

**Minutes of the Exec meeting held on 26 February 2006
Boys Smith Room, Fisher Building, St John's College**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. Apologies: Emma Murphy, Josh Robinson

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

2a. Handover Formal

- It was decided that the handover formal would be at Emmanuel College. The date is yet to be confirmed.
- **Kate to organise tickets when the date has been set.**

3. Exec Announcements

3a. Colin

- An email has been sent to list managers regarding the provision of welfare, so that it can be forwarded to the broadest spectrum of the community possible.
- Colin is meeting with the counselling service about the LBGt parenting scheme.

3b. Rob

- Rob is starting to organise the LBGt garden party for the end of term.

3c. Josh

- Letters have been sent to the religious Deans of appropriate colleges to gauge their stance on same sex partnerships.

3d. Emma

- Emma and Josh R have started to organise graduate drinks at Darwin.

3e. Mike

- **Can all Exec members, who have not already done so, forward their blurb and photograph to Mike for inclusion on the website.**

3f. Noel/James T

- The room at St. Catherine's is apparently chargeable to all non-college societies – Jordan suggested going through the Senior Tutor, as it should be free to CUSU organisations also. James C has suggested that Jesus or Trinity Hall could be options for the Open Meeting.

3g. Ingrid

- Is meeting with DHIVerse regarding Reps training – this should start this term and will be brief to begin with, but should improve next term.
- Ingrid is having problems with the Mozambique Embassy regarding her Visa for PhD work due to links with the LBGt community. The issue has arisen due to mention of her name on the website, so she will not be forwarding her blurb to Mike until her Visa is sorted out.

4. Questions

None

5. Items of business

5a. Exec Training

- Jordan has spoken to Olly regarding Exec Training and negotiated a two hour training session, to be held in place of the Exec meeting on Sunday 12th March. It will cover such issues as confidentiality and team building.

5b. Freedom Book 2006

- James distributed copies of the Freedom book to the Exec.
- Jordan is currently drafting a letter to investment banks to try and secure funding for the book.
- **Exec members to look through the Freedom book and note any areas that they think need amending, so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.**

5c. Blood Donor Campaign

- Gay and Bisexual men still cannot give blood and Josh is keen to raise awareness of this after seeing leaflets advertising blood donor sessions in Cambridge.
- An article should be in this weeks Varsity.
- The Exec agreed to set up a petition outside the Blood Donor sessions, which can be covered in pairs or threes as the sessions are infrequent and short.

5d. Precious Contract

- Jordan has forwarded the final copy of the Precious Contract and has received no objections, when the Exec agrees it can be signed.
- The only issue which he has not been able to re-negotiate is that another club night cannot be endorsed, however this has no implications on the listings emails.
- Jordan has spoken to Jennifer Cooper at CUSU and she is now aware that Precious will be guaranteeing the LBGT budget.
- Discussion over why CUSU LBGT cannot have a direct contract with Life instead of with Precious – this was apparently raised by Olly and Life did not want this to happen.
- Jordan will meet with Nikhil Shah from CUSU Ents tomorrow and thinks he may suggest setting up a club night elsewhere – all Exec members present agreed this was not a good idea.
- **Jordan to contact Life and confirm their status of not wanting to contract directly with CUSU LBGT.**

6. AOB

6a. Pink Picnic Press Release

- A grad student is still needed to sit on the committee for this event; however Lara Jeffries is still to respond to Jordan's email regarding a description of what this would entail.

6b. Gay night at King's Cellars

- Noel queried re-starting the gay night that ran in King's cellars two years ago.
- The night was shut down because of continuous breaches of fire regulations relating to capacity.
- Noel and James are going to contact Kings to see whether they would allow use of their cellars again, if numbers were more closely controlled.

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm

The next meeting will be Sunday 5th March at 7.00pm in the Boys Smith Room, St John's College.