

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 13.2.15

Time: 13:30

Location: Committee room (Union)

Present: Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Ondrej Hajda (DoRep), Horizonz Zhang (Event Convenor), Porsiana Beatrice (Publicity Officer), Mattias Eken, Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor), Fay Morrice (DoSDA)

Absences: Brianna Vandrey

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

2. President report

David met with Bob, the owner of Holy Trinity Church hall, with regards to use of the venue for our upcoming Ceilidh. The venue seems well suited to our purposes and also includes the use of a large kitchen, so we could supply food.

3. Convenor report

Tania stated that Martyrs Kirk is going to extend their opening hours on a trial basis so that the Reading room will stay open until midnight 7 days a week until the end of this semester. As well as allowing all Masters students trial evening and weekend access.

Tania also visited the show flat for Ayton house, the private student halls to be ready for September. The show flat will open from 11-5pm next week for all students to visit. The cheapest accommodation they offer is £165 per week on a 50 week contract. Many of their rooms have already been booked for September 2015.

4. Co-option of Treasurer

Mattias Eken ran for treasurer. Mattias came to St Andrews in January 2015 to start a PhD. He was keen to be involved in the society and has experience being a sabbatical officer and the financial side of committees from his previous university. Mattias ran unopposed and was voted in unanimously.

5. Running Dinner

Registration for the running dinner is now live.

6. Ceilidh

Everything is booked for the Ceilidh on the 27th February. Porsiana will create a Facebook cover photo and the event will be advertised this week.

7. Election Social

We shall invite all candidates running in the upcoming student elections to our social on the 5th March so that they will have a chance to meet postgraduate students. Porsiana will make a Facebook cover for this event.

Ondrej is also hoping to organize a husting for postgraduate students in Deans Court.

8. Bus Trip

David has requested the society think of ideas where to go for the next bus trip. We will plan this next week.

9. Summer Ball

Scott suggested that the Kinkell Byre may be more familiar with student events than the Fairmont hotel and will inquire about venue size. He has requested that the committee consider a theme for this ball.

10. Any other competent business

Scott asked if Fay could source a DVD player for the Barron theatre before our next movie night. Fay will inquire about this as there may already be one available.

Porsiana has asked if we may take a new committee photo due to the recent changes in members. The committee agreed this may be a good idea. Porsiana will look into this.

The society will arrange another committee social soon. Porsiana will make a poll to see when everyone is free to meet up.

Date of next meeting: 20.2.15