

DCAC Committee Meeting 25th February

Prepared for:
JCR Committee 2009/10

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Present:
Dr Adriana Pesci (DCAC Senior Treasurer), Davy Kurniawan (MCR Treasurer), Ali McWhirter (JCR President 2009/10), Katie Marshall (JCR President 2008/09), Karim Javeri (DCAC Junior/JCR Treasurer 2009/10), Matt Halford (DCAC Junior/JCR Treasurer 2008/09).

Apologies:
Brett Kennedy (MCR President)

1. Introductions

The new committee were introduced and explained their roles by the outgoing committee. The DCAC thanks the outgoing committee for their service over the past year.

2. TV in the Bar

The bar has shown some interest in setting up a new flat screen TV in the bar to be used mainly for sporting events and to be positioned above the door where the clock currently is. The plan is to get rid of the unused grey TV, move the JCR flat screen back down to the party room and use the small screen for notices. The current quality of the flat screen owned by the JCR was decided as not good enough.

MH brought up the issue of funding, asking if there was money and said we were in surplus from last year. KM voiced the issues of low frequency of free to view sporting events, what will the TV be used for the rest of the time and could they borrow a projector from conferencing when there are big sporting events. DK asked if the bar could part fund it, although AP said it was unlikely.

MH said the TV license is currently split between the DCAC and the bar (2/3:1/3) and so the building already has a license. No decision was made as the query was only one made by the bar in conversation and so the DCAC was weighing up the options.

3. Ents accounts

Rumours had recently surfaced about an investigation regarding the ents accounts and potential fraud. The identity of the signatories was also ambiguous. It was discovered that this was just a rumour and there was not fraud, the account is in AP's name but she needs another signatory to pass it over (Rhemayo Brooks or Dan Barker). AM said he would contact Emily Wakeford and Anna Herlihy, the Ents Officers (2009/10) and get the signature handed over. Ents had many out of date cheques and owed people money. Ents had previously (2008/09) been working out of a box of coins. It was decided to get the signatures changed over and the out of date cheques rewritten. AP will keep the cheque book and EW and AH need to visit her whenever they want one.

4. International storage

Proposal to have a system where international students leave a deposit with the International Officer when they store their items, which will be refunded in full if they collect the items before a specified date at the beginning of the next term. The proposal was £30 and that any left-over items would be disposed of as of the first Friday of Week 1. Problem is where to put the money as International storage doesn't have an account. KM proposed charging the money to people's bills if they do not collect in time as they may be reluctant to hand over money or a cheque. She stressed that the system must be implemented properly to make it a credible threat.

5. Ents

Ents queried if they could apply to the depreciation fund to buy equipment. DCAC wants to know what they want. AM said they had a plan to get Maplin to look at what they already have and potentially get a deal from them on new equipment. Maplin is close and could be a long term investment, hence would be convenient if any repairs are needed. KM said we need to know what works, what doesn't belong to the JCR. AP asked for an estimate from Maplin. MH said we need a proposal from different sources and the potential of renting equipment instead. It was highlighted as crucial that Ents receive their handover document.

6. DCAC Open Meeting

Meeting was decided to be on the following Thursday, with proposals in by the Monday before.

7. Whiskey Society

Whiskey Society wanted reimbursement of new glasses. It has around 35 members, half of which are from the JCR and the other half are from the MCR. It was outlined that anyone spending a large amount of money for any reason must submit a proposal before expecting reimbursement.

This concluded the meeting, with a date for the next meeting to be set closer to the time it is required.