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UCS Full Committee Meeting Minutes

Latimer Room, Clare College

15:30, Saturday 27th April 2019

A record of the first meeting of the UCS Full Committee

In the Chair

Dan Wright President

Present

All members.

Apologies

None! I foresee this being the only instance of me writing this.

Business to discuss

Dan welcomed us all to the first meeting of term and suggested that all our 'Big Plans' (patent pending) should be discussed later in term since exams are, surprisingly, a thing. This would also involve a written record of our manifestos. He then harkened back to the work of our previous Glorious Leader and dynastic founder Matt Wright in creating sub-committees- these will be continuing. General meetings will try to be kept to thirty minutes weekly, with subcommittee meetings during the week of about the same length. There will be a liberation committee potentially: apparently there was an "appetite for intersectionality" during elections so this will be including access, women's, BME etc.

Feedback from college committee: website

In an attempt to make their own website look better, college would like to streamline our (superior) website into theirs. This has been robustly refused by Dan on the grounds that we should be able to maintain control of our own website- moving it into the college's site would mean them having power over what we write. James Rodgers looks deeply concerned. Tarn suggested we meet in the middle and allow them to link to our website; this was agreed upon for future discussions.

Agenda 1: Accessibility

Dan brought up the Disabled Students Campaign's Accessibility pledge, which they would like all JCRs to commit to. The full link to this can be found [here](#): this was passed unanimously.

Apparently I am the only one who knows what the constitution involves and so can confirm that yes, this is how a motion is passed.

Action: we will be looking into how to implement their recommendations.



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Agenda 2: Non-Christian worship spaces

Again brought up by Dan: apparently Clare claims the chapel is a space “for all faiths” but given, in the words of El Presidente, “it is full of Christian imagery” it was decided that the UCS ought to have an opinion on this. This opinion is thus: we ought to have a multi-faith worship space but suggestions will need to be made on where that space could be- current opinion tends towards Memorial Court.

Action: Isha will be looking into this, any suggestions welcome!

Agenda 3: Positive investment and banking

Dan thought we might have to change to an ethical bank, but it turns out we already bank with the Co-op, so all good there! Hurrah for past ethical Union members. The page on positive investment, which sparked this issue, is also [attached](#).

Action: None as of yet needed.

AOB

I brought up the fact that state (ie college) sanctioned Ents might be better than people not having that option and just going out. James clarified that the space is now sometimes booked out which makes things harder, but Vicky swooped in to save the day with some organised fun. She is going to book Cellars for a pre-May Week bop, as a substitute for the May Ball we have all so tragically been denied.

We discussed the merits of our handovers and Dan cautioned against anyone spending their own money in the hopes it will be reimbursed by the UCS - it may well not be.

Dan got worried about the legitimacy of Welfare’s GoT evening (note from the present: it went very well and was well attended! Thank you all for coming and well done David and Katie.) as he “has been pirating HBO for years and am worried they’ll find me.” Local hero and coffee supplyman failure Nick Gregory helpfully pointed out that it was his NowTV account and he would be testing it later, “so that we don’t get loads of disappointed fans on the night.”

Isha said that the BME campaign have been asking if we want anti-racism workshops in freshers: the consensus is that we’ve had them before and would like improved versions in the future. Abby pointed out that there was no environment workshop; Nick would like the consent workshops to include LGBTQ+ content as there have been issues in this area with freshers this year. Natalie thinks if we segment workshops into smaller chunks we can get all of this in; we think we’ve got a two day grace period in which freshers are scared enough to go to things so they’d need to be packed in then.



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We will be advertising for a UCS Summer Rep position- they would get free accommodation in Cambridge over the summer and would need to liaise with college about freshers and things that need to be solved in person. This will be advertised soon.

Social media

Tarn is going to put something together to show people who they can go to with various issues. I asked if anyone would like to run social media and was met with a resounding silence. We will be setting up a UCS instagram in order to make the UCS a little bit more accessible and useful to prospective applicants and not as sanitised as the college account. David would like you all to come to welfare tea and Katie wants us to call this term Easter term not exam term, as the college gods intended. Links to various college pages (the Welfairies, Academic Affairs, Welfare etc) will all be standardised and collected soon.

*Meeting adjourned at
16:17; the UCS
collectively lost its mind
at the thought of taking a
candid photo. The level of
confusion shown at this
concept is okay, and not
worrying at all.*