

Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

MINUTES



18:00 pm, 26.11.2015

1. Apologies: Marc Owen Jones; Sebastian Seidens; Pep Mateos.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes.
4. Officer Reports:
 - a. Bar
 - b. Clubs & Societies
 - c. Communications
 - d. DSU [TAB]
 - i. Millie replied to the email about cash machine. DSU are still promoting it, but university concerned about insurance.
 - ii. Emailed about the wider problem of increased potential for incidents concerning international students.
 - iii. At recent meeting, discussed providing potential central housing information for postgraduates.
 - iv. University challenge programme is ongoing.
 - e. Facilities
 - f. Finance [Not present] [KR]
 - i. SS delivered a great report at the recent college council meeting.
 - g. Social [SF]
 - i. SF has sent list of Christmas Formal decorations to SS for ordering.
 - ii. Although the Jazz Band cannot play this year, the choir will perform either before or after the Formal.
 - iii. We don't currently have a DJ. We could ask for music requests on Facebook.
 - iv. ACTION POINT: KR to email potential DJs. SF post in Facebook group.
 - v. SF would be interested in hosting a Fifa tournament on the GCR Xbox.
 - vi. ACTION POINT: SF Look into FIFA games owned by the GCR.
 - h. Steering
 - i. University/College [Not present] [KR]
 - i. There has been a discussion about promoting diversity within college admissions. The GCR will be making a video to promote diversity and acceptance. We may want to consider a wider campaign about anti-prejudice and mindfulness in the near future. Seventeen people have volunteered to be in the college video so far.
 - ii. The college is building an alumni webpage.
 - iii. The GCR survey needs to take place before March.
 - iv. ACTION POINT: KR will ask MOJ about last year's survey.

- j. Welfare [CC]
 - i. The consent workshop will be 11am-1:30pm on 06/12/15. Arrangements are being finalised.
 - ii. CC attended the DSU welfare officer meeting. To report:
 - 1. Durham police are being particularly strict on noise reports after 11pm. The GCR might want to remind Livers-Out.
 - 2. The DSU is currently campaigning for non-gender toilets in all colleges.
 - iii. We will hold an alcohol awareness week next term.

5. Agenda Items:

- a. Christmas Formal Photos [CW]
 - i. The photographer has offered to organise group/couple photos with a backdrop for the Christmas Formal. This service will cost an extra £28.
 - ii. Photos can be taken after the meal in the Howland's building.
- b. GCR Phone [CW]
 - i. There will be a vote to decide whether CW should be allowed to buy an iPhone 5 (£120, no mobile plan) for use in her Communications duties.
 - ii. Vote Taken: Yes: 7. No: 0. Abstain: 1.
 - iii. CW may buy the phone and the GCR will reimburse her.
- c. Christmas Meal for Livers-Out [TAB]
 - i. There should be an informal Christmas meal aimed primarily at Livers-Out meals, held at either The Library or The Slug and Lettuce in town.
 - ii. ACTION POINT: TAB and SF liaise to organise.
- d. *Stephanie Scott's Role [PM – moved to next week in PM's absence]*
- e. *Problems arising from York Trip sale [PM - moved to next week in PM's absence]*
- f. *College Admissions [PM - moved to next week in PM's absence]*
- g. Ustinov Mascot [CW]
 - i. Ustinov does not currently have a mascot. A mascot designing competition could be a good fundraiser for the GCR. We could ask for designs from GCR members, pick the best and vote for them. Whichever raises the most cash wins. It could take place at the beginning of next term.
 - ii. It would be good to have a mascot before the Festival of Sport on 07/06/15.

6. AOB

- a. TV Bookings: Last night the screen in the bar was double booked. This issue was brought up in recent meetings and the committee resolved to have a first-come-first-serve policy with bookings only taken seven days before the event. The bar staff are aware of this and need to be careful about not accepting overlapping bookings.

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