

PGSoc Meeting 21/6/2016

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

Absent: Scott Schorr, Laura Staffini, Stephanie Pambakian, Mattias Eken, Alison Holiday, Lauchlan Hall

1. Approval of minutes

- Minutes approved (14/6/2016).

2. President's Report

- 4 tickets left unsold for bus trip – results in minor loss of £58.
- Aline is currently taking over event promotion for Stephanie in her absence.
- FB page: Needs to be designated to someone new when Aline's presidency ends.
- The phone left on the bus trip was returned to its owner successfully.

3. Academic Convenor's Report

- PG Exec forum:
 - The forum has been organised.
 - Euan asks if anyone would like to / should be included.
 - Ilaria will do minutes.
 - Need to organise with deans, and determine whether the provost or proctor will attend.
 - Euan will have an official date for the meeting by next week.
- Martyr's Kirk:
 - Meeting focussed on special collections, the use of the space, and noise etc in the building. It is unclear what the remit of this group will be after the planned move to Gaurdbridge.
 - Some PGR students are unhappy with the use of the space by PGTs.
 - The use of the space by PGTs is largely driven by lack of office space, this problem may be partially alleviated by the move to Gaurdbridge.
 - Future meetings:
 - It might be useful for Alison to be at some of the future meetings.
 - If anyone on the PG committee knows people who use the space and would want to be represented, these shouldn't be closed forums.
 - PG Soc could do a questionnaire to assess PG attitudes towards the use of this space.

4. Treasurers Report

- All accounts are up to date.
- Gillian's books aren't ready yet.
- 113 early bird, 2 full price tickets are sold; 200 tickets need to be sold to break even.

- Laura: if there are any questions in her absence she can be contacted via e-mail.

5. Social

- Committee members attending: Flora, Euan, Jen, Janina, Aline
- There will be a prize for best dressed up / dressed down, judged by attending members of the committee (Euan chair of 'up', Flora chair of 'down').
- Prize: Free entry to the ball. If the winner has already purchased a ticket, drinks at the ball will be offered instead. If the winner cannot attend the ball, drinks at the Union bar will be offered instead.
- Aline will hand over her gown to Alison at the social as it is her last event as President :(

5. Summer Ball

- Chris will be away from Friday.
- Decorations:
 - Still need to be finished (1-2 craft sessions required).
 - To make: Stage centerpiece (PGSoc logo), croquet set, lances, heads from cards, signs, remaining roses and cards (to be counted)
 - Will order feathers, googly eyes, and hats for the hat toss.
- Cake: Chris has requested a quote, we will consider alternative vendors if this isn't received soon.
- Lights: Meeting on Sunday with Stevie to finalise.
- Tables: Chris will order. We should be able to use 10 from the church.
- Wristbands ordered.
- Volunteers: Chris is working on the shifts, we still need more volunteers.
- Chris will update to-do list on dropbox so people can tick things off as they are completed.

6. AOCB

- Events schedule: Lauchlan and Flora have created an events plan for the next 3 months. Flora will start working on events for July. Euan is happy to do a quiz in late July (date TBD). Also hoping to have a bus trip, and a social (or bonfire!).