

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 31st January 2010

Apologies: Louisa, Jihye

Reports and Announcements

Rikesh: Cam on Tuesday. He's happy to move to Co-Op. Got to talk to Peter Durrant. Happy to negotiate us better terms. College pays for all TV licenses – I'm going to ask for some money back. Me and Grad Treasurer are going to demand more money from college. No inflation-related money for the last 5 years. Have to slash budget next year.

Shayan: DVD rentals - Start charging?

Tindall: Strength of DVD library is that it's free. I wouldn't bother if I had to pay.

Shayan: Next open meeting we've got a demand for £1650 from King's Drama. Taking a play to Edinburgh.

Rikesh: Have they already cast play? Is it just King's?

Juan: Even if it's just King's members, not the kind of thing we find. We declined the kayak club their trips.

Rikesh: Move the open meeting to 6? I may have power of veto. So does Cam.

Tindall: They're also getting funding from elsewhere. ADC, Queen's BATS etc. We don't fund holidays, trips etc. Fact that they're taking up whole band who'll be playing shows up there – they get to enjoy it, not something we can legit pay for. Rikesh mandated to look through constitution.

Hannah: I'm going to ask for £400-£500 for women's dinner. Organised on expectation.

Hannah: Money KCSU/KCGS give don't go towards wine/dinner for only women – all goes to both men/women events. College funding all food through tutorial office, printing etc. Same as subsidy for Provost Sheppard. Subsidising about £15 per student.

Juan: NUS referendum coming up. Chigbo's going round colleges giving talks about why it's important to be part of NUS. Thursday?

Tindall: Lots happening.

Juan: Is it a good idea for him to come?

Tindall: Democratically speaking.

Barnaby: Could we have someone speaking against?

Juan: Could be done.

Shayan: Week after?

Tindall: Too late.

Juan: I've heard reports that people are going round knocking on people's doors trying to convert people to Christianity. This is a serious problem. Girls coming out in towels post-shower. Students from King's.

Jonny: It's in other colleges as well.

Tindall: Talks in Great St Mary's.

Juan: It's ridiculous.

Shayan: That's what kcsu-info is for.

Juan: Some are abusing the name of King's College Christian Union. No longer exists.

Nina: There's nothing to make something officially a society.

Juan: Meeting tomorrow with John Barber.

Tindall: I suggest a softly softly approach – speak to them directly rather than going to JB. I didn't think it was an issue.

Shayan: Sensitive area. If every society did that, be constantly hounded.

Juan: I think Tindall's right.

Barnaby: Standing committees, found people for them. Naiara Bazin for Gardens, Faraz Dianat for Shop.

Chad: Started sorting out college families. Sorting out condoms.

Tindall: College lonely hearts? For people left as a college bachelor.

Chad: I'll send out an email suggesting this?

Hannah: Put it on the website?

[Bono laughs]

Chad: I could do it on the noticeboard, website, picking.

Tindall: Website would increase people's knowing the website's there.

Jonny: How much would you be hosting? Kords keeps dying.

Rikesh: On that vein – last year, he had a chat with computing officer, who said it was fine for us to host website on King's servers. He's going to email comp officer again. Fred's going to check whether the King's server works with our website. Fred, Bono, Cam and the computing officer. Mandate them all to meet.

[Chad Mandated for lonely hearts]

Bayu: I met with Ria, she told me last year they had two reps.

Hannah: I'll do that if that's okay.

Joint KCSU KCGS Meeting

KCGS Secretary has emailed KCSU asking for a joint meeting to discuss the Council representations limitations. He says this is urgent. They want it to happen after our open meeting.

Juan: Entire committee showing up doesn't help.

Tindall: As many of us as possible should go. It's important.

Juan: I meant that assuming only three people show up, we need to make clear mandated by entire exec.

Barnaby: Would this clash with ents?

Shayan: Is there any point with this? What will this accomplish? It's out of our hands, what're they trying to achieve through this?

Tindall: We all agree as well.

Juan: I spoke to the provost, it's passed first council, it'll pass second council.

Shayan: Fighting a battle we won't win. It's better to focus on other things.

Juan: Concentrate on things like money.

Tindall: We want to work more closely with KCGS. This would sour relationships between two branches. Now we're at a high point. This would be a rude diplomatic snub.

Shayan: We can't represent KCSU with a divide stance. We need to be careful establishing how we want to come across. Do we support *whatever* KCGS do?

Bayu: Who's pushing this on KCGS side?

Juan: Secretary and Aris. Shall we have a private meeting?

Tindall: We should all go there to represent own views.

Hannah: Just because we know we're losing, doesn't mean it's not worth going down with a fight. Set s a precedent. Real worth in not lying down and losing.

Juan: I think we should try and use this decrease in rep to get leverage for other battles. This doesn't mean turning over and lying down.

Tindall: What kind of other battles?

Juan: The money.

Tindall: It seems like selling a council seat for £1800. Important things we need seats on.

Shayan: How about not Thursday, but we organise meeting and try and turn up.

Jonny: What's the timescale?

Juan: Can't remember exact date.

Archivist

Juan: Quinby is the archivist. She finally emailed me. Her job is to archive media – DVDs and VHS. She'll be converting DVDs to videos.

Rikesh: Cam says every year he gives out a BOAK. Getting upset that it all disappears.

Barnaby: I'm meeting him.

Juan: Do we want Ruben helping with this?

Barnaby: Yes.

Chad: Where are the minutes and agendas kept?

Rikesh: Meant to be in KCSU Office and Accounts office. BOAK is to be updated regularly.

Juan: What we can practically do now is have get Ruben to assist unofficially.

Hannah: Did you say it'd be good for next exec to have stuff?

Chad: Can we have the actual email addresses? Access all correspondence history.

Juan: Log on, get password off Bono, have everything forwarded to you, copy kept. In Gmail you can choose to email from gmail but as 'president@kcsu.org.uk'.

Bono: Has to be redirected.

Rikesh: This'd be solved by using King's website.

Chad: Google Apps.

Tindall: Resolve to have a committee?

Juan: Bono, it's your job. Could you and Fred make sure everyone has access to their correct email address.

Chad: And look into Google Apps. It's not hard, it can be done.

Jacob's Report

Jacob: Chigbo. Someone else contacted me.

Juan: We decided on this – have opposite view.

Jacob: Referenda. What about the Joint meeting?

Shayan: Decided on not Thursday. Wondering whether lost cause.

Jacob: We're not in a good position. We didn't act when people were kicking up a fuss.

Juan: Any new ideas from KCGS?

Jacob: Possibility of ways to alleviate this after it gets passed. More fellows probably think we should have more say on Gov. Body.

Tindall: If we going to organise meeting. Many busy days. Going to be v. Awkward to find a time.

Shayan: We'll all be in touch and try and organise it ASAP.

Jacob: If you could email me possible times tomorrow. Josh had some trouble. Sunday? If someone wants to come to KCGS or let me know.

Juan: Sunday 7th *before* KCSU meeting?

Jacob: This is an open meeting.

Tindall: What's the protocol? Out of constitution.

Jacob: We all know where we stand – issue is to work out how to involve lots of students in making something happen, talking to DoSes, etc.

Shayan: Do we know where we stand?

Jacob: We've passed resolutions on it, to try and press for not losing representation.

Shayan: Can't get much done at an open meeting.

Jacob: We've been planning for ages.

Tindall: We need the students to do it.

Barnaby: Is losing the KA people the worst thing in the world?

Jacob: We don't know how many people. 7pm on Sunday?

Chad: Tuesday night? We can cancel the pub quiz.

Jacob: We have to strike balance.

Shayan: Can KCGS do Tuesday?

Jacob: I'll call Josh now.

Shayan: Do we have any possible way to change things?

Jacob: Vote hasn't happened yet. One way this can be approached is through getting students to approach DoSes etc. Personal level.

Tindall: Really effective strategy – worked in Churchill with Ethical affairs matter. If we're going to go down that line. We should draft an outline of letter to give to people. Send out.

Bono: We should let students know the importance of the council itself. Not many people know how important it is, some people don't know it exists.

Juan: Presentation before open meeting.

Jacob: Action Point someone to give presentation.

Juan: I'm happy to explain.

Barnaby: Council reps not at meeting.

Juan: We'll find out council reps.

Jacob: Someone needs to make posters.

Juan: Jade's job.

[Jade enters]

Tindall: We can approach DoSes, supers etc. Grads have different relationships with fellows.

Shayan: Outcome now is: Find out when it can happen ASAP.

Jacob: Grads matter re: Flag.

Barnaby: Resolves = for KCSU to lobby college.

Chad: Constitutional reform. Would anyone mind if I brought a list of what's wrong to next meeting?

Juan: Great idea.

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