

minutes

Meeting:	International Committee
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“Students transforming”

Minutes of the Postgraduate Committee 16th May 2017

Committee Members present: Malaika Jaovisidha, Jean Roeting and Oksana Shlonimskaya

Chair: Amanie Mathurin

Apologies: Katharina Wodenitscharow and Silvia Castro Torres

In attendance: Muqaddam Malik (Assemblies Assistant) and Silvia Harvey (International Activities Coordinator)

ICS101 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Malaika queried about the points relating the engagement of ISS with the SU.
- Jean explained that this was a point raised by Alun
- Malaika asked for the new international officers to write policy to get the SU to host an international club night once every two weeks.
- The minutes are unanimously approved.

ICS102 Issue with the Tibetan Flag

- Malaika explained the issue with the Chinese students and Home students around the lags of Tibet and Taiwan.
- Malaika explained the they chose to put their name down for accountability reasons.
- The officer stated that they would facilitate both sides in as much as they can help in setting up a society and dealing with the opposing party.
- Silvia suggested having fact sheets instead of flags for Go Global next year.
- Muqqaddam suggested having a Risk Advisor for the SU.

ICS103 Go Global Update

- Silvia stated that they sold 600 tickets. Only 7 societies have been reimbursed.
- Jean stated that the vent was a huge success with a high caliber of food and performances. They appreciated the contingencies put in place.
- Oksana queried about when the Go Global date gets decided.
- Silvia explained that the date was changed about two months ago. Silvia explained that the event is booked for two days to allow for rehearsals.

ICS104 Update from NUS International Conference

- Malaika explained the three year revote on policy. They summarised the matters arising.

ICS105 International Social for Year's End

- Oksana reminded the Committee about the barbecue. Silvia explained that they were unable to submit additional documents required as they were on holiday. This was a new procedure
 - Malaika explained that the food booklet will be prepared soon and that the committee is invited to take photos for inclusion in the book.
 - Malaika and Amanie stated that it might be too late for the
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social.

- Muqqaddam suggested hosting a barbecue next week and Silvia/Annie will work on this.

ICS106 How to best promote the committee?

- Malaika and Silvia explained the new sub-committees. They outlined the power possessed by the assembly in adding or removing members from the committee.
- The committee was generally confused about the new structures.
- Jean introduced the idea of having a rolling member of the committee who stays on the committee the year after their term. This ensures continuity.
- Malaika suggested having Katharina for the upcoming year.
- Muqqaddam stated that this works for one year but does not ensure continuity in the long run.
- Silvia advised Malaika to have a formal position where one member takes a committee seat for two years to ensure continuity and removes the time inefficiency at the start of each year.
- Malaika suggested having an evening training session for the committee.
- Silvia suggested assigning roles to the committees members to focus their work. Oksana and Malaika opposed this as it would be too bureaucratic. Amanie and Oksana felt this would be divisive and thus this was ignored. Jean hopes to ensure the committee works as a team.
- Jean reintroduced the idea of having a full time International Officer. Malaika and Silvia concurred and suggested this to be brought up by the incoming officers to Council.
- Silvia and Oksana talked about reviewing the flow of information around visas needs to be opened up and better publicised.
- Silvia asked whether elections in the first assembly are viable.
- Amanie and Oksana said this should be reviewed and more time needs to be paid into.
- There was a discussion on the issue with online elections between Jean, Muqqaddam and Silvia as the former outlined the issues of disengagement and a block between the commitment.
- Jean explained the need to peak the interest of new students at the first assembly meeting.
- Muqqaddam suggested hosting two assemblies in the first month, the first meeting can be an introduction and the second can have the election.

ICS107 Any Other Business

- Jean summarised his experience over the two years. They stated that there have been very many positive engagements and progress.
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- Oksana mimicked them and stated the importance of the roles present.
- Oksana suggested more frequent meetings.
- Silvia is preparing a document to the committee and hopes to send this around to the committee members for review. They also asked for quotes.

ICS108 Conclusion of the Committee for 2017/18

- The chair concluded the committee for the last time.

Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting

This was the final meeting of 2016/17.
