

The meeting commenced at 7.50PM.

**1. Welcome**

Josie Fielding (CUSU LBGT Chair 07/08) welcomed everyone.

**2. Apologies from the Executive**

Luke Andrews, Rebecca Wetton, Alex Wilshaw

**Absent**

Nikki Gratton

**3. Corrections to the minutes of the last Open Meeting**

None.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last Open Meeting**

None.

**5. Next Open Meeting**

TBA – Details will be posted on Listings and Announce.

**6. Announcements by the Executive**

Josie informed everyone about Listings, as a means to be in the know of all events organised and publicised by CUSU-LBGT.

**7. Questions to the Executive**

None.

**8. Objections to the Order of Agenda Items**

None.

**9. Ordinary Motions**

**(a) Amendment to the Constitution**

- Carol (Grad Rep) shed light on the proposed amendment to the CUSU-LBGT constitution (clause D) regarding the election of the President of the campaign. It was proposed that only a person from the previous Exec can stand for election as President of the CUSU-LBGT campaign.
- The exact wording of the amendment is as follows

In the first instance, only those who have previously served on the executive may stand for election as President of the Campaign. If none of the current executive wish to stand for the position, or re-open nominations receives the highest number of votes in the first round, then the election is open to other members of the campaign.

- Josie (Chair) pointed that it would better be suited to clause G.
- Dan (Campaigns Officer) pointed out that with this there will be good continuity between the outgoing and incoming committees when the Exec changes.
- For the amendment to pass, there has to be a 2/3 majority vote at two consecutive Open Meetings.
- Votes were cast: For (20); Against (1); Abstained (2)
- The proposed amendment to the constitution has passed the first of two rounds. The motion would be put forward at the next Open Meeting.

**(b) LBGT Film Society**

- Robin Sutton/Portia spoke about the need for a non-alcohol based event, and hence brought forward his intentions of setting up an LBGT Film Society.
- Josie highlighted that CUSU-LBGT organise fortnightly socials and women's coffees that are quite different from the usual Club22 scene.

- Robin/Portia explained that he has booked the Graduate Union (which is free). They have a new AV system installed and hence would be ideal for film screenings. Those interested may be allowed to bring one friend with them. This stipulation is necessary as the GU may charge for the venue/facilities if there are too many people.
- Food and drink are permitted on the premises as well.
- The first LGBT Film Society screening was on 28-Oct and was attended by 6 people.
- Robin/Portia also mentioned that while the venue hire is free, a £50 deposit was required by the GU to ensure no damages occurred. While this came from his personal account for the first event, he would rather the CUSU-LGBT budget be used instead.

## 10. Emergency Motions

### (a) CUSU-LGBT 07/08 Presidency

- Carol proposed a motion of No Confidence in the current President of the campaign, Nikki Gratton. The motion was seconded by Jon Laurence (Welfare Officer).
- Carol outlined the reasons for the proposed vote:
  - Limited contribution towards the betterment of the campaign. Very little communication with the Exec.
  - She has not attended the past three meetings, and did not send apologies to one of those meetings.
  - Nikki has not participated in the preparation for several events organised by the Exec (Garden Party, Freshers' Fair, Launch Party).
  - She has ignored emails from companies who have tried to organise events in conjunction with CUSU-LGBT for the LGBT community.
- Carol then explained that for the vote of No Confidence to be passed, there has to be a 2/3 majority vote at two consecutive Open Meetings.
- Josie added that Nikki has several commitments which all require her attention. Robin Sutton/Portia added that while that may be the case, as President of a campaign like CUSU-LGBT, priority should be given to it over all other commitments.
- Votes were cast: For (17); Against (0); Abstained (7)
- The vote of No Confidence in the President of the Campaign (Nikki Gratton) has passed the first of two rounds. The motion would be put forward at the next Open Meeting.

## 11. Elections

### (a) Socials & Transgender Officers

- Shereen Akhtar (Trinity) and Shaun Ng (Trinity Hall) stood for the position of Socials Officer while Robin Sutton/Portia (Staff) stood for Transgender Officer.
- After a 2min hustings speech each and questions from the floor, votes were cast:
  - Socials Officer: Shereen (19); Shaun (6); RON (1)
  - Transgender Officer: Robin/Portia (24); RON (1)
- Shereen Akhtar and Robin Sutton/Portia were duly elected as Socials and Transgender Officers respectively.

## 12. AOB

### (a) Reps Training & Social

- Kaur (Reps Coordinator) announced that the abovementioned will be held on 13 Nov.
- Trained councillors from the University Counselling Service will be present.
- Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

### (b) [no definition] Magazine

- Josie announced on Luke's behalf that contributions for the next issue of [no definition] are very welcome.
- Those interested in submitting articles are to get in touch with Luke ([no definition] Editor).

### (c) Christmas Party

- Josie informed everyone of an upcoming Christmas Party. Details to be announced on all the mailing lists.

### (d) Pub Crawl

- Alex Green (Ents-I Officer) and Luke will be planning a pub crawl later this term. Details will be announced on all the mailing lists.

The meeting concluded at 8.50PM.

Minutes prepared by Jeremy Rashid.