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UCS Lent 2024 Meeting Minutes

Castle End Meeting Room, Clare College Castle Court

12:00pm, 28th January 2024

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sally, Barakah, Emma, Dan, Nell, Emma, Jasmine, Mary, Luca

Updates from last meeting

List of last meeting's action points

Thanks to Barakah for organising society funding!

New sex fairy (Riccardo) has plans to restock sexual health supplies

Priya has informed the UCS that new period products have been ordered and should be distributed by the end of next week; also, there will be a female and non-binary club night organised by Girton femsoc in collaboration with other woman and non-binary officers/femsocs on 26th February at MASH (more details TBD)

Committees feedback

Notes from any of the committee meetings attended by UCS members

Porters lodge was not meant to be closed; however, there was a fire alert in St Regis that happened that night which could explain it

Parents day will hopefully go ahead for 2nd years before the end of term, aim is to make it more informal than before and more for general family members as opposed to just parents

There will not be a LGBT flag on the first and last day of February due to scaffolding, however there will be banners instead

The new kinetics system for balloting will not go ahead due to internal issues, so the usual balloting system will be used

Gentle reminder that the prayer room is a prayer space, not a party space!- litter and crumbs found in the prayer room recently

Could potentially put a sign on the door?

Student council passed a few votes, including the bill regarding an end to the ban on working

Dan had a meeting with LGBT officers in the SU to organise distribution of funds to different LGBT events in college; also a consensus for different colleges to promote other events more

Rent discussion

Discussion of the planned rent increases (5%)

Two proposals: increasing student rent- freshers and graduate rooms by 2.5%, other rooms by 5%, to increase privately funded undergraduate fees 6%



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Increase higher than inflation rate (3.9%)

Green licence is only going up by 4%

May be a good idea to flag how food price increases may go this year, as last year food price increases happened relatively suddenly

If people are genuinely struggling financially, it is encouraged for students to reach out to Fred Parker for financial support

May be a good idea for UCS to remind students regularly about Fred Parker

Ask about how our % rent increases may compare to other colleges

In support of the fact that there are higher increases for privately funded undergraduates than undergraduate rooms

AOB

Valentines (or anti-Valentines?) bop will go ahead probably on Tuesday 13th

Queer night will be happening this term, date Thursday 15th

Potential Horrible Histories bop?

Dillantantes talks are going ahead next week!

Scaffolding will be up for May Event- however it has been promised that the theme will complement this nicely: maybe river room, scholars garden, buttery, great hall, avenue, etc.

Meeting adjourned