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## UCS Michaelmas 2023 Meeting Minutes

Castle End Meeting Room, Clare College Castle Court

17:30, 28th October 2023

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Sally, Sing Wei, Flora, Lucas, Mia, Jasmine, Emma, Carys, Haley, Mary, Aadarsh

### Updates from last meeting

*List of last meeting's action points*

Lucas has sent out the accommodation form; many responses

Lucas has a meeting with Viv on 2nd to discuss the volume of issues/responses

Carys will email people regarding potential for disability fund

### Committee updates

*Updates from committee meetings*

Student Council:

Not in quorate, so no votes on the things the UCS approved last week

Emergency motion passed on Israel-Palestine conflict; radical call from Marxist society (has since been rewritten)

Estates Committee:

Official plan to redo great hall floor should happen in February 2025; should be done before graduation that year

### Gowns

*Lots of gowns that the UCS owns; what should we do with them?*

Sally says that there has been a gown borrowing scheme in the past; UCS agrees we could do this again

Questions as to where we could store them: Carys has volunteered to help with gown storage

UCS agrees that there should be some sort of deposit or charge to ensure people don't steal or lose the gowns; potentially getting the porters involved?

### Prayer room

*Things need to be purchased for the prayer room*

Barakah has approved all of the things Haley needs to purchase for the prayer room

### Camp beds in plodges

*Porters want someone from the UCS to check the state of the camp beds in porters lodge*

They're a bit grim, and some are missing pumps etc - might need to buy new ones. UCS agrees Aadarsh should do this as Services Officer



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## **Halloween bop**

*Halloween bop scheduled for this coming week*

Clare Bar plan to have custom drinks and best costume contest for Halloween bop. Queries as to whether there's an alcohol-free option

Flora asks for people to steward; Sally and Carys offered to steward

## **Stewarding**

Neil to email about setting a date after a meeting with the Bar Supervisor

Important that all stewards have gone through training

## **May event**

If there is no one offering to be president within the next week or so, the May Event will not go ahead

Call for presidential sign ups should be put in the bulletin and social media posts (with approval)

## **Room balloting**

*Group balloting may be reformed*

Moving to a new system with Kinetics anyway; questions as to whether group balloting should come out with a combined 'score' or set up blocks of rooms for group ballot students (as currently)

Sally asks if there is any way for people to know their ballot numbers before they commit to a group ballot; Lucas will ask for this

Sally also stresses the importance of some rooms in each area still being available for single ballot people

## **Calendar suggestion**

Requests for weekly 'calendars' that shows everything that is coming up this week (including practical things such as water monitoring, etc.), like Clare Times but more thorough/in calendar format

Carys has suggested a live google calendar of sorts; Aadarsh has pointed out that people tend to release event times not far enough in advance

Mia points out that we would need to sort out agreements with societies to release event ideas in advance, or else the calendar wouldn't be as useful

Calls for the buttery menu to be more publicised in this way; Aadarsh has kindly offered to log in to the UCS account to post this himself

## **AOB**

Reminder: no meeting next week!

We are officially halfway through our UCS year (yay)!!

Haley can (hopefully) get some Kings BAME formal tickets



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Hopefully BAME open day will happen this year  
Aadarsh will chase up regarding cheaper wine options and will also send out a form regarding buttry feedback

### **Summary of action points**

Carys to store gowns in her room  
Carys to contact Fred about Disabled Students' Fund  
Jasmine, Mia, Nell to call for May Event president nominees  
Haley to order prayer room things  
Barakah and Aadarsh to sort out how LCR is being funded  
Aadarsh to check out camp beds in plodges  
Mary to ask Luca about feasibility of calendar on UCS website

*Meeting adjourned*