

Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

Minutes



Actions:

TAB to investigate legal action costs for SP.

WG to chase up list of clubs & societies from Jasmine Cross.

XM to sort out PayPal account and insurance issues.

AH to release poll to find preferred times for the event on college Facebook group.

GC to organise decorations for Xmas formal.

AH to post photos from Halloween and Bonfire night formal.

18:15 pm, 14/11/16

1. Apologies: KR

Present: JG, AB, TAB, JF, XM, YX, AH, GC, WG

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Apologies from AB – yet to be posted. Draft version is available on Drive. Will be updated for next Executive Committee meeting.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Note: Officer-specific matters will henceforth be raised in Officer Reports. Actions from previous meetings will be placed in italics in the minutes.

Alyssia to send to AB Ustinovian advertisement for newsletter and post on group.
Done.

TAB to investigate legal action costs for SP.

Not yet done. Action deferred until next week.

XM to investigate affordability of funding instant camera prints from formals budget.

Gaurish to decide ad-hoc based on budget of each formal individually.

4. Officer Reports:

a. Clubs & Societies [WG]

Chase up Jasmine's list of clubs & societies.

Still chasing up.

i. Yoga Society [XM]

Concern raised about enough members initially signing up to society – need at least 13 students paying £2 to cover teaching costs. Thought that this was unreasonable for GCR to provide this essential cost, and would set

precedent for other societies that could be unaffordable.

Following example of DSU, suggestion raised to provide £100 startup budget for Yoga society. Concern raised that this would display favouritism – any new rule should apply for all societies.

ii. Motion: Startup Grant for New Societies [AB]

Proposal: The GCR will provide a startup grant of up to £100 to any new Ustinov society upon ratification.

Proposer: Alexander Blair

Secunder: Xiaoxiao Ma

Questions:

Is £100 for each new society affordable?

XM: Should be, if not too many new societies are established simultaneously.

JG: In this event, the number of new societies created could be restricted to remain within budget.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

b. DSU [TAB]

DSU proposal to add a Postgraduate Officer at the Union. Presumed to be sabbatical role, but concerns raised about role being filled unless role is non-sabbatical. AH to attend meeting discussing this.

Emergency DSU meeting concerning risk assessment of NUS boycott proceeding as planned.

c. Facilities [JF]

JF to investigate repairs on bass speaker.

Bass speaker cannot be easily repaired. JF to discuss with TechComm at Josephine Butler. Anticipated cost for repairs ~£100 if external company is needed.

New college calendar event bookings are now tied to GCR emails, so Exec members will receive emails when new events are booked. Investigating accessibility of existing college calendar details also.

i. Motion: Keyboard Accessories [JF]

Proposal: To purchase stool, carry bag, stand and cable for keyboard in music room, at a total cost of £76, to replace those lost in the division of music room assets with Josephine Butler college.

Proposer: Joe Farrow

Secunder: Alexander Blair

Questions:

Is the budget available?

XM: Yes.

Can new heads for the drum kit be purchased too?

JF: Should be some already available in the music room. Will investigate before next meeting.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

d. Finance [XM]

XM to sort out PayPal and insurance.

Uploaded new documents to PayPal to remove limit on account. Awaiting response.

Insurance awaiting payment after General Meeting. Payment will need to be defended at General Meeting.

e. International Officer [YX]

YX to organise trip to York.

YX to propose budget for York trip travel and liaise with Keenan House Resident Tutor.

Identified schedule conflict with Kid's party on December 10th. Preferred option to rearrange trip to Sunday 11th. Risk of losing parking fee of £144 if this is done, but will ask to change day without losing fee. Provisional budget of £800 for coaches plus the possible two £144 parking fee payments will need to be approved at General Meeting.

f. Livers Out Rep [AH]

AH to investigate booking Gala for Star Wars film release

Gala do not have film schedule yet. Showing times will come out approximately two weeks before film is released. Gala will not do private showing, but option of booking out cinema for event remains. With student cards tickets will be £6.50. AH to release poll to find preferred times for the event on college Facebook group.

After poll closes, sign ups and payment will take place; AH will collect money also at the Science Site to be convenient for Livers Out to pay. Attendees will have the option to drop out until the day before tickets booked. Tickets will then be available to be picked up from GCR office or from AH.

g. Social Secretary [GC]

Priority tickets confirmed with choir. GC liaising with Sam Jackson to gauge number of reserved tickets needed.

GC to organise decorations for Xmas formal. Up to £500 for budget. Some decorations in Cycas.

i. Email Option to Mitigate Formal Launch Queues [AB]

Suggestion to allow people to apply for formal tickets by email on a first-come-first-serve basis, to reduce queue times for formals on ticket launch days. Payment would then take place over the following days. Discussion to be deferred to next term, where it shall be discussed as an option for first formal of the new year next term due to insufficient time to plan logistics for Christmas formal.

h. Steering [JG]

GP to make posters, FB posts, and advertise in accommodation blocks

Advertisement posters, Facebook posts and email distributed. Some students have contacted regarding interest.

i. University/College [KR]

[JF providing updates for KR in absentia.]

KR to distribute updates regarding SP working group meeting

At SP working group meeting were Tim Burt, Sian Broadhurst and Trevor Armour from UEC along with representatives from Josephine Butler, Ustinov and QC colleges. Chair of SP working group unaware that Fisher House will remain with Ustinov next year.

Plans for MUGA and music room being discussed, with the former desired by residents' association. Possibility of sharing usage of the swimming pool of Durham School still being pursued.

Sian Broadhurst commented that communication with students has been poor thus far. Working group plan to place information boards in Fisher House to keep students updated with developments.

Alternative open days to take place on Wednesday, with JG, XM, JF and WG to attend. 12.00-5pm. Volunteers to arrive at 11.45.

30 XXL Papa Johns pizzas to be bought by XM for General Meeting.

5. Agenda Items:

a. Christmas Film Marathon [AB]

AP wishes to host Christmas film marathon Sunday 4th December with £20 budget for popcorn/sweets/snacks. No objections from Executive Committee.

6. AOB

Gym inductions to be run on ad-hoc basis from now on. Can request applicants to return for induction at 7 p.m. to group people into one induction session.

Cleaners unhappy that they were not invited to last formal, nor Christmas formal thus far. JG: Cleaners welcome to choose preferred option for Christmas meal. No objection from GCR to offer tickets, but GCR should have been asked earlier; unlikely to have sufficient time to organise tickets for them now before tickets go on sale.

AH to post photos from Halloween and Bonfire night formal.

Alexander Blair

GCR Secretary

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