

## **PG society committee meeting**

**Date:** 17/10/14

**Time:** 12.30

**Location:** Main Bar (Union)

**Present:** Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President), Scott Schorr (ball convenor), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Syme van der Lelij (treasurer), Ondrej Hajda (DoREP), Horizonz Zhang, Claire Motion (LBGT postgrad rep), Andreea Oniga (event convenor)

**Absences:** Fay Morrice (DoSDA)

### **1. Approval of last weeks minutes**

No objections to the minutes

### **2. PG President report**

David stated that an extra bus had been booked for the Loch Lomond bus trip and were sold out within 10 hours. Further the movie night to be held this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October has also sold out.

### **3. PG Convenor report**

Tania reported that almost all postgrad reps have been trained now. With regards to the rectorial elections planning is underway, posters have been made and shall be put up in public spaces such as in halls in the next few days and she is still working on a postgrad specific candidate meeting.

Student services will be running stress relief workshops this October/November which will be applicable to postgraduate and undergraduate students.

CAPOD will be running a PhD in St Andrews for masters students event to inform current masters students what it is like doing a PhD in St Andrews. These events will include current PhD students being present to advise the masters students what it is really like.

This week the committee took part in a photo-shoot on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for the 2016 prospectus, this went well.

Tania has spoken to the Ents crew with regards to the ceilidh on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and everything is fine there.

Tania would like to encourage the committee to like and share the 'That's Union' campaign events on Facebook.

### **4. Treasurers report**

Syme has created a revised budget, which has been shared with the group on Facebook. This demonstrated that we have about £3000 available to spend and thus getting a second bus for the Loch Lomond trip is feasible.

## **5. Councils social -> That's Union Campaign**

The committee agreed the best way to advertise the postgrad social with the special councils members is to use social media and the Sunday postgraduate. Adverts will make it clear that free wine will be available at this social and will be themed in line with the main campaign, such as in the cover photo that will be used for the Facebook event.

## **6. Ceilidh**

The society will be holding a Ceilidh on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> October. A band has already been secured. The event will be free but as Rewind starts immediately afterwards which is a ticketed event so Tania wants to make sure its made clear that people will have to buy a ticket if they want to stay after the Ceilidh. The committee wants to provide Scottish snacks at the event and aim to do this via the union.

## **7. Gradball**

Scott has contacted Janettas and strikeforce regarding gradball but is waiting to hear back from them. Scott is also getting quotes from photography companies with regards to props. If we are having a casino theme then it will be possible to get one or two tables.

David stated that charities campaign would like to run the cloakroom which Scott agreed was fine.

Ondrej has a list of eligible graduates, however it consists of both undergraduates and postgraduates. This can be filtered to just postgraduates but will take some time. Ondrej will try to make this happen. Ticket sales will open on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

As gradball falls on world AIDs day, Clare has asked that the ball provides themed cocktails with a donation to the charity and that ribbons can be sold at the ball. Scott agreed this was possible. Clare is to send Scott a list of recipes for the cocktails she would like included.

## **8. Semester 2 event ideas**

Andreea had many ideas regarding events for semester 2 including: monthly pub quizzes, themed socials, variety show as part of on the rocks, BBQ in the summer, running or potluck dinner, whiskey tasting. Andreea will make a schedule of these events and post it on the Facebook group this week.

Further, she raised the issue that during PG socials at least one committee member should be present. Tania raised that there were problems with the socials as numbers tend to drop throughout the year. As such Andreea suggested we only hold socials once a month and they should be themed e.g. Game of Thrones, disco, 1920's and perhaps should be held in conjunction with other societies e.g. swing dance society, fine food society.

David is contacting charities campaign regarding a postgraduate event during RAG week.

Clare would like to host a social in conjunction with postgrad society for postgraduate LGBT members. The society agreed that this could be held in week nine and could involve free wine and cheese provided by the union.

**9. Movie nights**

David has stated that the movie nights have been very popular this year and we should consider a bigger venue than the Barron. It was suggested that we could ask the New Picture House about screenings as they used to hire out screens to students. Further, future bookings should be made slightly earlier to allow time for people arriving.

**10. Any other competent business**

A publicity officer has been added to the constitution whom we will co-elect on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The people running for the position should be encouraged to have design skills.

**Date of next meeting:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014