

Darwin College Computer Committee – Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday 22 October 2014

Present: Alan Blackwell (chair), Espen Koht, Matthew Edwards, Carl Rasmussen, Andrew Melzer, Niall Murphy, Isak Herman (DCSA), Jan Kvasnička (DCBC)

No declarations of interest were recorded

Apologies: Andy Pitts

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

738. Drupal project update

The new site design is now live, at a total cost far lower than normal because of extensive voluntary work by many of the committee members, all of whom were thanked for their contributions, and especially EK.

Next priorities are to upgrade accommodation pages, and to extend alumni section

It is intended that the College information book will only be distributed online next year

739. DCSA site update

It was agreed that DCSA, clubs and societies pages should where possible use a style consistent with the Darwin visual identity, but with content clearly differentiated by colour (the green family from Darwin style guide) and logo. EK will set up a separate Drupal server with theme content in place.

NM will assist with this work. AB will circulate advertisement to recruit a new student webmaster who will take over from NM over the next few months.

740. Computing facilities status

Wireless deployment is complete in Rayne building, Newnham Grange, Gwen Raverat

Network switches have been upgraded, mainly for power efficiency, with data speeds maintained

A large number of system security patches have recently been required, some as urgent responses to newly identified threats.

New Study Centre printing facilities, including online (web-based) colour printing and photocopying, with billing authorization via University Card is proving popular and convenient.

741. DCSA communications status

Some discussion of how freshers receive information before arrival – especially links to information book, arrival information and whatsapp list. It is not possible to guarantee completeness of the list of freshers, because some are not confirmed until after start of term, but EK will check that Deanery is using the CamSIS list of “non-cam” emails to contact all arriving students.

742. University information systems

The changing structure of the University Information Service is likely to result in different channels for communication and consultation in future. EK and AB are both actively working with those responsible, and will continue to report.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 4 February 2014

Alan Blackwell
27 October 2014