

The meeting commenced at 6.10PM.

1. **Apologies:** Jasper Adamson, Kaur Adamson, Luke Andrews, Alex Green

2. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

None.

3. **Exec Announcements and News**

(a) **Women's Events**

- Becky mentioned that she was unable to be present at Women's Pre-Precious* drinks (Tues 6 March) and Women's coffee (Wed 7 March) due to work constraints.
- She was unsure if these events took place at all.

(b) **[no definition]**

- Danni mentioned that both Luke and her are trying to round up as many articles for this term's edition of [no definition].
- All Exec who have yet to submit articles for [no definition] to send their contributions to both Luke and Danni as soon as they can.

(c) **Heaven Trip**

- Danni has set up a Facebook event page.
- All Exec to invite all the friends on their Facebook friends list to help promote the event.
- Alex G has looked into transportation and it appears that there is a coach that gets into London at 10.30PM on Wednesday. All going to meet outside Charing Cross tube at 11PM.

(d) **Campaigns**

- Daniel highlighted that there is a lack of information on sexual health on the CUSU-LBGT site.
- He has been Sexual Health Clinic at Addenbrooke's to get more information. They are opened Wednesdays and Thursdays between 2PM and 5PM.
- Josie suggested posting the opening times on the CUSU-LBGT site.
- Josie also mentioned that upon speaking to the CUSU HIV and Sexual Health Officer (Nick Culshaw, Girton), it is best for Daniel to liaise with Nick with regards to Awareness Week (perhaps a joint event between CUSU and CUSU-LBGT).
- Apparently Nick intends to hand out condoms at Precious* during Awareness Week.
- Daniel also inquired about the possibility of having a Campaigns and Welfare page in [no definition]. Jon added that he has something for the magazine as well
- Danni mentioned that due to the few contributions received for this term's issue of [no definition], having separate pages for both Daniel and Jon should not be a problem.
- Danni and Daniel have also agreed to write an article on safe sex, the content of which will be similar to what Daniel intends to put on the CUSU-LBGT site.

(e) **Website**

- Steve suggested that after revamping the website, its new contents should be advertised to the LGBT community via Listings and Announce.
- Jon added that it would be best to include pictures for some of the articles posted online to attract readers.

4. **Items of Business**

(a) **Meryl Davies**

- Carol, Nikki and Jeremy met with Meryl Davies over lunch at Lucy Cavendish on 8 March.
- Meryl suggested to advertise the Careers Book (including a call for contributions) in the Cam magazine targeting members of the alumni.
- She also mentioned that the working group have included contact with CUSU-LBGT and that would take place in the near future. Carol to be put in contact with the working group head.

4. Items of Business (continued)

(b) Sexual Health

- Josie has been in touch with Col and he seems to think that continuation of the discussions at St. Edward's church falls under Jon's job scope.
- Jon is not prepared to run it all by himself, but would not mind assisting if the onus is not entirely his.
- Josie mentioned that Vicar-Chaplain Revd Dr Fraser Watts will be heading the discussion group. Kaur added that he is willing to help out with this.

(c) Sex Discrimination Act

- Dr. Heather Peto has been suspended from her post-doc position at Addenbrokes. She claims that the basis of this decision stems from homophobia towards her by her colleagues.
- She has appealed to CUSU-LBGT to raise the issue at the next Open Meeting.
- Olly Glover / Jordan Holland (CUSU-LBGT Exec 05/06, 06/07) have previously raised this issue with the Vice Chancellor's office.
- Carol mentioned that CUSU-LBGT needs to have a proper campaign for issues similar to this as the Sex Discrimination Act excludes students.
- Becky suggested placing an article in Varsity. Jon added that it may be difficult to publish articles pertaining to LGBT issues in Varsity, and suggested publishing in The Cambridge Crier instead.
- Danni added that it may be worth putting something in [no definition], and perhaps starting an online petition on Facebook.
- With regards to Dr. Peto, Daniel to look into putting a petition in place against the University which lobbies for the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender reassignment amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act in their student complaints procedure. Josie added that it is Dr. Peto's aim to amend the said act nationally such that it extends to students as well.

5. AOB

(a) NUS LBGT Conference

- CUSU will fund Nikki to attend.
- Last year the Exec funded 4 LBGT students to attend.
- Alex W added that they were expected to report back at an Open Meeting with regards to the events that took place during the conference.
- Nikki to send details to the Exec and to the LBGT community via Announce.

(b) Garden Party

- Josie has booked the Sidney Sussex gardens for the Garden Party, scheduled to be held for the day before Suicide Sunday in the Easter Term. Details will be provided at a closer date.

The meeting concluded at 6.45PM.

This was the last Exec meeting of the term. Meetings will resume in the Easter term. All Exec will be kept informed via email with regards to date/time/venue.

Minutes prepared by Jeremy Rashid.