UCS Committee 2013-2014

Colony Meeting Room 1

23.11.2013

**Present**

* Harry Peto
* Jenny Boddy
* Ollie Russell
* Cleodie Swire
* Fingal Plumpton
* Aimee Hesketh
* Clare Lewis
* Rebecca Harris
* Dylan Pritchard

**Apologies**

* Kiri Koumi
* Robin Elliott

1. **Bop (Rebecca)**

* **Objective:** Discuss Bop Preparations

**Disscusion:**

* 1. QCOEF can get enough people to run the Bop
  2. Rebecca , Ollie and Harry will work too
  3. Decorations include gauze to create a Grinch’s Grotto.
  4. The Grinch will hand out condoms and sweets
  5. There will be mince pies for the first 50 people to arrive.

1. **Agenda distribution (Jenny)**

* **Objective:** To discuss the UCS agenda distribution to reps/ non executive officers
* **Discussion**

1. Raised last week at the open meeting that reps do not get copied into the UCS Agenda
2. Secretary is happy to circulate to reps but realised that they may not wish to come every week.
3. Part of being a rep is that you should be able to attend a UCS meeting
4. Reps would expect not to come to the meeting every week and may have plans which clash with the weekly meeting slot. In order to mitigate that problem the agenda will have to be circulated earlier i.e. distribution on Friday

* **Action:**  The agenda will be circulated to UCS exec members on Fridays. The members will then pass on the agenda to any reps below them that have expressed an interest in being copied in for the purposes of attending a meeting.

1. **Zumba (Rebecca)**

* **Proposal:** Bringing zumba classes back to Clare
* Discussion

1. People are still raising the point that they would like Zumba classes to be restarted
2. Classes will run from next term
3. Currently the contact details for the old zumba instructor have been lost

* Action: Rebecca will do some research in order to track down a Zumba instructor.

1. **New Gym Equipment (Harry)**

* **Objective:** Discuss buying a new bench and 25kg weights for the gym
* **Discussion:**

1. New gym equipment could be paid for by the parents fund
2. Debate as to whether the UCS or the parents fund could pay for the bench and weights.

* **Action:**  Harry to return to the gym reps asking them to come up with a solid proposal i.e. an exact bench and weights, purchase price and method of purchase.

1. **Board Games in LCR (Harry)**

* **Proposal:** Buying board games for the LCR
* **Discussion:** It was felt that there would be problems with mess
* **Action:** Aimee will suggest to the library that they purchase some board games for exam term to accompany the puzzles already in there.

1. **Alcohol at Christmas Formal (Harry)**

* **Proposal:** Introducing different prices for Christmas formal dependent on whether someone does or does not want alcohol with their meal
* **Discussion:**
* a) This will not be able to be changed in time for this Christmas formal
* **Action:**  Cleodie will raise this issue with the catering department.

1. **Condom Machines (Harry)**

* **Objective:**  Provide feedback of the action taken to try and make the condom machine in cellars free
* **Discussion:**

1. Neither the nurse nor the Steward knew who stocked the condom machine in old court.
2. There are lots of places to get free condoms from within Clare so it may not matter that the one in cellars charges
3. Welfare officer felt that having a free machine in cellars for Bops and Ents would be helpful.
4. Moreover, it was acknowledged that many people would not want to get condoms from the porters lodge at night

* **Action:**  Further steps to be taken by Harry to discover who runs the condom machine in cellars.

1. **Hepple Room (Harry)**

* **Objective:** Discuss MCR use of the Hepple Room
* **Discussion:**

1. Concerns were raised that it needs to be made clear that the Hepple Room is a JCR room to future JCR and MCR committees
2. Could create a sign saying that the room is a JCR room
3. Issue shouldn’t be given a ‘light touch’ given the Hepple Room’s status as a room for the use of JCR members.
4. The MCR President never sent out an email to MCR members reminding them that MCR use of the room was restricted.

* **Action:**  Inform the MCR President that he needs to send out the email or MCR access to the Hepple Room will be revoked.

1. **Litter in Old court (Fingal)**

* **Objective:**  Raise the problem of litter outside of the Chapel after weekend events in the bar
* **Discussion:**

1. The bar has been approached about this problem
2. The problem nights are Friday and Saturday
3. Problem is that it is dark and people can’t necessarily spot cigareete ends

* **Action:**  Inform the bar committee/steward that they can and should tell groups that book out the JCR that it is their responsibility to pick up rubbish left in Old Court. Ollie will also give Fingal the details of the people who run Clare Live, Jazz etc. so Fingal can email them too about the problem.

1. **Matters Arising**

* **LCR Mugs-**  There are no mugs left in the LCR. Cleodie will send out an email asking for the mugs to be brought back.

1. **Grad votes for the UCS President**- Graduate students can vote for the UCS President. This will be raised with college with a view to change.