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UCS Meeting Minutes

Location: Elton-Bowring Room

Time: 10:30am

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mia, Mary, Harry, Lily, Max, Isabella, Serena, Fran, Mira, Erin, Áine, Anna, Ananya, Cat, Luca, Enyioma, Lex, Thomas, Molly

Apologies: Sally, Niamh, Eva, Luca

Absences: Prateeti

Chair: Mia (and minutes by Mary!)

Preamble

Any fun nonsense before business begins...

UCS President has a Crown 👑

- Thank you former Pres Dan Wright for sending it!
- The Crown was a historic UCS item that had been lost to time (read: Covid), and no one knew about it, but it has been restored to its rightful place (read: Mia's bookshelf)

Last meeting until after exams

- 15th/16th will be last meeting after exams are done - mostly Freshers planning and any committee meeting updates
- Good luck everyone!

Reminder of last meeting's Action Points

Updates from last meeting's action points - tick off what has been done!

- ~~Send out Freshers Form~~
- ~~Someone email Arletta about last week of formals~~
 - **Mary - done! Formals are on UPay now :)**
- ~~Isabella send out Exam Help Document~~
- ~~Mia send out an email to Neil asking about the balcony~~
 - **Jackie T has sorted!**
- ~~Lily email Howard to join Gardens mailing list~~
- ~~Cat send bank account form + letter~~
- ~~Cat tell Fred about the bank situation~~
- Bike Pumps, Camp Beds, Spanner for Mem & CC
 - **Found!**
- Prayer Room Shoe Rack
 - **Found!**



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- ~~Period Product Peer Review~~
 - [Eh they're fine](#)
- ~~LCR Blankets wash~~
 - [Fran done!](#)
- Punt Vlog Progress
 - [Potential Riley Screening](#)

Any discussion points raised as priority matters

Societies can get reimbursed from Cat directly through Bursary (every 2 weeks) until the end of term.

SU Situation

The ongoing situation with the SU was discussed. The UCS has resolved to review the situation, and will be addressed in full.

Committee updates

Updates from any committee / personnel meetings UCS persons have attended (Minutes contained within 'Committee' Folder of the Drive)

Governing body - 13th

- Freedom of Speech
 - Update of College policy in line with new legislation
 - Mia will raise in college council stationing to the separate statutory obligations of student unions under the new statute and how far the UCS should be expected to reflect this in constitutional updates
- Old court delay
 - It is, in fact, delayed
 - Last estates meeting had no update of this, however - not College's fault
 - Unsure whether Old Court will be open without scaffolding for graduation next year (2025)
- Balcony outside River Room
 - NOW OPEN!

Computing Committee - 14th

- Luca not present

Arts Committee - 16th

- Was cancelled

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Plans for upcoming committee meetings UCS members are attending



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Library Committee - 21

- Isabella, Erin if not
- Feedback from library form
 - More group spaces but difficult to provide new spaces
 - Screens debate - perhaps a compromise for removing them in the back room
 - LCR mess - clean up after yourselves you hooligans (you know who you are)
 - Fidget toys pls
- Big love to the librarians!

Estates Committee - 22

- Fran to attend
- Old Court updates and Net Zero
- Reroofing FML
- Dishwashers etc.

Disabled Students Fund

- Plan of Action
 - Eva not present

Ideas for Calendar & Termcard

- Big Society Event
 - Societies contribution
 - On website
 - Feasible? Luca will look at after exams
 - To put it on the website
 - Cellars events, society meetings and socials, welfare events
 - Printing off every week, putting on social media, LCR, TV?
- Welfare Termcard
 - When should it be released?
 - In relation to other UCS events (not strictly welfare) - go on the website???
- The Clare Times
 - Remains as she is - flawless <3

Various abandoned society bank accounts & old court pigeon holes

- 5 years+ ago people made bank accounts for society funding (rather than reimbursement)
- Many societies lost information or disbanded, particularly over COVID
- UCS Pigeonhole exists!!
- Send porters new list, inform societies if they have pigeonholes



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- Thomas will do after exam with the general update of the societies list

Vegan Cook To Order Policy

- Rayyan email along with services form
 - Does exist, however anecdotally took a long time
 - Sign on the bottom of the menu? Fran to ask Arletta
 - Rayyan not present

AOB

Cellars Accessibility & Capacity Issues

- Wheelchair user was allowed in cellars by porters
- Contrast to steward training where students were told for fire safety reasons they would have to be responsible for turning away wheelchair users into cellars with the advise that 'the porters would help' beforehand
 - No clear policy - needs flagging as a policy consistency as stewards should not be expected to have to tell a wheelchair user they can't access cellars when the on-duty porter does
 - Eva email
- Porters should be helping for letting people in eg. not letting other people from other colleges in when over capacity

Porter emergency taxi system email

- Mia will do for next year of freshers
- Clarifying what the system is

Website updates

- After meeting with Sally (Communications Officer), the Clare College website has been updated with UCS and MCR website links added to the quick links page, formal hall menus added next to the buttery menus, and better promotion of the funding/grant information!
 - Broken links on the development and careers page will be investigated

Action Points (over the next few weeks)

Review SU situation

- Contact/communicate with other JCR's

Rayyan send out services form

Mia email Terry (Head of Housekeeping) about I Basement Clear out

I basement clean out (after exams)

Exam welfare



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Meeting adjourned