

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 23.1.15

Time: 14.30

Location: Society room (Union)

Present: Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Fay Morrice (DoSDA), Porsiana Beatrice (Publicity Officer), Brianna Vandrey

Absences: Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor), Syme van der Lelij (Treasurer), Ondrej Hajda (DoRep), Horizon Zhang

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

2. President report

David's report ties in with items on the agenda.

3. Convenor report

Tania reported that the PGT review is over. A 35-page report has been produced. It is currently with the Principals' office and will be passed to other committees. The outcome of the review will hopefully get more dedicated study space for taught postgraduates and twice as many rooms for postgrads next year. Gannochy house will not be available for rent next year. David asked about those students who are currently living there who would normally be able to re-apply to live there another year. Tania stated that they would be able to apply to other housing as returning students. Further one of the private halls of residence will be postgraduate only although no prices have been published for this yet.

4. Treasurer report

Syme was absent.

5. Debate

The joint debate that the Society is hosting with UDS is currently one speaker short on the euro-skeptic side. UDS may get in contact with the Conservative Society to find a speaker or provide one from their members. The UDS will advertise the event on Facebook as per their usual events.

6. Running Dinner

The running dinner which the Society will co-host with the Fine Food and Dining Society will now take place on 17th February to allow more time to advertise and organise. There will be a charge for the event but participants will get wine in exchange, this is to ensure people turn up. Fine Food are advertising this event but Porsiana will also make a Facebook cover to advertise as well.

7. Pub quizzes and socials

The first pub quiz is scheduled soon and no one has been organised to lead the quiz as Bright Club were not willing. It was suggested that instead of doing pub quizzes we re-allocate the money to Socials, e.g. so we can provide free wine.

We planned to do socials with other committees but this has not worked out although STAR may still be interested.

Sandy's Bar was booked for the first couple of pub quizzes. We will confirm if this is still the case and if so could use the slot for a RAG week social instead.

8. Movie nights

David has booked movie nights (22nd Feb, 22nd March, 22nd April) in the Barron Theatre. From May onwards it has not been booked but it should be less difficult to get bookings for these.

9. Whisky Tasting

The Whisky tasting is now on the 26th February and the Board Room has been booked. The Whisky Society is providing alcohol we just have to let them know what we want. Set-up will be at 7pm to start at 7.30pm. Porsiana will create a poster for this event.

10. Ceilidh: venue

Talked to town hall but they didn't seem to have anything available. Tania will try again.

11. Refreshers Fayre/Week

The Fayre is on the 1st from 11am-4pm. Tania will be on our stall from 11am-2pm David can do 2pm-4pm.

12. Looking ahead: Bus trip ideas

One idea for a bus trip was Loch Ness but it is probably too expensive.

13. AOCB

Andreea has resigned as Event Convenor as such we shall send out an email to co-opt someone if there is any interest.

Date of next meeting: 30th January