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UCS Full Committee Meeting Minutes

Latimer Room, Clare College

15:30, Saturday 25th May 2019

A record of the fifth meeting of the UCS Full Committee

In the Chair

Dan Wright President

Present

Natalie, Katie, Isha, Tarn, Eloise, David, Nick Hall

Apologies

Dan basically gave everyone a free pass because of exams, so unsurprisingly: everyone else.

I have broken my five week streak of correct minutes, a fact which utterly horrifies me. Last week I erroneously said that Welfare Officer and all round good egg Katie Veitch was not present, when in fact she was and was sat opposite me. Yikes. Fervent apologies.

Feedback on last week's business

Storage Wars continue. Dan has taken it to the big man himself, Head Porter Brenan, who said that he found the rooms to be "unacceptably untidy." He has invited Dan to his hallowed office in Memorial Court to further discuss, but has made it clear that if the college has reallocated the space he has no control over that.

One is definitely too small to be a room, so Dan is feeling optimistic. Eloise "has a Plan", but she isn't sharing what that plan is.

Climate emergency

It transpires Dan made the post about the environment on the UCS Facebook page because Izzy Rudd made him. However, it's had lots of feedback and that, pathetically, makes Dan and I as Facebook admins very happy. We discussed how intensely sad it makes us when we see we've got a Facebook notification but it's just one of us liking the UCS posts.

Dan thinks the reaction to the J4MB demonstration was "sufficiently hostile."

Freddie Legg has been in contact to offer the help of the previous UCS with our proposed end of term recycling scheme in a possible Endgame-style teamup - apparently they, too, tried to combat this issue last year.

Dan met with the mysterious MCR President who is apparently lovely: news includes the fact that they are trying to get an MCR Access officer and that they're working on getting someone on the investment committee.



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A Freshers' week working group will be set up soon- we'll just put all our grievances on a Google Doc.

Officers' Feedback: Welfare

Art from the Heart was an immense success- very wholesome- if anyone would like to see the Jamie Oliver collage I made then viewings are available on request.

Officers' Feedback: Academic Affairs

The laptop-free desks have been vanquished but they will return next term. People have been asking Tarn as to why the library isn't 24 hours (other colleges have this system) but "Tutorial were very keen for me to feedback that it was because they care about us- their exact words were "we close it because we care"". So that's that. However, should you want to work outside your room at some ungodly hour, the Gatehouse, the Castle End meeting rooms, and the Law Reading Rooms are all open 24 hours. There will be a reform of the library system: books will be auto-renewed until the end of the academic year, but if someone else wants the book they can recall it and you have three days to return it. If you don't return it in time unfortunately there will be fines of £1 per day per book (capped at £28 per book) but the librarians are not happy about this and will avoid at all costs. In a very dramatic turn of events, if you get 3 overdue recalls, you will be blocked from EVERY LIBRARY IN CAMBRIDGE. Scary.

Officers' Feedback: BAME

Jackie is fine with the editing of the respect and dignity policy and that is all Isha had to say.

Officers' Feedback: Buildings

Eloise has suggested that one of the summer rep's jobs should be to photograph every room to create a rooms database which actually reflects the rooms: Ward did this but didn't label the photos, making his endeavour essentially useless. Poor Ward. No one understands the rooms points system. Nick pointed out that other unis use 3D cameras like Google Earth to show rooms: Dan said he would like me to "put it in, I'd like to do that." If anyone with a 3D camera feels like they'd like to make Dan's day, let us know.

Other news: room rents will not change regardless of their oven situation (see Etheldreda) and the middle gate to the Fellows' Gardens can't be left open because of security (there's no card scanner).

AOB

Natalie is the undergraduate rep for the college committee on commemorating the anniversary of women being allowed into Clare (which most of the UCS are very thankful for) and would love any ideas or suggestions for events.

She's been looking into the entertainment grants which DOSs get, in order to ensure that every subject gets a Small Hall which she will organise- the DOSs just need to pay her.



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We would like to screen Love Island in the Riley for Welfare but the rigmarole continues: David rightfully commented that “they’re trying to confuse us into not trying.” I raised the point that it would be nice to have some way of identifying the porters as it seems rude we don’t know all their names- apparently Top Lad Brenan has a poster with them on so Dan will have a chat with him about making this public.

*Nothing fun happened on
the way out as we are all
just too tired.*