

## **PG Society Committee Meeting**

**Date: 14 August 2015**

**Time: 1:30pm**

**In Attendance:** Aline Heyerick (PG Society President), Brianna Vandrey (Committee), Horizon Zhang (Events Convenor), Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor)

**Absences:** Alison Holiday, David van Brussel, Kyle Blain, Mattias Eken, Tania Strützel, Tim Hewlett

### 1. Minutes

Minutes from 24 July 2015 were approved.

### 2. President's Report

Post-event discussion of pub quiz from 13 August 2015, kindly hosted by Kyle Blain (DoSDA). Medium attendance for the event, likely 40-50 people. The venue was switched from Sandy's Bar to Beacon Bar due to floor maintenance in Sandy's. Students seemed happy to have time to de-stress from deadlines. Nice mix of PGTs and PGRs.

### 3. August 21<sup>st</sup> Social

DJs are currently being planned, by Chris MacRae (DoES). Need to make sure someone is present to supervise the free wine. Union Staff has their social before us on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are the first student event to ever be hosted in the new Club 601. Exciting! The event is being promoted on Facebook and in the Sunday Postgraduate.

### 4. Freshers' Week

-Initial Committee discussion to solicit feedback on the current designs for Freshers' Week cover photos. Samples include the PG Safari and PG Social specs. A possible idea is to have a different cover photo for most or all of the PG Society events during Freshers Week (e.g. Social, Safari, Picnic, Bonfire, etc). Discussion on the use of different designs, icons, colors, etc. Aline has done a great job creating these in her software. We will start advertising for Freshers' Week in two weeks, after the current group of PGTs submits their final dissertation. This will allow for roughly two weeks of Facebook advertising in advance of Freshers' Week events. We can plan additional details for Freshers' Week when more committee members are present and in town.

-There appears to be a substantial amount of Facebook activity for incoming postgraduate students both in our own PG Society Facebook group and the university's postgraduate

recruitment Facebook group. Most discussions posted by incoming students are either searching for fellow course mates or looking for private accommodation.

-The current thought is to make the EGM in week 2, while hosting an open committee meeting the prior week for new people to come along and 'grab a chair' to see what we do. Aim to get at least one new PGT student and one new PGR student onto the committee.

-Committee should be encouraged to engage with new students at the Freshers' Week socials, be social butterflies. It's always great to recruit new students to get involved with the PG Committee. It was noted by Aline that this may be a great task/role for Tim during Freshers' Week.

## 5. AOCB

-Gala contract is currently with Mattias for review. Will confirm when he returns from travels.

**Next meeting:** Friday, 21 August, 1.30pm, Committee Room