

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 24/10/14

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), Andreea Oniga (Event Convenor), Fay Morrice (DoSDA)

Absences:

Ondrej Hajda (DoRep)

1. Approval of last week's minutes

No objections to the minutes

2. President report

David stated that everything he had to report would be covered in other sections of the meeting.

3. Convenor report

Tania stated that more candidates are needed for the Rectorial election as currently only one person is running. Further, the postgraduate society constitution was passed at the SRC and will be put to the SSC this Tuesday 28th October.

4. Treasurer report

Syme stated that the Ceilidh is slight more expensive than predicted at £530 because of the snacks provided but this is not a significant increase. David is unsure whether we will be charged the normal booking fee for hiring venue 1 and so some saving may still be made on this event.

5. Ceilidh

The Ceilidh will be held on Friday 24th October, snacks and a band will be provided and it will start at 8. Entry will be free.

6. Guy Fawkes Bonfire

The society will host a bonfire on 5th November, which currently 1,000 people are attending on Facebook. Further, this event was listed as number 4 on Thursday 23rd October in The Saint's top 8 events to attend. David has ordered wood for the bonfire and was contacted by the Rotaract club who wish to set up a stall selling mulled wine to raise money for charity. The committee agreed this was fine.

7. Graduation Ball

Scott has heard back from Janettas and Strikeforce but is still waiting to hear about the sound system. He is meeting with Horizonz to see the ballroom for decorations.

With regards to the casino tables, Scott will check with the Old Course their policy on gambling. Ticket sales start on Saturday 25th October and will be advertised primarily to graduating postgraduates via email. David prepared the email and the committee approved the final draft. On Wednesday 29th October ticket sales will be advertised to all. Andreea raised an issue with the quality of music and the early start and finish times at the ball the society hosted in the summer. The music this time will be different but the timings cannot be changed due to the Old Course's licensing restrictions. Andreea suggested that we make it publicly known that this is why the event times are as such.

8. Semester 2 Calendar

Discussion of the semester 2 event timings will be postponed until next week due to the disappearance of the committee's Facebook group. Andreea will reupload the event schedule for next week. The events that are planned include monthly pub quiz, monthly social in conjunction with another society, potluck dinner, BBQ and 2 bonfires.

9. AOCB

Fine food and dining society are holding an EGM on Tuesday October 28th to elect a postgraduate rep.

Fay asked if the committee had any suggested strategies for increasing postgraduate engagement with other subcommittees. Electing postgraduate reps was suggested.

Fay also asked that the committee encourage postgraduates to audition for the University Challenge team. An information session will be held on Wednesday 29th October.

Date of next meeting: Friday 31st October, 1pm, Main Bar