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UCS Lent 2024 Meeting Minutes

Castle End Meeting Room, Clare College Castle Court

12:00pm, 25th February 2024

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sally, Haley, Mary, Luca, Flora, Dan, Mia, Jasmine, Priya, Emma, Rose

Updates from last meeting

- Priya emailed the Senior Tutor regarding the comments from maintenance staff, among other issues raised by students regarding intrusive staring, and will be having a meeting with her soon to address this
- Priya and Anise met with the SU welfare officer and are hoping to draft new policy changes regarding sexual assault

Updates from committees

Updates from any committees attended by members of the UCS

Catering Advisory Committee

- 75% from buttery survey wanted bigger portions; Aadarsh will discuss this further with Lee
- Ruminant meat discussed, agreed there would be no exceptions to reductions in ruminant meat
 - conferencing is the largest consumer of beef/lamb; aim for conferencing to reduce this
- Buttery is going to trial removing meat, veggie and vegan labels
- Buttery is getting rid of veggie Mondays and instead have a different day each week that is entirely vegetarian/vegan
- Aadarsh has proposed a meal deal for the cafe, they may trial this

Buttery staff comments

Someone has come forward to raise concern over upsetting comments made by some buttery staff towards students

- A form has been sent out to undergraduate students regarding these comments; this is not to get anyone fired, but instead an opportunity for people to share negative experiences so that they can be sorted!
- Lee is conducting an investigation, which will be aided by the responses to the survey where necessary

Horrible Histories bop

Plans for a horrible histories themed bop at the end of this term



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- Will happen at the end of this term!
- tickets will be available soon :)

Role changes

Desire for some to change the name of their roles to better reflect the role itself before calls for manifestos

Women and Non-binary officer

- idea that this may group non-binary people into a subset of women, which can be very problematic
- potentially women+ officer? however this may potentially cause confusion for some people
 - can be clarifications in the role description where necessary (description is very important!)
- several other JCRs categorise these roles in different ways
- UCS has decided to change this role name to Women's+ Officer

Ethics and Environment Officer

- ethics and environment are two very different roles, however issues that if these roles are split, the UCS may be too bloated
- decide to split it for now, in order to allow more scope for both ethics and environmental goals & events

Services/Food Officer

- currently a significant role with a lot of responsibility
- has become more food focused overtime
- potentially encourage two people to apply so that the role's responsibilities are more evenly distributed?
- LCR stocking could go to Academic Affairs/Welfare roles
- still should be one services officer, however LCR can be more of a joint venture combined with other UCS member roles

Mental Health and Disabilities' Officer

- problem was that people began recognising this as more of a general welfare role as opposed to a role specific to those with diagnosed mental health/disabilities
- proposal to refer to the role simply as Disabilities' officer
- several other JCRs have Disabilities Officer
- should ask in slack (UCS chat) so that more committee members can get feedback

AOB

- marriage formals have been requested to be booked for the first week of Easter term
- parents' dinner is happening 18th May



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- bad date for everyone, however college have said the date can't be changed if it's to happen this year
- complaints procedure information has been realised and should be up on the website imminently
- Reclaim the night plaque making in the gatehouse 1st March, for a walk on 6th March !!
- Ed and Rose will try to do welfare doughnuts sometime this week and a craft night before the end of term !!
- BME open day happened!

Meeting adjourned