop guests so that security requirements could be met. The bop was held successfully, with porters of the College helping out with security. There is, however, a financial loss due to decreased number of guests (approximately 70 people had to be turned away), and AS suggests that a formal complaint shall be made to the security firm, claiming a reimbursement. The complaint letter will be written by DCSA committee with the Bursar supporting.

AS suggested that services of larger firms (potentially from London) will be sought for future events.

4. Upcoming social events

Halloween bop 27th Oct

Octoberfest: organised by the Bar committee, date to be confirmed.

5. Freshers Fayre

AH: Oct 11th Thursday after dinner, from 20.30 to 22.30. The dining hall has been booked by Sandra James. Max 15 stalls will be set up.

People to do the set up: AH, CW, SD, AS, MK.

6. TV room

AS: The room is now under ENTS, any bookings that are from non-Darwin societies have to book it through ENTS. AS has suggested to the Bursar that these societies should be charged a small fee for the use of the room. The fee will be used for maintaining and improving the TV room. Bursar agreed to this suggestion and will produce a quote (which will be decided on by himself and Sandra James).

7. Next meeting

Tuesday October 30th 20:00