

11 October 2016

BA Committee meeting

BA Rooms

Present:

Filip Szczypinski

Mark Burrell

Rory Little

Olivia Tidswell

Lydia Heinrichs

Talia Pettigrew

James Manton

Rozi Vofely

Ravi Solanki

Sofia Taylor

Apologies:

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1. Committee communication - Slack can do separate channels for topics, easy to filter messages. Asana is slow and impossible to follow, discussions die. It is good to have for tasks and overall management but not discussions. Chat (fb) is awful because it can't be searched, various threads take over personal communication and we easily get distracted but it's easy to use. We use ba. addresses in Slack (except ents) so next committee can read the messages. However, Slack only stores 10 000 messages while BA emails get archived and emails are also easy to search. Decision: we will try to use Slack for now and discuss experiences at next meeting.
2. Freshers' Week was great, Filip thanks everyone for their help. Int'l food night should move to the marquee or other college room, it was much nicer than the BA Rooms. Impromptu party after wine and cheese was very well received - incorporate it in next year's plan and get permissions.
3. Dinners - invite TCSU (elected officers only) to a dinner to improve relations.
4. Women's forum - will this be regular? Olivia will discuss the needs and expectations of attendees and gets back to us.
5. Parkrun - Field Club does not want to spend money on taxi. Costs are of order £3 pounds, people can chip in. President will liaise with ACC who may allocate money specifically for this.
6. Seminars: pre-formal seminars will be replaced by lunchtime seminars once a month, kindly funded by the Graduate Tutors. Lunchtime is less convenient for lab-based students but it is more convenient for Fellows. Fellows from similar subject areas will give feedback to those who present their work. Talk is to last about 5 min, plus time for Q&A, two topics per event (like Fellows' Research Talks). Filip will discuss the details with the Grad Tutors.

7. Tea with College contacts - to happen this term, also with help from the Graduate Tutors.
8. Book club - Mark to get in touch with Jean Khalfa, who will help us get Fellows involved.
9. London museum trip - JK suggests Tate Modern and use his connections to bring us the son of the artist who will explain his father's work.
10. JK also suggests an exhibition/discussion of Trinity's rare old books as a cultural event.
11. It would be great to have more ballroom dance classes - need to reach out to CUCDT.
12. Music in the Bar - staff is already bored of jazz. We collected flyers from various bands at Freshers' Fair, also we could invite Sean Holden and provide a place for Trinity's musicians/DJs etc.
13. Matilda tickets - in the end we have them for 24 Nov, changed it in calendar.
14. Xmas Dinner - Lydia has already booked the band. They will play for 10-15 min as we get in and then around dessert time. JB takes requests to play music and use high table to the College Council.
15. Trampoline park - Rory needs to discuss the budget with Ravi.
16. Another trip to London, possibly museums - Lydia can plan and maybe talk to the Chaplain (Andrew) as there is a planned London getaway.
17. BA Feast - Filip booked the Master's Lodge for predrinks from 6.30-7.30 (downstairs only). Sofia needs to confirm starting time with Catering.
18. Gingerbread decorating - moved to Sunday 11 Dec afternoon. We need to ask Catering if they can prepare us a large amount of gingerbread dough.
19. Sofia is staying for Xmas and will organise movie night/potluck - something small and cosy that makes people stuck here feel loved.
20. Graduate open day 2 Nov 1-5 pm - Sheila would like 3-4 students sitting in Allhusen. We will advertise the opportunity to the Society. Filip will figure this out.
21. Committee Bank account - it is annoying that we cannot have a bank card, maybe we should look into opening a new account.
22. BA TV Room - equipment has not been PAT tested yet (Works Dept is very busy at the moment) but they generally consider the place safe now. We will prepare a manual for the TV.
23. Wifi & tablet for BA Room - James will get in touch with IT office. He will also discuss the issues with the website.
24. BA Room bookings - Filip will check bookings more thoroughly and we will remind people to provide crsid and nature of event too. Societies are not allowed to use the room for their parties without explicit permission from the Committee. Filip and Sofia will meet with Boat Club Captain to discuss crew pasta - one crew ~10 people are very welcome, 30+ aren't as they make it impossible for others to use the common room. We will also propose that Boat Club gets access to Adrian House/Butler House party rooms for these dinners.
25. BA Kitchen - fridge to be cleared by those who do brunch, also buy coffee, tea and herbal tea (non-caffeinated, more than one kind). Stickers and pen next to fridge so people can label items.
26. Liaison committee meeting: BA Survey, room booking, charging for events, group seating and BA dinner ticketing to be discusses, Mark and Rozi will report back.

27. BA Dinner issues - Food Cttee meeting is postponed, in the meantime, Filip and Sofia will meet with Ian separately.
28. 4th years status - we don't have the list of all 4th years from Pam yet. Catering currently allows not only all 4th years but anyone above 21 independent of status to book BA formal tickets. This is a problem because College heavily subsidises the tickets for the benefit of graduate students and not undergraduates. If the numbers are small and it is a lot easier to run the system like this, we will accept this. Decision is postponed until we know more.
29. Constitution - to be reviewed every 5 years (was not happening), standing orders to be reviewed every year. James is working on the constitution. Everyone should send the description of their role to him. We will also need to decide on membership and timeframes of elections.
30. Need to clarify membership issues with ACC - "membership cannot be limited" but we are, yet they fund us..
31. Website - the new address works but it's not properly linked up with the old. James explains there are some issues. It may be easier to host the website somewhere else but this means having to start from zero. Filip suggests we could set it up similar to TCSU webpage, without a newsfeed, with easy access to popular content. Website will also need to contain our social media policy if we allow comments (we probably won't).
32. Facebook - group is good for discussions, we will keep sensibly moderating it. Selling bikes is fine as well as advertising other society events that seem relevant to the community. Creating an event for a group is better than the same for a page. Our posts do not get lost in a page so much as in the group. Rozi will go through list of fb group members with our list of BA members and remove users who are no longer members of the society.