

Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

Minutes



KR to bring lack of consultation about SP bar licence up at next college management team meeting.
JF to look into Keenan House TV issue and get a quote for repair.
KR to tell Debbie Steer that any night next week would be fine for Owen Adams to speak at Ustinov.
TAB to support motion at DSU Assembly to combine voter registration with student enrolment.
JF to order a new welfare jar.
JF to investigate repair of speaker in time for BBQ.
JF to organise tidy up of BBQ room.
XM to put up a ball/BBQ budget to be filed with these minutes.
AH to organise drinks in Library for livers out.
AH to create Facebook event for livers out drop in event.
JG to check if YH and AG are still doing their committee roles.
KR to message MR about creating GCR Dropbox.
KR to post transition timeline to exec group.
JF to organise committee night out.
WG to organise committee Dungeons & Dragons.
BN to email bar staff about issues with projector use.
JF and JG to speak to college regarding additional College Awards for GCP volunteers.

18:15 pm, 08/05/17

- 1. Apologies:** AB, LL, XM, KR, YX
Present: TAB, JF, WG, JG, AH, BN

- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.**
Approved unanimously. Minutes from 13/3 still to be finalised.

- 3. Matters arising from previous minutes.**
None.

- 4. Agenda Items:**

- a. Sheraton Park bar issues [JG/BN]**

JG: after discussion with Ian Macdonald regarding late bar openings after the formal on Friday, it turns out the reason we're limited to 6 nights is that he's gambling. He reckons if we have 6 late openings to start with, once things are settled the next year we can apply for more as an alteration. He chose not to go for 12 TENs because they could be individually opposed. The 6 are basically guaranteed this way. This was done unilaterally without consultation with the GCR.

BN: from bar management comm on Thursday, Ian and Sarah had met with police licensing officers earlier that day. Ian intends to apply for a licence allowing for six 2 a.m. openings within a 12-month period. This is because he thinks the SPRA are anxious about drunk students around their houses at 2 a.m., and so we apply for six

late licences in the first year hoping to extend this in further years after we're proved ourselves. Police have no issues with the six late openings for next year so this would go through easily. Licence has not been applied for yet. JG explains Ian has not actually met the SPRA yet as the university barred him from so doing during the local elections over concerns the issue would become politicised.

Discussion over college having done this without consultation and potentially bringing this up with college, and what this would achieve. The main point would be to ensure that in future consultation by college is better. KR to bring this up at next college management team meeting.

b. Keenan House TV repair [KR]

The TV at Keenan House is broken. Since the GCR bought the 'smart' TV for Keenan House, we will have to pay to have it fixed. KR hasn't got a quote yet because she is trying to find out the make/model of the TV which she apparently needs to tell the repair company. Request for a preliminary budget of up to £500.

Some doubt as to whether the GCR has already repaired the TV this year, and if so whether we should be looking into why it is broken so often.

JF to look into this and get a specific quote for repair, to be discussed at next exec before passing a budget.

c. Date for Owen Adams' talk at Ustinov [KR]

Debbie Steer (Owen Adams' PA) has got in touch to see which dates work best for Owen to come speak. KR thinks we should give students more notice than a few days, proposing next week.

KR to tell Debbie any night that works for Owen next week would be fine as nothing is booked that week in college.

5. Officer Reports:

a. Bar Steward [BN]

Bar Management Committee meeting report. Ongoing investigation into exposure incident at Patrick's Day party. Sarah will get in touch with TAB about Alcohol Awareness Week. Things being prepared for Summer BBQ. Confirmation that there will be one more BBQ at Howlands but in a different location to the current venue next to Fisher House. Potential for the bar to be open till midnight on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer.

We've put an extra person on the bar on Saturday night just in case Eurovision gets wild.

b. Clubs & Societies [WG]

Ustinov men's football team will not be relegated. Badminton club does not appear to be a ratified society, despite a player from it having won Ustinov sport's most valuable player at College Awards.

c. Communications [LL] [Apologies]

LL to post photos and details of what is included in the Summer Ball ticket.

Done by JG.

Nothing to report.

d. DSU [TAB]

TAB to post on exec group about academic year structure focus group meetings.
Not done owing to missing last week's meeting and doubt over whether this week's would actually run [see below].

Contacted DSU about academic year structure focus group meetings, having missed last week's- this week's may be cancelled as everyone had signed up for the previous one. Asked if there will be further consultation about this issue. Advertised media law workshop and DSU trustee elections to college group.

DSU Assembly is tomorrow (10 May). Motions to be discussed on integrating student enrolment and voter registration, supported by exec; introduction of a rent guarantor scheme, with some consideration for PGs specified; term dates for DSU sabbatical officers, potentially meaning current sabbs will stay on further into the summer; a campaign to cut accommodation fees; and a policy on Assembly engagement, i.e. outlining what members of Assembly are expected to do to engage with it. Alice Dee is also working on getting more student members of University Senate.

e. Welfare [TAB]

Continued to restock condom/lube/female hygiene product jar. Meeting Brenda Ryder this week to discuss welfare issues; spoken to GCR members about relatively poor welfare provision and awareness of provision at Ustinov compared to other universities and colleges. De-stress event pushed to next week to avoid clash with events this week.

JF to order a new welfare jar given significant pressure on current jar following recent expansion of products provided.

f. Facilities [JF]

JF to investigate repair of speaker in time for BBQ.

To be done.

JF to organise tidy up of BBQ room.

To be done.

Pool tables repaired- not levelled but pool teams will do this themselves.

g. Finance [XM] [Apologies]

Paid Dusk till Dawn 500 pounds for entertainment deposit. Reimbursed self £34.51 for the Easter Kids party (Receipts filed).

JG brings up issue about paying for the Ball and BBQ without a budget for either having being passed through a general meeting. XM to put up a budget to be filed with these minutes.

JF suggests we change the Standing Orders to have a set budget for BBQ/Ball rather than passing a specific budget each year. This would require a motion at a GM to change the SOs.

GCR Accounts Update: £24016.42

h. International Officer [YX] [Apologies]

Nothing to report.

i. Livers Out Rep [AH]

AH to organise drinks/de-stress event in Library for livers out when Easter Term has started.

Drop in event arranged for Sunday, drinks to be arranged subsequently.

Welfare / livers out drop in at the Library bar on Sunday morning. AH to create Facebook event for this. Livers out drinks to take place following week probably on Tuesday. Once UGs leave, will look into go karting.

j. Social Secretary [KR]

ALL on office hours to ensure drinks tickets are stapled to the ball tickets when selling them.

Done.

Most Summer Ball tickets now sold. Question over whether college staff will be attending the Ball, and if so how many.

k. Steering [JG]

Elections planned for 6 June.

JG to check if YH and AG are still doing their committee roles as we haven't heard from them and they haven't been doing their office hours.

Discussion about changing election procedures to allow people to run for multiple roles (but only taking one up- this would help avoid the problem of good, committed people ending up not on the committee), and other potential changes to the election system. To be considered alongside various necessary changes to the SOs resulting from the upcoming college relocation.

l. University/College [KR] [Apologies]

KR to message MR about creating GCR Dropbox.

Not done.

KR to post transition timeline to exec group.

Not done.

[See agenda items as well.] Handover BBQ (old and new GCR exec) will probably not be happening until August. Glenn will be away for most of the summer.

6. AOB

- a. AB is back on Saturday, and will presumably commence the promised petition against his nametag. More importantly someone is needed to cover the minutes next Monday as AB will, though back in the UK, be absent. This will be decided in the meeting based on who's there as TAB may also be absent.
- b. TAB would appreciate it if anyone is either willing to host a pub quiz or encourage friends to, as no one is booked in after this week (except for 8 June).
- c. WG demands another GCR committee night out.
JF to organise this. WG to organise committee Dungeons & Dragons.

- d. BN responds to AB's query on the exec group regarding Eurovision- as a GCP event, it is the GCP's responsibility to advertise this (which they have done).
- e. BN explains that only people allowed in SP bar will be Ustinov students. Even students from other colleges will have to sign in. The bar will be in a building requiring keycard/fob access and thus potentially physically inaccessible to anyone not living in the Sheraton Park accommodation. Ian is aware of this issue. JG proposes that we ask college for proper 24/7 porter cover at SP, so that a porter is always there and (amongst other benefits) thus can allow people in.
- f. Some complaints about bar staff putting on their own choice of programme on the projector screen in the bar at significant volume when customers are in the bar trying to socialise. Also about bar staff complaining when customers ask to put a film on as they want to do their work. BN to email bar staff about these issues.
- g. Concern raised about the College Awards, specifically college giving GCP volunteers financial prizes above and beyond the awards nominated and voted on by students, while GCR volunteers receive no such recognition beyond KR receiving (well-deserved) college management team award. This is felt to be very unfair considering the huge amount of work put in by many GCR committee members. JF and JG to raise this with college.

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