

Minutes of the
Wolfson College Students' Association
Committee Meeting
 on **Sunday 20th January 2019**, at **20.00**,
 in **Syndicate Room 1, Chancellor's Centre, Wolfson College**

Attendance: *Vlad Ilin, David Izuogo, Joseph Kelen, Dennis Mubaiwa, Ruben Nijk, Julian Siebert, Andrew Brooks, Paul Matthews, Christian Pfordt, Vidya*

Apologies: *Kaustav Dutta, Timothy Trayhurn*

Absent: *Casey Darnel, Sabrina Masur, Ke Ming Yu, Jia Jen Ng*

MINUTES

Topic	Time	Presenter
A Welcome & Apologies	2min	Co-Presidents
B Matters Arising & Confirmation of the Agenda	2min	Julian
C Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings Minutes from meetings on 18 and 29 November 2018 accepted without objections	2min	Julian
D Internal Officers, Committees, & ED Representatives	20.12 — 20.32	Co-Presidents & ED Officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all nominations can be found here - confusion around disabilities rep, Fey to continue? - JJ no longer officially LGTB+ rep, but still happy to organise events - inclusion of international rep (mostly to focus on cultural events from around the world) - music rep: suggestion to liaise with Music Society prior to casting responsibilities in stone - <u>no objection to any of the nominations</u> 		
E CUSU and GU Affiliation Matters	20.32 — 20.56	Co-Presidents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CUSU affiliation (~£4,300) - CUSU's mission is to represent the broader interests of all students - most funds go to paying sabbatical officers - as of this year, the affiliation fee decision lies with the Colleges, no longer with WCSA - membership fee now paid by College and deducted from WCSA budget 		

- other CUSU projects: Prevent, Student Advice Service (20%), campaigns to help students who intermit
- Senior Tutor and President about CUSU benefits, who prefer affiliation because of some of their advocacy projects, e.g., National Student Survey
- CUSU had budget deficit last year, hence convinced colleges to pay (before discussing it with college-based student organisations)
- WCSA has a good working relationship with College, no need for CUSU support for within-College communication
- GU affiliation (~£1,000)
 - funds the remaining 80% of SAS
 - trialed Buddy system at Wolfson and other colleges
 - pays four sabbatical officers
 - campaigns for graduate rights, mental health, supervision problem, new focus on international students
- vote: simple majority decision to demand the decision-making power over affiliation fee payment
- vote: simply majority decision to not host CUSU press conference, but to host GU council meeting

D 2019 Budget

- football teams' unbalanced budget applications
 - women's football asked for £2,000, despite being paired with Darwin, which gave them £2,000
 - women's team would then have £4,000 in total, almost double of what (Wolfson only) men's team gets (£2,500)
 - executive decision to grant half of men's budget
- ents budget increase from ~£3,000 to ~£8,000 (based on last year's overspending)
- additional funds for external officers, given their work's popularity within College
- general budget remarks
 - College gives £23,000p.a. (disregarding inflation)
 - increases unlikely, as WCSA never spends its full budget => Joseph urged to tackle (preferably infrastructural) issues within our means
 - Max Mulvany (in charge of renovating OCR) suggested for WCSA to donate a piece of artwork (tapestry) to the currently renovated OCR
=> unanimous decision to spend £500, but objections to deciding without seeing the piece
=> Paul to circulate link to artwork
 - £4,000 for miscellaneous expenses

20.56 Joseph & Co-
— Presidents
21.15

D 2019 Budget (continued)Joseph & Co-
Presidents

- new societies
 - Breakdance (no cost) => granted
 - Aikido (no cost) => granted
 - Tea Society (~£100-200) => granted
 - no submission from Law and Christian Societies
- vote: no objections to the proposed budget

E Miscellaneous

21.15 various

- gym: offer to buy treadmill and cross trainer from Newnham (£700) => unanimously accepted
- update from internal officers:
 - recycling in club room: current policy is to ask cleaners to separate rubbish, will continue unless issues arise
 - noticeboard in the clubroom
 - bursar offered it (likely pays for it)
 - no objections
=> Andrew to share photo on Slack, if no response within 48h, he will proceed
 - plants for Club Room
 - Andrew to talk to some people with interests in plants
 - Andrew to check with Chris regarding complaints after previous Jazz night's plants left in Club Room
 - no objections to it in principle
 - half-way drinks
 - paid for by Alumni office
 - (half-way through the year event, as opposed to other College's undergraduate 'half-way through degree' events)
 - asked WCSA to co-host => no objections
 - platform for WCSA to say something
 - appointment process of the new bursar
 - Andrew and David will attend
 - succinct message to convey to the recruitment company:
 - someone flexible and willing to invest
 - candidate from a mature college, who treats WCSA as an adult community
 - someone familiar with the College
 - token of appreciation for the parting bursar
 - (commissioning of drawing) for parting bursar, because in many occasions he has pushed for students' interests => postponed to next meeting; but Andrew to find out what College does

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21.50

E Miscellaneous (continued)

various

- update from internal officers (continued):
 - half-way drinks
 - Ruben meets Sian next week to discuss
 - let him know input/platform WCSA wants to have
 - concern raised: uncertainty regarding purpose (half-way through year or degree?)
 - Ruben will mention concerns but argue to make the most out of the event as it is as a platform
- Vlad proposed guest speaker to host investment event (form responsible investment society) on how to consciously invest money (fee is 200) => Vlad to provide more details
- 3MT Competition
 - suggestion to host round one here (WCSA to give prizes)
 - uncertainty around council's attitude toward it in light of potential clashes with Wolfson Research Event
 - => general agreement to carry on, prizes to be discussed once number of entries is determined
- Committee noticeboard near the Porter's Lodge
 - suggestion to put up committee photos and organisational overview
 - everyone to provide a blurb on their position
- WCSA contact form
 - suggestion 1: anonymous Google spreadsheet (would show people what WCSA does)
 - suggestion 2: GoogleForm with option to submit anonymously
 - => Paul & Julian to meet and discuss
 - online calendar: Paul, Julian, Vlad to meet and present at the next meeting
 - suggestion to use ballot system instead of first-come, first-serve (relevant people to meet and discuss further)
 - piano update: broken electric piano is WCSA's responsibility, Lyn did not do that; will be moved to Lee Room
 - hoodies: who should get them? should WCSA pay? simple majority to have hoodies,

F Next Meeting

Co-Presidents

Wed, 30th Jan 2019, 21.00 (fortnightly thereafter)

meeting ended at 21.50