

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010

**Present:** Juan, Shayan, Barnaby, Bono, Joseph, Rikesh, Louisa, Chad, John, Jonny

**Apologies:** Sho, Jihye, Bayu, Jade, Andy, Cameron

Joseph: Jihye asked if she had to send apologies/turn up.

Chad: Constitutionally, she should be encouraged to.

Rikesh: College council might not like a change here.

### Reports

**Juan:** Motion brought to open meeting seeking to change the way KCSU votes – Sian Cooke.  
Interesting motion.

Rikesh: Unconstitutional. Jacob made the point that the whole point of people turning up to open meeting is to have discussion, be swayed by points etc.

Louisa: In the case of the flag, special case that had to carry over. We've never had a situation to my knowledge before where it's been necessary.

Juan: Constitutional point doesn't hold. It's a good point that people'd be far less motivated.

Rikesh: How about having them on different days each week?

Barnaby: People didn't like that at the beginning of term.

Juan: Current system, get 20 people to show up, push it through – not very democratic. 2 reasons – some people not able to vote at that specific time. Not asking entire college.

Louisa: But people are invited to come.

Joseph: What about a system where you put it on internet, as well as open meeting, combine the votes?

Shayan: There's a risk of people turning up to vote AND voting online.

Rikesh: They might miss out on a very good point.

Shayan: It'd make the whole voting process far more strenuous and difficult than it has to be. Some things are so uncontroversial. It's always open to us – big issues can be put online.

Juan: What we should do is, now that we see that the flag voting structure online was a success, most people think we handled it well, we should have more stuff online, more polls and referenda.

Shayan: On a tangent, why 'fairly well' as opposed to 'very well'?

Rikesh: A lot of people thought that people would've voted replace if they'd known in advance what the options were. A lot of people who voted to keep it up, had they known hammer and sickle was an option, they'd have voted to replace.

Juan: Some people clearly just didn't like the outcome – voting on how happy they were with the result.

**Joseph:** Me and John have started a project for Easter, giving anyone who wants to be involved, a chance to go back to their schools and talk about Cambridge and why people should apply. We're just looking for advice from you guys on the best way to handle this financially. Money for travel arrangements/food? We have a £400 budget. Should we spend that on travel and food?

Juan: £400 won't take it that far.

Louisa: Just ones associated with King's?

Joseph: We're trying to take things wide. You'll miss a lot of target schools.

Juan: Don't spend money on food.

Shayan: Will this mean we go back in term time?

John: No, there's a time in our holidays when they're still going. We need some kind of incentive.

Rikesh: Travel is a good incentive.

John: People having lunch in school canteen, etc. Somewhere quite far away, time spent, £5 on food not bad.

Juan: Won't people be near their schools?

John: Yeah – shouldn't take too much money.

Juan: Present it as refunding *if* it costs a lot to get back, say more than £20.

John: I don't think people should go out of pocket in any way.

Juan: For me, personally, wouldn't mind going back to my school.

Rikesh: Given it'll be a small amount of money, I think it's fair to cover it. Problem with paying for food – I'm in arguments with Cam over this.

Juan: Ridiculous – food is sometimes something you have to spend on.

Rikesh: When're you planning to start advertising this?

John: In the next few weeks. We're working on a form. Selection of activities etc.

Juan: Another thing – no need for me to go back to my school. Loads of people in Cambridge from my school. More than happy to do this for another school. Does it have to be your own school?

John: Whichever school you choose in your area. Low percentages of Oxbridge entry, etc. Dubious about sending people to Eton. Ultimately, if people come from particular backgrounds. Lots of people not from schools like this – say a private/grammar school, it makes more sense for you to go to a different school.

Juan: It should be presented as going to a school. I won't go to Switzerland to do this.

John: The aim is that you tell us a school.

Shayan: Are you guys going to provide a pack or something?

John: We'll write some of our own, we've both worked in schools. We've got to think about it in terms of statutory things like CRB checks. If you're with other people all the time, child protection laws might not apply.

**Rikesh:** In terms of food thing, Cam's willing to come to a meeting to talk about food and drink spending.

Juan: Can you find out his availability for the next week?

**Louisa:** I went to a cervical cancer awareness training event. Women's union running a broad campaign. Pressure on doctors to give vaccine.

**Juan:** On behalf of Sho, we've been working on having a back to school party for when we come back in Easter. Rather than doing it here, thought we'd do it in Michaelhouse Café.

Joseph: What time would it be cut off?

Juan: I'll find out.

John: It's an amazing space. Back-to-school parties slightly sexist.

Louisa: Can we have something slightly less generic?

Juan: I didn't mean back to school as a theme. This'd be done with grads/undergrads, selling tickets. Ticket sale would go towards cost of hiring building. Also, St Patrick's party was last night. Cellar was packed. We should push for events like this more often – college had no problem. Cam and college have vetoed cellar bar committee from hosting parties there.

John: Why don't we do things down there then?

Rikesh: We can do things in the cellar without using the bar.

Shayan: Richard has passed over cellar bar chairship to Nilu.

**Jonny:** Jukebox in the bar, yay/nay. Problem is – we'd keep 40% of the profits, but we'd be paying for something we get for free now.

Juan: I propose branching the input. Music from bar area/music from outside. Bar staff switching between A and B – their music or student music.

Louisa: But if it's not being controlled behind the bar – people will dispute/bicker.

John: Say – bar music on Friday night/Saturday etc.

Joseph: People from other colleges not necessarily comfortable with adding their own iPod etc.

Juan: Do we want to cater to them if they're from other colleges? If they feel strongly enough, they'll pluck up the courage.

Jonny: I'll speak to the bar staff. Announce – for just exec?

Juan: Some kcsu-info things really useful.

Chad: Nobody reads them.

Louisa: I'm confused – I read everything.

Jonny: You two aren't arguing against each other.

Juan: I imagine this working – exec are the only ones who can email on KCSU Announce, no need for moderation, info anyone can email. Let's do it.

Bono: Is it possible to split this between poster group/member group. Couldn't find the option. I'll ask the person.

Jonny: Could we also possibly have some guidelines set up so we don't get *certain* emails.

Chad: So much of KCSU-info is shit and spam, most of which ought to be on the website. Fudge Friday in inbox is annoying. It doesn't have to be *read* on the website. It's really annoying having so much stuff going out – stuff we want to say gets drowned out. Eventually we want a system where everything that goes through KCSU lists is *us*.

Juan: Dangerous – nobody uses RSS feed.

Joseph: Why do people apologise on the list?

Juan: It's good to coordinate.

### **Website Profiles**

Juan: Website – I suggest clicking on individual takes you to separate page with an individual page about who we are.

### **Office**

Barnaby: There's a lot of shit in the KCSU Office, like star trek videos, vinyl.

John: I could take them, I have a record player.

Barnaby: I'd like to mandate us to sort it out. [decision taken, Juan, Jonny, Louisa, Barnaby in the week after end of term]

[Meeting closed at 7pm]