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UCS Presidential Hustings Minutes

Location: Glover Room, Memorial Court

Time: 4pm

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mia, Issy, Harry, Serena, Molly, Luca, Mary, Sally, Lily, Aine, Fran, Cat, Mira, Lex, Erin, Enyioma, Anna, Luca

Apologies: Thomas, Max, Rayyan, Ananya, Eva

Absences: Prateeti

In the Chair: Mia

Preamble



Updates from last meeting

Updates from last meeting's action points

- Handovers & Handover Hall
 - Thank you social sec Harry!
 - Instagram post? - Defooooo
- Welfare Events dates
 - Clare goes green garden tour - May 15th - will coordinate with them
 - Punt induction (?)
 - Good to have sessions again - but need to organise and make sure people attend
 - A document of what to do when punting
 - Welfare drop in (?) - date TBD!
- Mia email Vee about exam help document update



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- Someone help edit pls
 - Confirmed with Vee that it's all good to use
 - Will check with Tutorial that it's all up to date
- Issy reshare
- Confirm committee mailing lists
 - Committees should be aware of who is on the committee
 - Mailing lists used infrequently - email them if you're worried of lack of communication
 - If anyone is confused, Molly will help :)

Key Information!

Steward Training

- Wed 1st May, 12:30, Cellars - 30 min
- Come if you can!
- Will organise another for June

College Committees & College Calendar

- All is on the drive under 'college committees'

Committee updates

Updates from any committee / personnel meetings UCS persons have attended

Meeting with Jamie (Bar President)

- Moving forward - work closer with the bar president to hopefully mitigate costs for freshers ents
- Reform of ents?

Meeting with Jackie T (Senior Tutor)

- Might be some formal procedures in committee meetings - raising hands etc
- Decreasing 4th year rent discussed

Open Day

- Voter registration was discussed - message sent to prospective students! YIPPEE

Lizzie (Head of Conferencing)

- External room bookings unlikely to change
- Potential changes to supervision room bookings (in the works)
- They want to help with accessibility in cellars

Kate (Head Gardener)

- Word will be out that Gardens will be open until 7



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(Mia quote of the day - Awesome sauce!)

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Plans for upcoming committee meetings UCS members are attending

College Council (Mia)

- What will be discussed?
 - River room shutters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We love interior design <3
 - Want to keep the river room open more
- Talk with bursary about organisation - raise with Jackie T

Development (Erin)

- Formal prices
- Telethon campaign - where is the money going from the alumni?

Choir (Luca)

- UCS does not attend lol

CATERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Rayyan, Lily)

- Bring back meat-free monday?
 - At this rate, having a random day doesn't seem to be very consistent.
 - People who are turned off from vegan and vegetarian food will be turned off regardless of day of the week
- Clear(er?) labelling of the dietary requirements
 - People who need a clear signalling of the food options are the ones suffering from lack of clear labelling - those who don't want to eat it regardless are not affected
 - Incidents of staff not knowing what's in the dishes when asked
- Salad Bar Idea
 - YIPEE!
 - Would solve a lot of the problems
- Elderflower - 7.50 in the buttry. 3.25 in sainsburys (rude)
 - Non-drinkers would love a Newnham-type situation with a variety of juices
 - Otherwise, we are just not paying for the elderflower
- Might want to explore the wine situation
 - Everyone would prefer a bring your own policy, even if it meant we needed a corking fee
 - Would remove all the issues and complaints - MORE TRANSPARENCY on why we have the policy the way it is now
- Feedback form



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- *'Having two options in the buttery is fine, but if there is a vegan option listed on some days and not others, and they change the menu on the day, there should still be a vegan option. Myself or others have turned up several times on days where vegan options were listed (i.e. the non-meat option didn't contain dairy or eggs), having planned our week's meals around the menu, and the menu has changed and now contains eggs. This is especially difficult during exam season, where sourcing food outside of college takes unnecessary time and causes disruption. It would be ideal, especially during exam season, if the buttery reliably could provide what they say they are going to provide (e.g. a vegan option or no vegan option, and not switch between the two; the same goes for other allergens) and avoid unnecessary disturbance.'*
 - Consistency is a real problem
 - Buttery needs more clarity for what's being served - communications between the kitchen and the staff
 - Quality difference between Small Hall and Formal (conferencing menu used in Small Hall)
- *"There seems to be no formals in the last week of term (the last one listed is June 6, leaving a full week of full term without formals). It seems like the catering staff might have started the weeks on Week 1, it being a 7 week term, leaving to the omission of "actual" week 7. It would be nice to have some formals when some people's exams have finished!"*
 - Formals just haven't been released yet
 - Formals going up to the 13th
- Talking to finance in depth about the price increases, eg student impact

Freshers Week

What did you guys like & remember?

- Google form to be sent out

Freshers Reps

- Other colleges elect their freshers reps earlier
- Organisation of wristbands and freshers week itself
 - Mia has consulted with other college presidents, might need to change how we organise it
 - Constitutional change



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Prayer Room

Proposal for

- 'Occupied' sign
 - Add a line to the posters about multiple people being able to use the room at once
- Shoe rack
 - Could be possible

Stock re-supply

Bike Pump - 2 PLEASE!

Camp beds???

Sexual Health Supply - Sex Fairy

- Separate role related to the UCS - go the SU and take supplies and put them in washing rooms
- Made an official welfare role
- Sign up on the SU website (sex fairy bureaucracy)
- STI and STD testing drives - Terrence Higgins Trust

Drug testing kits

- CME coordination?

Period product supply

- Making sure both pads and tampons are distributed based on usage

Services Feedback

- "I noticed that there's Nestle coffee in the LCR. Nestle has a really bad ethical record so I'm not sure that it's something that the UCS should be funding"

AOB

Any other business!

IT and Publicity Officer Name Change

- NOT elected

Papers to draft / think about

- Rent/price increase, student impact
- Suggesting changes to the porter's contracts

Marriage Formal

- Certificates! - top quality card

UCS Photos drive - send if you can!

Cat photography competition (*Lola AKA Father Jonothon, Odysseus NOT of our lovely Treasurer)



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Archives

- In J staircase
- Archives committee - that no longer exists

UCS archive

- Protect our history <333333

Fellows' library tour after exams?

- MML Dos would like to do another one - more so michaelmas term

Action Points

Cat organise financial meeting with Fred Parker

Mia and Molly sort meeting with Tutorial

To post on the gram...

- Robe Borrowing Scheme Post
- Handover Hall post
- Clare times comeback
- Photography competition (Mia will do)

Sort with Issy

- getting Vee'd (revamped) exam season help doc out
- push subject reps to discuss module choosing stuff

Welfare team check out sex health supply & welfare drop-in

Erin look at the period product supply

- Maintenance request on Gatehouse rip

Make general inquiries as to

- Shoe rack
- Camp bed & bike bumps prices
- Different coffee supply - more ethically sourced
- Punt induction doc

Google form as to freshers week feedback

Harry inquire as to last week of no-formals

Meeting adjourned