

# Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

## MINUTES



18:00 pm, 03.12.2015

1. Apologies: Kirstyn Raitz; Chao Cai.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes.
4. Officer Reports:
  - a. Bar [MA]
    - i. Mulled wine here.
    - ii. Bar staff meeting next week, before Bar Management Committee meeting.
  - b. Clubs & Societies [JC]
    - i. Sports teams writing bits for Ustinovian, ongoing.
  - c. Communications [CW]
    - i. Have GCR phone, all accounts active. Launch next term. Still needs case and charge cable.
    - ii. Mascot competition: start 19/01/16 til 17/02. Exec vote for top 4-5. Announce top candidates immediately after. Will decide who the money is going to nearer the time. Will have a Facebook profile when it exists.
    - iii. Welfare event: location decided. Timing conflicts with church for some students, so might need to have it next term at a different time. Video.
    - iv. Newsletters: Sent out Tuesday 7-8pm, need to send news by Monday night.
    - v. Website: going to be working on it over the break.
    - vi. Comms meeting on Sunday.
    - vii. Haven't heard anything about new emails so far.
    - viii. Ustinov logo activity – colouring activity. Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Winners: most creative, colourful, inspirational.
    - ix. Poster board in gym? Mention through Howland's User Group.
    - x. Ustinov Video: Script, questions, 24 people involved. Filming next week.
    - xi. Formal photos: Group photos at the event. May be on way into Howlands. Photography will cost the normal amount.
    - xii. Pub quiz promotion: Trivia question. First person to respond wins a free drink at the quiz. Has been approved, will be started next term. Has to be clear drink is alcoholic/non-alcoholic. Will have a voucher.
    - xiii. Jenny & CW – forum for feedback among the GCR. Could put the physical event alongside the online survey.
  - d. DSU [TAB]
    - i. No reply from any emails so far on housing and discrimination.
    - ii. DSU reps have gone to two-weekly meetings.
    - iii. There will be some centrally organised committee work on international fees.
  - e. Facilities [KR]

- i. Cleared out main Cycas room and will do summer Cycas room next term.
- f. Finance [SS]
  - i. Working on online payment.
- g. Social [SF]
  - i. Decorations arrived. Will start setting up 2:30pm.
  - ii. International: Finally have a Facebook for social committee.
  - iii. Start planning Christmas party. Will need to do some shopping next week.
- h. Steering [MB]
- i. University/College [MOJ]
  - i. Fees: International fees gone up again. 30% increase from 2012. Had previously agreed to freeze from 2016/17. Price out people with less money over the world (economic diversity important). Particular acute for PhD students – fees go up whilst they are here. Have to budget for lots more (both accommodation & tuitions). Glenn going to get back with justifications. Express our dismay at the increases. Need more information on the freeze. Lack of clarity in general. Where it's going etc. Once we have more answers, we can progress. Need to go through all channels (college, uni, DSU etc).
- j. Welfare [CC]
  - i. Nicki ran social this week. Seems to have been well attended.

5. Agenda Items:

- a. Problems arising from York trip sales [PM]
  - i. Only use online payment if member
  - ii. Double focus: representation & events.
  - iii. Clarification: GCR members can buy 1 guest ticket. Non-GCR members cannot bring a friend.
  - iv. ACTION POINT: SS review non-GCR prices and present findings.
  - v. ACTION POINT: PM bring proposal to next event to clarify rules.
- b. Formal Numbers [MOJ]
  - i. Normal limits 210 for students, but not formalised. Staff numbers given later, by which time we had sold 216 total. Haven't paid for the tickets.
- c. Christmas Parties [MOJ]
  - i. Leaving party: 18/12/15. Need to send event form.
  - ii. ACTION POINT: SF send in form.
- d. Pub Quizzes [MA]
  - i. No pub quiz on 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December. They will restart on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- e. Gossip [PM]
  - i. Need to raise awareness of potential harmful effects of gossip.
  - ii. ACTION POINT: CC will create a gossip awareness campaign.
- f. Potential DSU Rep Standing Orders Amendment [TAB]
  - i. Will be standardised.
  - ii. TAB will bring a draft to exec. as and when there is one.
- g. Out-Of-Term Office Hours [MB]
  - i. Office close on last day of term, reopen at beginning of term.

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