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Cambridge Union Society Full Committee Minutes

Dining Room, Cambridge Union Society
08:15, Tuesday 3rd November 2015

In the Chair

Oliver Mosley PRESIDENT (OM)

Present

William Fitzalan Howard VICE PRESIDENT (WFH)

Fred Vincent EXECUTIVE OFFICER (FV)

Sachin Parathalingam SPEAKERS' OFFICER (SP)

Charlotte Ivers TREASURER (CI)

Ash Nandi SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER-ELECT (AN)

In Attendance

Bill Bailey BURSAR (BB)

Page Nyame-Satterthwaite SECRETARY (*taking minutes*) (PN)

Joe Burman CUSEL REPRESENTATIVE-EVENTS MANAGER (JB1)

Jody Fletcher CUSEL REPRESENTATIVE-BAR MANAGER (JF)

Oliver Yeates HOEM (OY)

Daniel Chouchena HOEM (DC)

Naomi Magnus DEPUTY HOEM (NM)

Leyla Gumusdis DEPUTY HOEM (LG)

Louise Bratchie SGL SPEAKERS (LB)

Sarah Sheard SGL DEBATES (SS)

Katherine Dunbar SGL DEBATES (KD)

Florian Kressyig HEAD OF AV (FK)

Matteo Violet-Vianello HEAD OF PRESS (MV)

Tim Adelani HEAD OF PRESS (TA)

Eleanor Hegarty HEAD OF PUBLICITY (EH)

Xavier Bisits DEPUTY HEAD OF PUBLICITY (XB)

Gabrielle McGuinness DIVERSITY OFFICER-DESIGNATE (GM)

Till Schoefer ACCESS OFFICER (TS)

Meeting opened at 08:20

1) Welcome from the Chair(OM)

a) Yesterday's speaker event(Professor Manuel Hassassian) went very well

b) **Week behind**

- Very busy
- Well done and congratulations to everyone working on the Yanis Varoufakis and comedy debate. Thanks to OY, DC, LG for their management.

2) Events this week(OM)

a) Publicise the **Silicon Valley event** (Wednesday 4th at 5pm in Chamber)

- very interesting event with a good line up
- AN notes that it may be of particular interest to engineers, so publicise to them



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- OM notes that publicity posts to subject groups may happen
- OY confirms that he is HOEM
- FK confirms that he is managing AV and has assistants
- BB asks OY about whether fire training licenses need to be updated(are more needed?), ***OY to check**

b) Jerry Springer(SP)

- Continue to push with publicity, less than 100 currently attending on the online event. Last time he spoke it was full chamber ***please invite friends, especially any fans**
- **Arriving at 4:15pm by car**
- **Event starts at 5pm, ends at 6pm**

XB arrives at 08:25

- MV and TA confirm that there have been press requests
- Format is a speech followed by questions
- CI notes sponsorship(with the ducks being handed out, as with last week)- another important reason to publicise, in order to ensure good turnout
- OM confirms that statement about sponsors will be read by SP at the event
- CI confirms statement and sponsor's banners to be put up in Chamber
- LG checks event logistics
- OM notes that it is bonfire night, which may not affect this speaker event at 5pm but may affect the debate logistics

GM arrives at 08:30

- XB notes that Jerry Springer has been a US politician as well as a television presenter, SP adds that the focus of his speech is 'Liberalism and the US Presidential Election'
- XB writing a note for publicity, SP requesting speaker's drinks
- JB1 notes that Jerry Springer should be notified about the Jesus Lane closure due to fireworks.
- FV and JB1 to check road closures and inform debate speakers
- LB is SGL for Jerry Springer
- OM to show LB how to use poster printer

c) American dream debate(FV)

- As discussed, this is on bonfire night
- Currently lacking a final proposition speaker, due to cancellation because of illness. There are lots of options, FV in the process of interviewing
- BB asks for timings for Reverend Jesse Jackson's arrival, FV confirms before 4pm, then 4:30pm at the latest in the building and that he is being accompanied.
- BB checks who is liaison for Jesse Jackson, SS asks if specific member of standing committee is being assigned. CI offers, noting she will also be displaying sponsorship items.
- FV and LB confirm that Jesse Jackson is staying in London, we are paying for minimum costs and he is covering any extras



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- BB checks transport details
 - FV notes Nina Davuluri also travelling from London, we are meeting her at the station and she will need a taxi back to London the next day after overnight stay in Cambridge.
 - LG checks about whether speakers' guests need reserved seats
 - OM checks who is SGL debates, SS is in the dinner and KD present, along with GLAs already signed up
 - BB asks if Jerry Springer will be present for the debate, SP and OM note that he may
- d) **Christiane Amanpour(SP)**
- Straightforward logistics
 - NO is SGL (SP outlines the schedule, 3:44pm arrival in Cambridge, for 4:30pm arrival at the Union, taking press questions at 5pm, not staying for dinner)
 - **Event begins at 5:30pm, *note the unusual start time in publicity**
 - OM checks with EH and XB about whether the online event is going up today(3/11/15), suggests it should
- e) **Lord Neuberger(SP)**
- Arriving at 6pm by train
 - NO is SGL
 - No press requests currently
 - Good turnout expected, especially from law students
 - He is staying for dinner and staying overnight in Cambridge with his own arrangements
- f) **Universities Debate(OM)**
- Full debate with six speakers next Tuesday(10th November at 7:30pm)
 - No emergency debate beforehand
 - SS is SGL on the night
 - Speakers consist of four student debaters, Nick Hillman(policy adviser) and Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University
 - Logistics not very complicated-especially as most speakers are Cambridge based
 - OY checks about HOEMs and FV confirms that this should be treated just like a Thursday debate in terms of set up
 - There is a debate dinner beforehand and full debate format
- g) **The Hawks and Ospreys Charity Ball**
- Being hosted in the Union building this Saturday(7th) at 9pm
 - Previous agreement has been that all committee members can go, the new agreement is that all members can purchase tickets at a discounted rate
 - If you want to attend, buy a ticket



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3) The Cambridge IV(WFH)

a) The Annual Cambridge Intervarsity debating competition is 20th November at 3pm to 21st November , with the Women's Open on 22nd November

- This is a big international debating competition
- Around 400 international debaters will all be in the Union building
- There is a big social in the evening on Saturday(21st)
- ***If you want to judge (even if you have never done any debating), then you are welcome to judge** and will be accompanied by an experienced judge.
- We need to ***host debaters on your floor for the nights of Friday(20th) and Saturday(21st), sign up form here:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11Eflyr7Hna4KAXt1KdDoQZHo_eAWnOaM4fspU13gsBI/viewform?pli=1&edit_requested=true
- It is quite difficult to arrange for only Cambridge debaters to host due to the numbers involved so ***please offer-everyone on committee should host unless away.** It is greatly appreciated and you can request specific people
- In return you receive free entry to the Saturday evening party
- ***Keep a note of this in your diaries**
- OM highlights that this is quite fun and that if you lived in a shared set check with your roommate
- WFH notes that anyone who can give up their entire floor will be specially rewarded
- BB raises issue of bringing alcohol onto the premises, OM notes that this and other **logistics to be discussed in a separate meeting.**

4) Site Development Update(OM and WFH)

- Information redacted: site development

5) AOB

a) Returning Officers(ROs) have been appointed for the forthcoming Union elections(OM)

- They are WFH and FV
- If you have any questions about the elections, ask them
- **Nominations are open on Thursday 19th November**
- If you want advice now is the time to ask the ROs

b) Fundraising(OM)

- Decision has been made to form a fundraising and development committee
- A figure is being approached to be Chair
- WFH will be on the committee
- During 2016 the committee will appeal for funds, which can go towards site development costs
- XB asks about a telephone campaign, OM confirms this is not happening



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- OM notes that last year was about engagement to find people's interest, the coming year will be the fundraising launch
- More information to be provided over the next few months
- There will be a committee website at www.future.cus.org

c) Expenditure forms(CI)

- **Not all expenses have been handed in, so please do so *especially could SGLs notify CI of how many hotels have been booked**
- ***OM to give CI access to the hospitality spreadsheet**(where hotel information is noted), CI also needs train tickets and bar receipts
- OM asks if there are any significant expenditure forms that anyone is planning to submit and checks that all Vaccomm forms have been received, CI confirms all Vaccomm forms have been submitted.

d) Other points for committee members

- OY reminds that ***if you are stewarding please do it properly, focus on task for your allocated steward hours and it is greatly appreciated**
- SS notes office tidiness, this is an ongoing issue, ***please remember to take anything from the bar back to the bar.** It is not the job of any of the bar staff to help with tidying items from the office
- OM notes that ***any post debate drinks must be in the dining room or Mountbatten room (or the bar) but not in the Union office.**

❖ Next Full Committee is Tuesday 10th November 2015, 8:15am in the Dining Room

Meeting closed at 08:54