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UCS Easter 2023 Meeting Minutes

Godwin Room, Clare College Old Court

14:30, 11/06/2023

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jasmine, Sally, Haley, Sing-Wei, Aadarsh, Mia, Flora, Patrick, Emma, Priya, Carys

Updates from last meeting's action points

Sally/Emma - arrange post-exams meeting with Tutorial re Freshers Week

Completed

Aadarsh - purchase more mugs to replenish LCR stock

Completed; housekeeping will be consulted regarding the removal of older ones over summer

Emma - send weekly wrapped ideas to Mia for her to come up with a graphic design for them

Completed; Mia has made a design for the weekly updates

Emma - send out the feedback form

Completed (three responses as of 11/06)

Agenda point 1: May Week UCS events?

Would be nice to have a few events before the end of term, can be very low-key though

Mia has pointed out that including ice cream/ice lollies will be very much appreciated

Priya may have a ice cream/ice lolly welfare event early next week; will likely use Memorial Court lawns

Agenda point 2: Services upkeep

Aadarsh: camp beds, bike repair kits, sports equipment. Sophie/Lydia: gym equipment?

Priya: period products - discuss changing brands as some concern they don't work

A lot of the camp beds, sports equipment, bike kits, etc. are very old; may be worth looking into replacing them?

Aadarsh will look into potential booking forms for the equipment for people to use (may have to be for next year due to quiet period)

Priya will look into if the issues with period products is a college wide issue before looking into changing brands

Agenda point 3: Building works

Would be good to clarify what the timeline is so we can let the student body know. Is the Great Hall definitely opening tomorrow (Monday 12th)?

Priya will email Chris Swaysland regarding the builders unconsciously staring at students



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Aadarsh will ask Lee regarding the openings of the great hall/café
Scaffolding and building works will occur in Latimer room and surrounding areas over the next two academic years; should create an instagram update after clarification has been made regarding the opening times for great hall/café

Agenda point 4: Mental Health and Disabilities name change

Motion to change the name to focus on disabilities to prevent confusion

Discussion regarding the inclusion of those with long term/chronic mental health conditions while also ensuring that people don't assume the Mental Health and Disabilities officer is directly for people who are undergoing situational exam stress and other general welfare concerns

Other JCR committees also have the title Disabilities Officer

Ensure that, if the motion passes, there is clarification during freshers week that Disabilities Officer also includes those with long term mental health issues (also in the freshers guide)

Do not have sufficient people to pass a motion; will be posted on Slack to be voted on

AOB

Aadarsh and Patrick will keep pushing regarding the microwave in the LCR

Weekly updates on the UCS instagram will likely start during Michaelmas; the UCS committee will tell the social media officers a summary of what has happened in meetings for these to be posted

The Social Media Officers will make an instagram post directing people to donate/upcycle their spare items for summer

Discussion surrounding storage rooms for international students; important to notify students as soon as possible at the start of the year regarding sorting storage/summer accommodation within Clare, as conferencing book the rooms very fast

Lucas- mention in accommodation meetings regarding storage; maybe the few spare rooms in castle court?

Handovers; Sally and Emma will chase people up again regarding handovers

Flora contacted Lee regarding handover hall; there is no space available for this year for a UCS handover event

Summary of action points

- Aadarsh- ask Lee regarding openings of the great hall/café
- Social media officers- make posts regarding donating/upcycling options for summer
- Priya- email Chris regarding the builders

Meeting adjourned