

## **KCGS Executive Committee Meeting 10/10/16 - Minutes**

### **Apologies**

- Lera, Anjalene, Niahm

### **Officer Updates**

The Social Secretary requested the committee's opinion on asking the catering committee to replace sachets of condiments in the dining hall with reusable bottles. This was thought to be a good idea as it would reduce waste, and the cost could potentially be offset by an additional fixed charge. She will propose it to the catering committee at next week's meeting.

The Academic Affairs Officer reported that there had been some interest from students in participating in an Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, and that she would organise an informal meeting this week to discuss the graduate lunchtime seminar series.

The President and the Sports and Societies Officer reported that there will be a cross-college MCR sports day on October 15<sup>th</sup>, organised by themselves, and invited all to participate.

The International Officer asked whether or not KCGS should organise an international food event. The committee noted that KCGS does not have the budget to facilitate this, but it could be organised as a potluck if students contributed food. This could be combined with grad drinks, provisionally suggested for Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Junior Treasurer reported that the College Finance Committee is proposing to remove the undergraduate and graduate student representative positions, under concerns for reserved matters and lack of student interest. It was agreed that KCGS is opposed to this move.

### **Reflections on Freshers' Week**

The Chair congratulated the committee on all their work during freshers' week.

The President asked whether any particular recommendations should be made to next year's committee on the basis of this year's experience. The Environmental Officer noted that printed schedules were not used, and that next year KCGS can go entirely paperless in its promotion of events. He also suggested having more well-marked recycling bins at large events like grad drinks and the hostel parties. It was believed that KCGS spending on freshers' week was under budget, subject to confirmation.

### **Proposed Plans for Chetwynd Court**

The President shared a preliminary architectural proposal to enclose Chetwynd Court under a glass roof. She asked for feedback to take to a discussion in college council this week. Various concerns were raised over the proposal, notably the enclosure of students' primary outdoor space within college and the required scale of expenditure when other renovations seemed more pressing. Some exec members were positive about the idea. The primary question raised was how this would benefit the student community, as the proposal appeared to be aimed at creating a space for conferences in the first instance.

### **Cranmer/Grasshopper Development**

The President reported that the development of the Cranmer/Grasshopper graduate accommodation site was going ahead, subject to planning permission. Initial feedback from the planning permission process has required that the southern building be moved further back from Leckhampton Lane. This will reduce the amount of garden space, which students had wanted to keep as large as possible. The President reported that there is a planning meeting on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, and invited KCGS members to attend. She also invited KCGS members to visit a recently completed project by the same architects at Girton, to look at issues such as furniture and fittings in rooms and give feedback to the architects. Card access to kitchens and common rooms as well as bedrooms was raised as a potential issue, that may solve problems of food theft but also make access more restricted than students were happy with.

### **1985 Fund**

The President reported that the 1985 fund provides a significant amount of money each year to be spent on something that will benefit the student committee as a whole. KCGS and KCSU will decide this together, and the President invited KCGS members to submit ideas that can be taken to a joint meeting with KCSU in late October.

### **Robinson Room**

The President reported that college are intending to install card access to the Robinson Room, currently accessed by a single key held in the porters' lodge. The exec discussed whether having the room accessible at all times would create problems of misuse of what should be a shared KCGS/KCSU study space. The Chair suggested shutting the room at midnight. The Sports and Society Officer suggested that it could be accessible to all to begin with, and access restricted only if it is abused.

### **Any Other Business**

None

### **Items for the Next Meeting**

- Clarification of use of the grad suite for informal events, and the presence of undergraduates at these.
- Paperless formals.