

Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

MINUTES



18:00 pm, 3/10/16

Actions:

TAB to book café space for two University Challenge selection rounds on Tuesday 1st November.

JF to invoice college with half the cost of the purchased speakers.

JC to finish updating list of GCR Clubs and Societies.

1. Apologies: None

Present: KR, JG, TAB, AB, JC, JF, MA

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Passed on general aye.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

AB added date of first general meeting to calendar.

4. Officer Reports:

a. Bar [MA]

Bar has not run out of stock. Busy, but not as much as last year. Intake well-behaved so far.

b. Clubs & Societies [JC]

Clubs and Societies fair went well. No other updates.

c. DSU [TAB]

i. Postgraduate Welcome Event and DSU Meeting

Did not attend DSU meeting due to illness – consequently did not publicise postgraduate welcome event.

AB spoke to some students who attended – feedback was mixed, with some saying event was awkward. General consensus among Executive committee that this was better than nothing, as in previous years.

ii. Ustinov General Meeting

DSU informed of times of general meeting.

iii. University Challenge

University challenge selection will replace the week 2 pub quiz, where only teams of four will be permitted. For logistical reasons, only the winning team will be put forward to the university stages.

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d. Facilities [JF]

i. Sound System

Speaker sound system now fully set up. Came in significantly under budget. JF still needs to invoice college with half of speaker cost as previously agreed.

ii. USB Power Supply

Mains supply to USB adaptor purchased to provide more charging ports for PayPal reader and GCR phone.

iii. Motion: UV Lights for Parties

Proposal [JF]: to spend money previously allocated for the smoke machine on a set of UV lights for parties.

Questions:

AB: Where would new lights go at Sheraton Park?

JF: Do not know, but same problem exists for sound system. Both should be portable; if we learn that there is insufficient space at SP, then it will be reasonable to ask for reimbursement/replacement.

AB: How much would they cost?

JF: They would be under the previously allocated budget of the smoke machine; less than or equal to £120.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

e. Steering [JG]

i. General Meeting

Café booked for GM. Update of standing orders will begin this week.

ii. Promotion of Available GCR Roles

Some office hours in the week preceding the GM will be held in the café to promote available GCR positions. List of people who have shown interest will be kept to help direct advertisement efforts. JF will need to apply to VP as role of Acting Vice President will expire at meeting. JF will also no longer be Tech Officer as role is up for re-election.

f. University/College [KR]

i. College Council Meeting

Steve Harman (SH), chair of Ustinov council and member of University council, talked about SP decision. Document on desired provisions of SP site distributed to GCR Executive was included in business case. Move conditional upon fulfilling obligations in this document as far as possible. Tim (SCR President) thinks community will suffer at SP – smaller number will hurt diversity – rebuttal by SH that ‘forced diversity’ could be employed). SH suggested semi-permanent builds could be built on green space. KR raised concerns about this idea hurting relationships with residents. Used complaints in College review 9 months ago to justify SP. (JG:SP FAQs imply people will work in kitchens – justified by).

ii. College Allocation

iii. GCR Newsletter

AB to take over role of distributing GCR newsletter until new communications officer is elected.

5. Agenda Items:

a. Induction Week Planning [AB]

Events so far have gone well. Positive feedback from new students received. Volunteers for Ustinov Live to meet at 6.30 p.m. Livers out event all organised by TAB. JC to run Thursday Pub Quiz. Decoration of Howlands for Induction Formal to start from 2 p.m. for all GCR committee members available. AB and JG volunteered to help clear up after. Newcastle tour on Saturday meeting at 12 p.m. to go to train station.

JC to finish updating list of Ustinov Clubs and Societies.

b. Sheraton Park Move [AB]

i. Demands for Site Provisions

College have requested any additional ideas for desired facilities at SP not included in earlier documents. Brainstorming of additional ideas suggested:

Tiered Pricing – (JG – pricing will to be dependent on room size, but important to include comment on risk of students being priced out)

Pathway lighting

Paving of path to business school

Shop

Restaurant for cooked food (instead of café)

Cellar bar

Library

Control over community room

U4U will also be contacted for additional ideas, without distributing confidential documents from college.

6. AOB

None

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