

The meeting commenced at 6:40PM.

1. Apologies: Alex Wilshaw, Robin Sutton/Portia, Michelle Dart, Luke Andrews

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None.

3. Exec Announcements and News

(a) CUSU Council

- Carol attended CUSU council where the discrimination motion put forward at a previous open meeting was raised as an extraordinary motion.
- The motion was unanimously passed.

(b) Awareness Week Updates

- Dan has printed up Stonewall posters. More have been ordered from NUS as well.
- He has not heard back from any of the speakers as yet.
- The film for Awareness Week is 'Yossi & Jagger'. This has to be ordered online. Dan has requested that someone from the Exec order it on his behalf.

(c) Campaigns

- Dan has signed up for the NUS LBGT activists seminar in London.
- An archive of CUSU-LBGT's campaign efforts and [no definition] will be set up by Dan, with help from Carol.

(d) Reps Training

- Training for college reps was held last Tuesday 13 Nov.
- 14 of 22 reps attended.

(e) Exec Handbook

- Kaur and Carol highlighted the need for an Exec Handbook which details the respective roles of all Exec members on CUSU-LBGT.
- This way the constitution would not have to be amended too often should the role of any Exec member change.
- All Exec to write a paragraph about their roles to contribute towards the Exec Handbook.

4. Questions

None.

5. Items of Business

(a) Transgender Lecture

- Due to the lack of information of Transgenderism in the CUSU-LBGT campaign, Robin/Portia will be giving a talk on the subject to the Exec this Wednesday 21 Nov at Sidney Sussex's Andrew Room (7.30PM).
- All Exec to attend.
- Reps will also be invited to the talk as many of them have pointed out during the training session that they do not know much about Transgenderism.

(b) Homophobia at King's

- Dan met up with the Balaji Ravichandran (King's) to discuss the incident.
- While he did not expect CUSU-LBGT to do much, he was very happy about the responses he got following Josie's [Announce] email.
- An article in [no definition] has been proposed.
- Dan has printed up posters from Stonewall to promote tolerance within colleges. Exec members took a copy each for their college.

(c) Christmas Party

- Alex G has spoke to the bar staff at Revolution. He suggested getting in touch with the manager there via their website where it would take anything between 72hrs and a week to get a response. Alex G has done this and we are awaiting an answer from them.
- Josie got in touch with B Bar again. The manager there says that for a private party, food must also be ordered. A minimum cover of approx. £450 would be required for a crowd of 150. Drinks at B Bar are priced at £3.20.
- Jon highlighted that a member of Cambridge Union can book the Union Bar. Carol to get in touch with Will Wearden (President, CU) with regards to booking the bar.
- As an alternative, Josie mentioned that she would be able to book Ta Bouche.
- All Exec are to be in (Santa) costume during the event.
- As soon as the details are finalised, adverts will go out in TCS. Alex G will design the advert. Posters and emails will also follow.

(d) TCS Article

- An article in TCS was published about the last open meeting where a motion of No Confidence in Nikki Gratton (Homerton) was proposed by a few members of the Exec. Carol delivered the motion on their behalf.
- Josie emphasised that the vote of NC did not force Nikki to resign from the position of President, while the TCS article suggests that.
- She suggested writing into TCS with corrections to the article. Carol advised that it would be best not to respond.

(e) Next Open Meeting

- Carol has booked The Forum (Jesus) for Monday 26 Nov at 7PM for the next Open Meeting.
- All Exec to be in stash.

6. AOB

(a) Precious* Contract

- Josie, Carol, Jasper and Alex G were supposed to have a meeting with Precious* regarding the contract. However the meeting did not take place as Precious* had not gotten back to any of them.
- CUSU thinks that the contract needs to be re-written before it is signed. Adam Colligan (CUSU Services) will draft it out and get back to Carol.
- Josie highlighted that payments that have yet to be received from Precious* towards CUSU-LBGT have to be settled before the new contract is signed.
- Jasper added that if these financial matters were not settled, the existing contract would be null and void.

(b) Talk for Year 10 Students

- Dan emailed Corinne Davidson (Comberton Village College) who requested for a member of CUSU-LBGT to talk about homosexuality.
- He has not heard back from her.

The meeting concluded at 8.10PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thurs 22 Nov 2007 at 6.30PM at the JCSU Room (Jesus College).

Minutes prepared by Jeremy Rashid.