

MINUTES OF THE
MICHAELMAS 2015 TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE
DARWIN COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (DCSA)

Held in the
Common Room Darwin College Cambridge



On Tuesday
3rd November 2015
At 8:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson, Stephanie Ashenden (DCSA President), called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm. The DCSA LGBT Officer, Joe O'Connell acted as the secretary of the meeting and recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

II. CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND QUORUM

Approximately 35 students were in attendance at any given time during the General Meeting (exact attendance is listed for each motion). The quorum of 50 fee-paying students (10% of current Darwin students) was not reached.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The minutes of the Lent 2015 Termly General Meeting, held on 2nd June 2015, were approved with no amendments.

IV. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

V. DCSA NOVEMBER ELECTIONS HUSTINGS

The following candidates for election in the DCSA November Elections were invited to hust for their positions (numbers indicate the number of positions available)

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Entertainments Officer

BIRNER, Audrey

1

Communications Officer

WINZECK, Stefan

1

International Officer

SCHLUTTER, Regina

1

Secretary

GRAY, Elaine

1

LGBT Officer

GORCHS-ROVIRA, Aleix

1

Green Officer

STAMMNITZ, Max

1

College Council Representative

ZGHONDI, Maher

Students were invited to ask all the candidates questions. Maher Zghondi (College Council Representative, candidate) sent apologies and was represented by Stephanie Ashenden (President) who read a pre-written text from Maher.

The November DCSA election will be conducted by online ballot from Wednesday 4 November (12.00am) – Friday 6 November (11:59 pm). All current fee-paying Darwin students will receive information on how to vote by email.

VI. BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Eric Faber (Treasurer) presented the budget for the upcoming year to the student body.

Eric thanked society representatives for submitting their budgets and explained the underlying rationale for the allocation of the budget:

- Less equipment and more actually doing stuff - this was for the purpose of ensuring that societies are actively using their equipment.
- Subsidies for court hire
- No team photos, clothing and transport costs

- Harmonise the budget in respect to court hire

It was noted that the new budget runs into November next year and that clubs with both men's and women's have to have separate budgets. It was questioned whether it was fair to separate and get two budgets for one sport however it was noted that this was already taken into account when making the budget. Thilo Richter commented to say that combined budgets cannot exceed 15% margin (the margin of budget that the members can not exceed).

Due to disaffiliation from the GU, no GU fees were budgeted, but CUSU continues to be budgeted for.

A question of what does the sports syndicate consist of and an email will be sent around about what the facilities are that we have access to.

James Hamp suggested that societies use the free courts more however it turned out that we are not allowed to use the courts anymore.

Basketball gave a cheque for overpaying to the DCSA and Eric Faber reported a run down of rationales of allocating budget to individual societies.

It was questioned for further clarification with the differential reduction with boat club and for example boat club and Eric explained how the budget is allocated and incorporates many factors. James also mentions that there are different levels of quality of budget managements

Cheese and wine budgets were cut due too many tastings and Eric noted that every member of the climbing club has their own carabineer. Part of the film clubs budget will be budgeted under the DCSA budget - for the purpose of allowing equipment to be used by all DCSA not just those affiliated with the film club.

The football club enquired that they need new kit because not enough jerseys are available. Communal kit could be paid for, as this will be recycled. Stephanie Ashenden suggested that the football club present a budget allocation for new jerseys at a DCSA meeting. It was reiterated that taxis would never be paid for.

Ariel Arts budget was reduced as there is not enough storage available and new societies would be discussed at the next College council meeting. The Table Tennis Society stated that a Table Tennis table top is essential and space is a problem.

Tennis society explained that court hire only covers league hire. It was explained that it is the committee's policies not to enter any games. Stephanie noted that we have to meet the budget and members would need to contribute to the court hire. Stephanie also said that the tennis club might have to charge membership fees.

Yoga is merging with the Cambridge University yoga society and there was concern that there could be potential overcrowding due to more members joining. DCSA may cut back on events.

Welfare have requested books may be reconsidered during the year. These books were on the topic of various mental health issues.

Tennis society asked how they were being reimbursed for equipment and is it possible to make an electronic record for this. Was it possible to change the constitution from paper payments. It was also asked if invoices could be sent electronically and Eric stated that is much easier for him for them to be given to him in hard copy.

Budget was approved by all people in the room total number 28.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Stephanie (President) at 21:29.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the DCSA Executive Committee on _____.

*Stephanie Ashenden
Chairman, DCSA President*

*Elaine Gray
Secretary, DCSA Secretary*