

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 6.2.15

Time: 13.30

Location: Committee room (Union)

Present: Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President), Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Fay Morrice (DoSDA), Porsiana Beatrice (Publicity officer), Mattias Eken

Absences: Brianna Vandrey, Ondrej Hajda (DoRep), Horizon Zhang

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

2. President report

Nothing to report.

3. Convenor report

Tania is meeting with the Library to discuss new merchandise they will be purchasing either to sell or give away in Freshers week.

The University is currently undergoing the Enhancement-led Institutional Review (ELIR), which happens every five years. One of the key themes of the review is the postgraduate experience, which Tania will be helping to report on.

In terms of accommodation there will be 700 places for postgraduates next year. Applications for returning students will open on Monday 9th for 1 week. The new five park halls of residence will cost £117 per week. Some postgraduate halls of residence will be undergoing renovation and as such will not be available next year. Tania will ensure that all information is passed on to new students and the process made clear. She is in discussions as to whether the university can guarantee places in halls for overseas postgraduate students.

Finally the St Leonard's Dinner for postgraduates being held in April sold out in 4 days.

4. Co-option of Event Convenor

Horizon sent an email to run in absentia. He was the only candidate and there were no objections. Horizon was awarded the position of Events Convenor.

5. Co-option of Treasurer

No one has run for this position and so the society will temporarily continue without one.

6. Whisky Tasting

David is still waiting to hear from the society what whiskys we should order.

7. Ceilidh

The Holy Trinity Church and band have been booked. David is visiting the venue on Wednesday 11th February. We will now advertise this event.

8. Running Dinner

A risk assessment needs to be completed for this event. Tickets are being sold via the union website, we are making a facebook event when sales are online.

9. Movie Night

David has asked for dates for summer screenings and is currently waiting for a reply. We can make an event and poll for the next movie.

10. Next Social

The next social will be the 5th or 12th March. David has contacted STAR and is waiting for a reply about a joint social.

11. SA elections

Nominations for the Students' Association elections open on the 19th-26th February. The campaigning starts on 27th February and voting is held 4th-6th March. We could use one of our socials as a chance for postgraduates to meet the candidates.

12. Alumni weekend

We can pick a time slot to host an event. We are considering a wine or whisky tasting. We decided that Friday 17th April at 7pm was the best time slot available. The event will not be ticketed.

13. Any other competent business

For the summer ball we discussed venues outside of St Andrews for example the Fairmont hotel, which has an option of a smaller venue size and could be a possibility if we charged more for tickets.

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