

UCS Committee 2013-2014

Colony Meeting Room 1

12.10.2013

Present

- Harry Peto
- Kiri Koumi
- Jenny Boddy
- Ollie Russell
- Robin Elliott
- Cleodie Swire
- Fingal Plumpton
- Aimee Hesketh
- Clare Lewis
- Rebecca Harris
- Dylan Pritchard

Apologies

- Anna Ritchie

In attendance

1. Freshers Week (Harry)

- a) Passing on of the positive feedback and thanks from all parents, students and college staff.

2. Colony Bike Racks (Kiri)

- **Proposition** - Concerns were raised as to whether there are adequate bike rack facilities in The Colony.
- **Action/Discussion:**
 - a) Robin has already sent an email to the Steward raising these concerns.
 - b) Robin will also tell the porters about the issue of old abandoned bikes taking up space.
 - c) Robin will send an email out to students pointing out where there are less obvious bike racks in colony.

3. Bops/Themed Formals (Rebecca/Ollie)

- **Objective:** Begin to plan the second bop of Michaelmas
- **Discussion:**
 - a) The idea of a 90s night was put forward, however, concerns over the fancy dress ideas for this were raised.
 - b) Instead, due to the close nature of it, Halloween was raised as a theme with a probable twist of Good vs Evil.
 - c) Idea of one section of the bop being "Good" and one being "Bad" was put forward. This idea could also be emphasised in the poster.
 - d) Dylan would like to invite Chlamydia screening into the 2nd bop.
 - e) Entertainment will include one band and one DJ. An alternative form entertainment such as trick or treating or apple bopping will be looked into.

- **Action:** Rebecca to go ahead planning the bop as a Halloween/ Good and Evil Bop
 - **Proposal :** To pair the Christmas bop with Christmas formal
 - **Discussion:**
 - a) Christmas formal is organised by catering therefore people would have to go in formal clothing.
 - b) The Christmas bop will be paired with QCOEF and therefore Queens' JCR members will be invited. Bops are usually college only so this will have to be run past college.
 - c) There will be a bop paired with a formal in Lent Term.
 - **Action:** Rebecca will talk to QCOEF about pairing the second bop with them and will ask Clare College about inviting another college to the bop.
 - **Proposal:** To invite MCR to bops.
 - **Discussion**
 - a) This will lead to more people attending bops which will bring in more profit to spend on JCR services.
 - b) The idea of charging MCR more was rejected.
 - c) The proposal will not lead to UCS members unable to attend the bop.
 - d) It will be helpful from the perspective of Chlamydia screening, as both JCR and MCR will be present at the same event.
 - **Action:** MCR to be actively invited to all future bops.
 - **Bop feedback:**
 - a) The first bop was well attended and as such financially and socially was a success.
 - b) The money from this bop will allow the UCS exec to be more adventurous with future bops as losses can be written off against this money.
- 4. Pool Table (Kiri)**
- **Proposal:** To look into the solutions for the poor state of the pool table.
 - **Discussion:**
 - a) Currently the pool table needs new cues and 5 out of 6 of the cushions are damaged.
 - b) Money is possibly available from the parents fund to replace the pool table.
 - **Action:**
 - a) Short term solution of buying two new cues.
 - b) Long term solution of looking into the cost and feasibility of replacing or refurbishing the pool table.
- 5. Punts (Ollie)**
- **Proposal:** To look into the possibility of having all punts shared between MCR and JCR.
 - **Discussion:**
 - a) Ollie had a conversation with MCR Treasurer to look into whether the UCS can purchase a fourth punt.
 - b) Ollie also discussed the idea of sharing punts with the MCR and both Treasurers looked positively on the idea.
 - c) There will be benefits of economies of scale by combining the two accounts.
 - d) Times of punt use differ between JCR and MCR.
 - e) Would allow people to go out with friends in a "punt fleet"
 - f) A shared punt system would operate through an online booking system
 - g) Idea of letting the bedders and other staff rent out punts was viewed very positively.
 - **Action:** Ollie can continue to investigate this idea further. This would be a long term project which may take a long time to complete.
- 6. Vegware (Fingal)**

- **Proposal:** Fingal put forward a proposal for “Vegware” cups to be purchased by the UCS to be used at UCS events such as freshers week.
- **Discussion:**
 - a) Vegware cups would be compostable.
 - b) If ordered in bulk (more than 3000) they would not cost significantly more than normal plastic cups (vegware cups would cost 3p per cup).
 - c) It was pointed out that the UCS are unlikely to ever require 3000 cups, however, the bar might be persuaded to use them and the UCS could then purchase the cups off the bar.
 - d) The buttryery could use these cups instead of normal plastic cups.
- **Action:** Fingal will talk to both the bar and the buttryery about the possibility of them using Vegware cups in the future.

7. **Constitutional Amendments (Ollie)**

- **Proposal:** Ollie has made the amendments to the constitution that were agreed by the exec in Easter term. He proposed to send out a copy of the constitution and a copy of the amended constitution to be checked by the exec committee.
- **Action:** Once the UCS Exec have checked the amendments, this new constitution will be taken to Governing body by the President; the amended constitution will then be presented to the undergraduate body for a referendum.

8. **Matters Arising**

- The bar has given some of their profits to the UCS. It has been agreed that this will be distributed as follows:
 - a) £1000 will go to Clare Sound and have no effect on Clare Sound’s funding application.
 - b) £1500 will be added to the Societies Budget.