



# Union of Clare Students

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## UCS Lent 2024 Meeting Minutes

Castle End Meeting Room, Clare College Castle Court

12:00, 4th February 2024

A record of the UCS Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Sally, Haley, Molly, Luca, Emma, Ed, Priya, Flora, Mia, Mary, Jasmine, Sing-Wei

### Updates from last meeting

#### *Rent increases*

Rent increase going ahead - Sally to send out email to student body about it soon, emphasise that it's okay to go to Fred Parker if you're in need (ideally before balloting, around 2 weeks time?)

12th February is the date for the Valentine's bop, however this coincides with second years halfway hall; Sally is happy to put her name down for it

#### *Signs in gym*

Priya liaising with SU Women's Officer about signs for Castle Court gym advertising women and non-binary hours, should be sorted within a week

Also to put in the bulletin a reminder for people to tidy up after themselves in Castle Court gym & reminder of women and non-binary hours to be put on social media

### Elections

#### *When and how to hold hustings and elections for the next UCS committee*

Hustings should be around week 7

Deadline for committee applications in week 6, president and vice-president applications maybe closer to week 5

Open meeting should be held in LCR (with snacks), details to be announced later, followed by an informal chat with current UCS members for anyone interested

### Disabled access to cellars

#### *Wheelchair users still aren't able to access the JCR/Cellars (beyond the bar area) due to fire escape legislation*

Currently, access for wheelchair users is limited to the bar area

Discussion as to whether we could push for ramps to be installed in current fire escape

May also be a good idea to put a 'marker' to where in cellars people are allowed to access

### Events this term!

#### *Members of the UCS are holding events this term!*

- Many LGBT+ events, including talks and a queer night at cellars
- Pink week!!
- Also events being run by Priya!



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- May be a good idea to run more steward trainings so that it doesn't clash with lectures and more people can supervise events
- Clare may event launch party!
- Maybe do a horrible histories bop at the end of term and karaoke night at the end of Week 5?

### *Potential events for lunar new year!*

- Sing-Wei is considering a pot luck for an event for lunar new year. Potentially bring your own dish? With a mahjong table (hopefully)
- May be a good idea to reach out to other societies for a joint event

### **Balloting 'open day'**

#### *Idea of rooms 'open day' for people to show rooms before balloting*

Organisation of an 'open day' to show freshers around castle court on 10th February- maybe a sign up list for people who are willing to have their rooms looked at by freshers  
Could also encourage utilisation of college parents?

### **AOB**

#### *Gowns*

- We have the collection of gowns, but we aren't doing anything with them
- Could advertise that we can lend people gowns - though CRSiD needs to be registered, in case they're not returned

#### *BAME Open Day*

- BAME open day is happening in different format (partnered with Tower Hamlets council) at end of February, panel to be confirmed - sign-ups needed

#### *Storage space*

- ISC is trying to communicate with college regarding the situation with storage space for international students
- Lucas to enquire about potential storage spaces within castle court over summer

#### *Other updates:*

- Gardens will hopefully be open next term, though events will not be permitted
- College's net zero plan currently unviable - biggest issue with college's net zero plan is old court decarbonisation, which would cost as much as the current renovations
- 2022 vs 2023 rooms licence has been amended so that flags can explicitly no longer be hung over/out of windows- worth pursuing
- Will mention in bulletin to take any non-lacrosse sports equipment in castle end common room

*Meeting adjourned*