

# Ustinov College GCR General Meeting Agenda



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7:00 p.m., 16/02/2017

1. **Apologies:** Beth Nelder, Jamie Graham, Will Glossop.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**
  - a. **Issues Arising from Last Minutes**

Following the last meeting, Yue Li, Beth Nelder, Seowli Khor, Dan Brunson, Alyssia MacAlister, Abhishek Ghamande, Yuxiong He and Thom Addinall-Biddulph were all elected for the GCR Committee positions they were standing for.
3. **Reports from Officers**
  - a. **President [KR]**
    - i. **Sheraton Park Update**
  - b. **Treasurer [XM]**
    - i. **GCR Accounts Update**
    - ii. **Pizza Expenditure at Last GCR Meeting**
  - c. **Vice President [JF]**
  - d. **International Officer [YX]**
  - e. **Livers Out Representative [AH]**

Been attending various meetings at the DSU and have worked with the accommodation officers there to provide a housing talk and housemate night on 28 Feb. Also in talks for livers out drinks at the Library Pub.
  - f. **DSU Liaison Officer [TAB]**
    - i. **Alterations to DSU Sabbatical Officer Positions**
    - ii. **DSU Sabbatical Officer Elections**
    - iii. **Postgraduate Teaching consultation**
    - iv. **Changes to Academic Year**
    - v. **Opposition to Higher Education Bill**
  - g. **Communications Officer [YL]**
4. **Agenda Items**
  - a. **Trustee Status of Treasurer**
    - i. **Motion to Promote Treasurer to Trustee Status in Constitution**

**Proposal:** *To amend Article 42 in the Constitution regarding Trustee membership to include the GCR Treasurer. Specifically, the following statement will be added into Article 42 of the Constitution between the other officer trustee roles and the external roles:*  
*'42.5 the Treasurer, elected in accordance with the Standing Orders;'*

Proposer: Kirstyn Raitz  
Secunder: Xiaoxiao Ma

**Supporting statement:** KR: The Treasurer has been acting as a trustee for at least the last two years. We were not even aware that they were not one and assume that their exclusion from the board of trustees, in the constitution, was a mistake.

**Questions:**

**Vote:**

**b. GCR Trip Coach Expenses**

**i. Motion to Approve GCR Trip Budget**

**Proposal:** *To approve up to £1500 to spend on coaches and parking costs for the next GCR trip.*

Proposer: Yi Xu (Catherine)

Secunder: Xiaoxiao Ma

**Questions:**

**Vote:**

**c. DSU Representation**

**i. Motion to Update Standing Orders Regarding DSU Representation Positions**

*The GCR notes that:*

- *The standing orders are currently out of date insofar as they include a Junior DSU Rep position, which is a holdover from when colleges had multiple SU reps proportional to their student membership.*
- *The Students' Union is keen for SU reps to be elected roughly at the same time, and the organisation of University Challenge early in Michaelmas Term suggests a need for the DSU Liaison Officer to be in place before late October.*

*The GCR believes that:*

- *Obsolete positions should be removed from the Standing Orders.*
- *While the GCR is an independent body, it does make sense for SU reps to be elected at broadly similar times.*
- *By electing the DSU Liaison Officer in the summer along with most other exec positions, the position will be filled by someone already familiar with Durham who is likely to have some understanding of the DSU's purpose and functioning. Additionally, this will be useful in terms of organising University Challenge in the autumn.*

*The GCR resolves to:*

- *Remove the Junior DSU Rep position and all references to it from the Standing Orders.*
- *Amend Schedule I (Elections) to move DSU Liaison Officer from Michaelmas Term to Easter Term.*

Proposer: Thom Addinall-Biddulph

Secunder: Alexander Blair

**Questions:**

**Vote:**

**5. Hustings**

Two minute talk for each hust. Then candidates open to questions from the floor. Every question must be directed at all candidates. Voting happens immediately afterwards online.

**a. Ball Secretary**

**Candidate: Lihong Cao**

**Manifesto:**

LC: Firstly, I always desire to join GCR committee and I think now I am ready to contribute to this excellent team. I ever organised the graduation party for over 70 graduates as the chief director when I was in the university. My job was to make budget sheet, purchase party decorations, and select performances and to have the whole situation under control. I am eager to be a ball secretary and I deeply know the challenges and responsibilities. But I am not afraid of challenges since organizing a big social event or an activity is definitely what I am passionate about. From my previous experience in class management and organizing activities, I am confident in being a competitive ball secretary.

**Questions:**

**b. DUCK Liaison Officer**

**Candidate: Ilias Vlachogiorgos**

**Manifesto:**

I will keep this short. I have some experience liaising between parties, even here in Durham. I have been involved in some volunteering with SCA and I have been the main communicator when third parties or when other people were involved. I can be quite a professional and I am quite meticulous so if anything needs to be brought up with DUCK or if GCR will need to know something I will be sure to report it.

**Questions:**

**6. Any Other Business**

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Alexander Blair

GCR Secretary

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