

Darwin College Computer Committee – Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday 3 February 2016

Present: Alan Blackwell (chair), Andrzej Bugajski, Espen Koht, Andy Pitts, Stefan Winzeck
No declarations of interest were recorded

Apologies: Matthew Edwards

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Matters arising:

750 - College IT Strategy

Action: AB to publish College IT strategy with committee papers

752 - DCSA Facebook group

Action: SW to follow up with DCSA executive proposing that a Fellow, possibly AB, be appointed as long-term (passive) administrator of Facebook group to facilitate annual handover between elected students.

755. Website

Discussion of student webmaster role concluded this is still desirable, perhaps based on casual contract such as for student bar staff. **Action: AB, ME and EK** to meet with Bursar to resolve employment basis.

EK reported plans to create a dedicated subsite for college catering. This could be implemented by repurposing the Drupal server previously created for 50th anniversary.

756. DCSA (welcoming SW as Comms Officer for 2016/17)

DCSA site update is being taken forward by Elaine Gray (DCSA secretary / deputy student librarian).

The 2016 May Ball site will again be hosted by the College. Issues noted / in progress:

- Ticketing system (local instance of Jesus College development) relies on lists of authorised purchasers
- Search engines are still indexing pages from previous year's balls – we discussed techniques to stop this.
- The Ball committee webmaster role is being reassigned

757. College computing facilities

An upgrade to the college accounting system is currently in progress.

EK and ME are evaluating a room management system developed at another college.

College staff received a useful training session from UIS security specialist Kieren Lovell on social engineering threats. SW suggested that this could also be offered to students and fellows, perhaps in the "How To" series convened by Jenneke van der Wal. **Action: AB** to propose future event.

758. University information systems

University network services have proposed extending "Cloud" free public WiFi to serve Laundress Green, using an aerial and router mounted on the Study Centre. EK is exploring possible mounting locations with the Clerk of Works. Resulting traffic would be carried on Darwin fibre to the University backbone, and we may need to review capacity of some older fibre runs. The committee supported this public initiative, on the understanding that costs to the college are expected to be minimal.

Microsoft EES licensing has some minor teething problems, including calculation of FTE user numbers incorporating part-time College staff, and assignment of licenses to Darwin students via Clinical School Computing Service

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Alan Blackwell
6 February 2016