

PG Society Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 30 September, 5-6pm

Society Room A

Attendance: Aline Heyerick (PG President), Tania Struetzel (PG Convenor), Chris Carroll (Ball Convenor), Tim Hewlett (Publicity Officer), Alison Holiday, Luke Shaw, Scott Schorr

Apologies: Kyle Blain (DoSDA), Mattias Eken (Treasurer)

1. Approval of minutes

The EGM minutes and last week's minutes were approved.

2. President's report

Aline attended the SSC meeting on Tuesday. The following motions were passed: allow the AU president to vote on SSC, NUS referendum rules, changes to the Mermaids constitution, and On The Rocks as a new subcommittee and non-voting SSC member. Kyle introduced the Student Project Fund, a £6000 budget for student activities, which the PG committee can and should look into, e.g. for funding of the second PhD Movie. Mattias and Aline have been sorting out the financial side of the bus trip, gala, and movie night.

3. Convenor's report

Most postgraduate class rep positions have been filled, except PGR positions in a few Schools. Postgraduate class rep training starts tomorrow (Thursday, October 1st), and a handbook will be provided for them by Tania. Applications for the PG Trustee Position on the Students' Association Board are now being accepted.

4. Bus Trip

Chris and Mattias will lead the bus trip. They will be given a list of ticket holders and timetable for the trip from Aline. On the day they will hand out a list to collect contact numbers of the people present, and will hand out a contact number, so both organisers and participants can contact each other. Two participants and Chris still need to pay Mattias. One participant has paid Aline. This money will be handed to the cash office later.

5. Gala

Pat Mathewson, Joe Tantillo, and David van Brussel cannot attend the Gala. Their tickets are now offered to Heather McKiggan-Fee (CAPOD), Cat Wilson (CAPOD), and Tamara Lawson (St Leonard's College). The committee also put Sarah Whittle forward to be invited. Tickets for the empty positions of Events Convener and Secretary will be held for at least another week.

Aline will contact Stephanie of Hotel Du Vin Events about personalised menus, and the possibility of having (empty) vases on the tables. The Committee could provide flowers for

the vases as centrepieces. Aline will also request fabric napkins and communicate the dietary requirements of the guests.

6. RAG week event

Aline was contacted about potential RAG week events hosted by the Postgraduate Society. Tania suggested contacting Katie Dickerson, who is putting together a team of postgraduate charities volunteers. Aline will contact Katie and suggest co-hosting an event together, and discuss possible events that are popular for the Postgraduate Society (e.g. pub quiz, bus trip, wine tasting, etc).

7. Guy Fawkes bonfire and Ceilidh

The Postgraduate Society was contacted by the SRC Officer for Mature Students to organise a shared bonfire. They will contribute half the money for the fire. Tania will communicate with them. Aline will contact David to ask who needs to be contacted to gain permission to host a bonfire on East Sands.

8. Ceilidh – performance venue

A venue needs to be chosen. Depending on cost and availability, the choices are between the performance venue in the Students' Association and Trinity Church Hall. A ceilidh band needs to be found.

9. Co-option for vacant positions

Co-option of a Secretary and Events Convener will be advertised for the next week. Tania will arrange for a Sabb to attend the meeting to oversee the co-option.

10. Raisin

Based on the closure of a lot of venues and chaotic, drunken state of much of the town's population, the tea and cake event will be moved to a different week.

11. AOCB

Scott explained details about the Enterprise Week postgraduate event, which will be advertised in the Sunday Postgraduate.

There is a Halloween event in the Union, taking up the entire building. The Postgraduate Society therefore cannot make use of space in the Union that evening.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 7 October, 5pm, Society Room A