

2017.01.21. Committee meeting

Present:

Filip
Ravi
Mark
Sofia
James
Rory
Lydia
Olivia
Eszter
Olia
Rozi

Apologies:

Brieuc
Talia
Ryan

1. Filip's updates:
 - a. Budget is now approved.
 - b. BA dinner guest tickets - college council minutes were imprecise, they haven't discussed ba dinners yet. Number of tickets was discussed on friday, should get updates soon, we will probably get the two guest tickets.
2. Budget update - Ravi:
 - a. We are doing well. No exact numbers right now because card reader battery needs replacement. Eszter has a reader Ravi can use until we get a replacement.
3. Mark - mental health workshop
 - a. Graduate tutors' office raised that it's not only for side F grads. Mental Health advisor is involved. Different person will run it - £100 cheaper, same qualifications. Senior Tutor's office wants welfare budget to cover expense. Full cost is £300 plus manuals etc. This is more than we can afford but we should offer to cover some part of the expenses, catering and resources for example. Some from the welfare budget, some from elsewhere. Animal day is scheduled for next term, we can probably save money there.
 - b. We can go up to £100 (cost of 2 welfare events on average) but this is an important issue for every graduate student so it would be nice to receive financial support from College.
 - c. This will be an item on the budget next year. Our welfare budget is still tiny in proportion of other events.
 - d. We will raise this at the Liaison Committee meeting (Mark won't be there).

4. BA rooms:
 - a. Tables arrived. New coffee table ordered.
 - b. Filip wants new chairs.
 - c. BA Kitchen budget - lots of money left, we will buy plates etc. New cake stand.
 - d. Laura from Works Department will let us know when they have time to do further improvements (lighting, wall shelves/bench etc). We don't have to pay for anything they normally stock.
 - e. Sound is still annoying, not sure if it can be eliminated, Works Department is aware.
 - f. Ashley will buy the new tablet and liaise with the Computing Office about internet.
 - g. Decoration ideas - old pictures of Trinity? Something artsy on the noise wall?
 - h. Grad boat wants us to buy a blade - we're not keen but may do it if we can afford it. The boat club doesn't have money for this. We will wait until they get in touch and quote a price.
 - i. TV Room will be fixed soon.
 - j. We have budget for netflix etc.
 - k. We should buy things that make the BA Rooms more attractive. Buy more board games and run tea & board games events.
 - l. Stock some decoration for all seasons. We are planning to create more storage space.
 - m. Get rid of books, focus on board games. Except travel guides. Artsy craftsy books - crochet, knitting etc.
 - n. Empty the Other cupboard - Filip, Ravi, Rozi
5. BA Society Taxi account - eliminates the need for cash. We will set it up.
6. Lent events
 - a. GoAPE as "adventure" - still in Lent - total cost is £225 for 30 people. Rory to negotiate price, Ravi allocates £50 more.
 - b. Tea with college contacts - Filip meets Sheila this week and reports back
 - c. Chocolate tasting - 20 people £16 per person. Easier to go to Chocolat Chocolat than to get a room in College and Catering to service. To happen when Sofia is back.
 - d. Room booking wisdom: leave enough time to get all the signatures. Sofia, Filip, Mark, Rory and Rozi went to the Dean's meeting and can book rooms without having to see her.
 - e. Movie nights to happen out of term.
 - f. Olivia organises a cinema trip for women and uses the allocated budget to cover refreshments before/after.
 - g. Eszter looks into organising blood donation. Coordinate with TCSU and talk to Catherine Barnard. Bringing a truck here might not be easy, we can go to Wesley Church.
 - h. Mark looks into STI testing. HIV chlamydia syphilis gonorrhoea.
 - i. Lydia - Ballet trip £616 spent, £300 actual cost.
7. Issues for Liaison Meeting

- a. Accommodation issues from Green Street. Washing machine out of order, couple not being able to use College Launderettes. We're not sure how this is possible, but maybe couples accommodation need more guidance. (other Bidwells managed places are fine, Teresa Peters sent an email answering most common issues at the beginning of the year). We will put a generic comment/enquiries form on website that can be used to report accommodation issues too. Mark will ask the couple to send Rozi the full story as it is unclear now.
 - b. BA rooms - we have rules we cannot enforce equally (alcohol consumption, societies booking). What are we supposed to do?
 - c. Membership issue: Constitution says mature students and certain 4th years are associate members, catering department decided anyone aged 21+ can book tickets, these are not the same.
 - d. Honorary members - originally intended for visiting students, who are currently classified as affiliates. Can we redefine the term?
 - e. Alumni tickets - can any MA get tickets? Can we give tickets to past members of the BA Society?
8. Food committee & formals
- a. Dessert competition - ask Ian about what issues they may have with the idea.
 - b. Running dinner's best meal - no need to ask, Sofia can add it to the menu.
 - c. Info: Catering Department has a new front of house, Vincenzo, the new head chef is starting soon.
 - d. Dress code is now formal with gowns, Ian checks for gowns and tie. This was not discussed with us, we need to notify people.
 - e. Predrinks: very few people go to the Bar but there are slightly more people than 150 so we need to have two locations. Turning people away from the OCR doesn't work very well.
Ideas to try:
Starting later in OCR
Serving drinks in the Bar only (while keeping OCR for hanging out)
9. Constitution and standing orders
- a. Types of membership - honorary is the same as affiliates, limited to students. Before we decide to redefine or get rid of it, we need to talk to College, also about the status of mature students.
 - b. MAs can use the BA Rooms and book formal tickets.
 - c. Names of positions will change: Treasurer -> Junior Treasurer
Pastoral care...welfare -> Liaison Officer and Welfare Officer, separately. Liaison is part of executive committee
 - d. Green and outreach issues are the responsibility of the Liaison Officer.
 - e. Women's rep becomes a permanent role.
 - f. Computer officer->computing officer
 - g. Officers (elected at normal election) vs representatives (1st years - elected early in Michaelmas, women's - appointed by committee, LGBTQ+ - appointed by committee).

- h. Positions held until next general elections.
- i. Current committee member submit a description of their roles to James.
- j. Open meetings. Can the committee be forced to do whatever petitioners want?
Yes, as long as it's reasonable/possible.
- k. Motion of no confidence can be passed at an open meeting with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
- l. Referenda - we need this, it allows people to vote online, as opposed to open meetings.
- m. Senior Treasurer is a signaturree on the bank account, president too.
- n. Limits on how much money committee members can spend before being reimbursed make little sense now, this will be specified in the new standing orders.