

PGSoc Meeting 14/6/2016

Present: Aline Heyerick (President), Laura Staffini (Treasurer), Chris Carroll (Ball Convenor), Euan Grant (PG Academic Convenor), Brianna Vandrey (Secretary), Jennifer Bre (Member w/out portfolio), Janina Narloch

Absent: Scott Schorr, Flora Pauer, Stephanie Pambakian, Mattias Eken, Alison Holiday, Lauchlan Hall

1. Approval of minutes

- Minutes approved.

2. President's report

- White tie and onesie social is booked for the main bar. Wine order needs to be put in.
- Bus trip invoice hasn't arrived, but the booking is confirmed.
- Sunday PG: Need to determine who will take over after Aline.

3. Academic Convenor's report

- DebateSoc Event:
 - DebateSoc is happy to co-organise event in 2nd semester next year.
 - PGSoc needs to propose a motion (Idea: 'PG degree is not good value for money') and suggest speakers. Selection of motions will be sometime in 1st semester.
 - Speakers: We could ask Derek, director of PG studies, or someone from careers. If there is funding from St Leonards we could invite someone from outside of St Andrews.

4. Treasurer's report

- Check for Janettas has been handed in.
- Budget is finalised for 2016/17. This will be posted online.
- Ticket sales: Bus trip has sold 23 tickets, Wonderland Ball has sold 98 tickets.
- Bus trip invoice: This will now be paid in cash, cash office is currently following it up.
- Social will cost approximately £100.
- Budget is now complete for this year.

5. Wonderland Ball

- Ticket sales are increasing, but slowly.
- Ideas to boost ticket sales:

- Social media competition (used last year)
- Reduce cake budget and provide a drinks reception.
- Pub quiz: Offer a prize for free drinks at the ball bar
- Social: Offer a prize for best dressed (up or down!)
- Decoration:
 - Thursday crafts happening in Club 601. New doodle poll is online.
 - Provisionally meeting Sunday too.
- Cakes: Cottage Kitchen has provided a list of the cakes they are providing. They will provide the cakes and we will source smaller goodies (cookies etc)
- Chris is meeting about lighting on Sunday.

6. AOCB

- Cake & Tea Party:
 - Went well, despite weather being rubbish. Good feedback.
 - Pictures will be made available online, some can be used on the FB page for publicity.
 - Might be worth repeating for publicity in the future because there is good traffic outside of the library.
 - Feedback on ticket price: Some students think the tickets are too expensive.
- Summer Calendar:
 - Pub quiz on 5/7
 - No bonfire scheduled as no one is available to staff it.
 - Paintballing? Could be fun, but expensive to organise.
- President-elect leaving St Andrews:
 - No procedural advice from the Union yet.
 - Committee will have to delegate responsibility until election can be re-opened.
 - Sunday PG can be a joint effort between committee members (possibly Euan, Alison & Bri)
 - Laura can chair meetings.