

## **Postgraduate Society Committee Meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> of April 2016, 17:00**

### **Student Union, Societies' room A**

**Present:** Aline Heyerick (Postgraduate President), Lauchlan Hall (Incoming President), Chris Carroll (Ball Convener), Mattias Eken (Treasurer), Stephanie Pambakian (Secretary), Alison Holiday, Laura Staffini, Scott Schorr.

**Absent:** Tim Hewlett (Marketing Officer).

**1. Approval of Minutes:** last week's minutes have been approved.

**2. President's report:** Tickets for the bus trip are on sale. The AGM is tomorrow, and Kyle said he will be present. No news on Convenor's nominations. On April 26 SCR is going to co-opt a development officer.

**3. Convenor's report:** No convenor, no report.

**4. Treasurer's report:** Mattias spoke with Tony and has vouchers for the quiz, 5 with the worth of 2£ each to be used at the Rector's Cafe. The wine has been ordered for Friday. About St Leonard's college, the meeting with Tamara went well and she is excited to see the new policy document. There should be a meeting with her and Derek after the document is ready, perhaps right before the start of the next academic year. Mattias also reports that he and Tamara would suggest that until St Leonard's remains lacking of a physical space, we make a more regular use of those venue that are available, such as the Beacon bar and the Old Union Café.

**5. AGM and quiz:** The quiz is at 7pm at the Beacon bar, followed immediately by the AGM at 8. We shall advertise the event as starting at 6.30. The presence of all committee members is warmly recommended. Lauchlan will print sheets for 20 teams.

**6. Alumni social:** 15<sup>th</sup> of April, Friday at the Beacon bar, 8pm.

**7. Bonfire:** 16<sup>th</sup> of April, Saturday. Chris confirms wood delivery after 5pm, we can ask for 7.15 pm, event starts at half past, near the ramp. We shall we provide marshmallows and people will bring their own drinks. Wood costs 60£, Chris will pay and claim back later.

**8. Bus trip to Arrochar:** The invoice has been sent, and Mattias will double check. Tickets are 8.50£ each, 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. The bus leaves at 8.30 for a journey of about 2.5 hrs. Aline proposes to print some walking routes for people. We have 2 spots reserved for committee members: Mattias, Steph, Chris and Laura express interest, so chaperons will be decided later. Participants need to wear appropriate footgear and bring a packed lunch.

**9. Talk SA Friday:** Lauchlan was contacted by the International officer for an event at Sandy's bar on Friday, 12-1pm. There will be representatives from recruitments agencies, and someone from the PG soc should attend. Mattias volunteers.

**10. Summer Ball:** Chris gives an update. He and Laura have discussed the feasibility of decorations options, and will soon present a cost estimate. All agree that balloons are necessary. First aid is sorted. Stevie will be contacted for lights. We discuss how to suggest to guests that costumes would be appreciated without giving the impression of giving a fancy dress party. We still need ideas for entertainment and stage decorations.

**11. AOCB:** Lauchlan reposts that the Alumni and Welfare committees would like someone from PG Soc committee to attend their meetings. Aline point out that this concerns the development officer. He also brings up the possibility of electing an alumni officer in our society, applying a change in the Constitution. All agree that such position seems redundant, and that we can simply devolve some additional duties onto the Event Convenor. Lauchlan also reports that he was invited to the procession in September, and asks if we can consider running some PG welfare events over the summer.

Chris reports on Grad Ball. He had a meeting with the Fellowship, and they are interested in a cross-over event, by dividing the marquee and then bring the screens down. He also suggests to run two balls. Aline points out that we would then miss out on income and risk to lose control over organization issues. Another venue we can consider is the Old Course, and Chris proposes to have both balls there, one after the other. All agree. Chris will ask to book the dates of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2016, 17:00**

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