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UCS Michaelmas 2023 Meeting Minutes

Castle End Meeting Room, Clare College Castle Court

17:30, 21st October 2023

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Carys, Emma, Sally, Luca, Mary, Priya, Flora, Sing-Wei, Lily, Lydia, Dan, Mia, Rose, Ed, Jasmine

Committee feedback

Updates from various different committees

Sally has nothing of note from the conservation committee

Also minimal feedback from the finance committee

Lucas is not here to discuss the estates committee feedback

Updates from the communications manager; plans for the UCS to get on the linktree of the Clare College instagram bio (this has already happened)

Also intentions to organise more media collaborations from the UCS

Considerations for either a College ran or UCS ran tiktok account (no to college-ran)

Student council

Updates from the SU student council

All vice presidents sit on the SU student council (occasionally other representatives on the UCS go); supposed to be representative of the wider Clare undergraduate community

Passing motions: need to re-approve lapsed motions (ones that were approved more than 3 years ago)

- Abolition of the postgraduate fee (passed)

- Supporting trans students (passed)

- Boycotting the NSS (passed)

- Harm reduction approach as opposed to abolition approach to drug taking (passed)

- Women and NB only gym hours (passed)

- International applicant access (passed)

- Content notes on faculty produced reading lists (passed)

- Support SU disability access pledge (passed)

- Partners of students to have camcard access (passed)

- Supporting student parents (passed)

- Supporting fairer rent campaigns (passed)

- Demilitarisation of the university (passed)

- Anti racism training for staff (passed)

- Unconscious bias training for admissions staff (passed)

- Motion for SU to oppose 'prevent' in principle (passed)

- Boycott socialist workers party (passed)



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Ents

Discussions surrounding clare sound, clare jazz and the bar committee over Cellars

Sally brings forward discussion over the relationship the UCS should have with the bar committee, clare sound or clare jazz, especially in terms of making sure Cellars is looked after/kept tidy and in good repair (eg after conferencing)

Sally suggests more official liaising between the UCS committee and the bar committee
Clare Ents is still in the process of getting restarted

Clare Sound are handle running of Ents in Michaelmas (would be one event), for an eventual complete handover to the Ents committee in lent term

The UCS believes a spreadsheet would be useful to see event bookings (especially with cellars); Luca says that there should be a new system in place by around January/February for general college room bookings (kinetics) but that doesn't apply to Cellars

Constitution

The constitution is a mess and needs to be redone

According to the UCS constitution, there are quite a lot of 'rep' positions that haven't been filled (especially freshers rep)

Plans to advertise for the freshers' rep in week 5 (only freshers can vote!)

May also be a good idea to advertise for a 4th year rep if anyone wishes to do it

Gym

Potential health and safety risk raised of sharp edges of radiator near the treadmill

There will be a health and safety meeting between Lydia and Sophie and Stuard Onion to discuss potential health and safety changes

The UCS suggests a box to 'check' to say that people are aware of the health and safety risks of using the gym, instead of a more extensive questionnaire, due to the idea that that would be invasive.

Desire for the broken equipment in the gym to be removed, but no easy way to get it done

Disabled students' fund

Some other colleges have a disabled students' fund which works similar to the UCS gender expression fund for things such as laptop stands, wrist braces, etc. - things that might not be covered by DSA (which has to be adjustments that help solely for studying) or Crane's Fund
May be a good idea to contact Fred to see if this is feasible

Accommodation form

Would be ideal if the accommodation form to be sent out this week; Sally will talk to Lucas about this



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AOB

Lily brings up that there should be rentable laptops, especially for exam season

This used to be policy, however this has been discontinued

Luca can ask IT to see if they have any spare laptops for use

Sing-Wei enquires if there's any special fund for international students; this is not the case

Priya may need more financial support to help with payment for period products

No meeting on 4th November!!

Ed went to the SU to find sexual health stuff- they had ran out but they said they would email when this became available

Summary of action points

Lucas to send out accommodation form

Carys to contact Fred about potential Disabled Students' Fund

Luca to ask IT about spare laptops

Lydia and Sophie to meet with Stuart about health and safety at some point

Meeting adjourned