

LGBTSoc Committee Meetings

27th April 2010

Present

Andrew Miles, Hereward Mills, David Simons, Katie Colliver, James Butler, Beth Evans, Kate Greswell, John Harwell, Annis Stead

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Stephen Greatley, Jake Fraser, Hannah Smith, Toby Miller

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NUS Conference

Voting

- We sent e-mails out about people running for spaces. Andrew received nothing, and, up to 24 hours ago, Jasper hadn't heard anything either. We'll talk about the conference with others this evening.
- The "Black/Trans" place isn't simply a place for the two combined — there are separate places available for both black and trans.

- Jasper has sent around an e-mail clarifying the definition of “black” (all students of African, Arab, Asian and Caribbean descent)
- There is some controversy about the final place, which stems from the ambiguity about the order in which of Oxford’s places can be bought — is first refusal given to those who meet the “diversity requirements” or can we fill the three open places first and then give the three remaining to those who meet the requirements?
 - This discussion was not settled, and its decision will be based on the make-up of those who agree (or given that many agree, the results of any particular elections.)
- We’ll consult people this evening to see if they want to go
- Jasper (OUSU LGBTQ Officer) will be in touch with us, and, if appropriate given the results of this evening’s attempts to fill delegate spaces, the Afro-Caribbean society.

Drinks

2nd Week

- Pubs & Plush
- David will speak to Brooke’s about the fact that it ought be a joint event
- We have spoken to Ed Roffe, but we’ll need to confirm this with Neil Ritchie (owner of Pubs on Paradise/Plush)
- Will be £3 entry to Plush
- Can we sort out “benefits”?
- This acts as a reminder to the fact we need to flesh out guidelines to deal with profit/not-for-profit organisations in future. This meeting is short, so this is put until next meeting.

Other Drinks

- Wadham is a possibility, but the presence needed from Wadhamites may be made difficult by exam commitments
- We can’t rely on Univ WCR
- Andrew will speak to Exeter
- Magdalen?
- Vernon Harcourt room is a good bet in future, provided we can book it far enough in advance.
- 4th week is especially important as we would like a good venue for elections — **Hereward will look into Union?** (as our budget is healthy)

Other Events

Pride

- Oxford Pride is Saturday 7th week (12th June)
- Pre-pride breakfast to lead into pride march

Speeches

- No Diarmud MacCullough Speech

- James will look into contacting “Patricia”

Interfaith Event

- We must be careful to emphasise the “inter” of the interfaith event, namely, don’t align with any specific religion or faith.
- Andrew will speak to his Chaplain about the potential of this, as they have had similar experience before.
- Beth has hosted a similar event in her tenure at KCL. However, it was more technical and academic with regards to theology and sexuality.
 - The issue of controversy was raised. Although it is good to emphasise the fact that being gay and of certain faiths is controversial, we don’t want to be unnecessarily provocative.
- Hereward organised a similar event in the past
- “Sexuality and Spirituality”?

Other Events

- Punts & Prosecco/Pimms will be held at Hilda’s, subject to a firm date and confirmation. Saturday 6th?
 - We have to be careful it doesn’t clash with Summer 8’s?
 - We can combine this with the box of white wine we own expiring at the end of May.

AOB

- Beth will e-mail details of a trans survey to Andrew to advertise on the mailing list.
- The debt with Rhiannon has been paid off, all the society assets are our own.
- Committee dinner?
 - Can we justify paying from the society budget?
 - Many restaurants were named. Most of which were too expensive.
- The OU Staff Advisory panel for LGBTQ matters was mentioned.
 - James can access their mailing list
 - David is in contact with Helen Charlesworth and will speak more to her