

GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Students' Association held on 17 January 2008.

Present:

Rana Tayara, President
Jodie Davies, Internal Officer
Tom Flynn, Treasurer,
Ashley Honeyborne and Val Milton, Events Officers
Carylan Lobo, Press and Publicity Officer
Emma Cooper, Will Pyman, Kimon Polychroniadis, Victor Tsitakis,
Sporting Activities Officers
Fred Danquah, NPC Officer
Eva Fairnell, Part Time Students' Officer

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

GSA/GCR

We should encourage the Graduate Common Room Committee to liaise with Wentworth College. The Graduate Students' Executive Committee Members should be working only for our own events.

Sports

We're having difficulties with Sports funding. Forms are being presented with first names only, some are unreadable and this means that we are in fact not monitoring sports funding correctly. We need a system where we have detailed information :

Who is Playing
When did they play
How long did they play for
What Sport
Full Name
Check that we are paying only for postgraduate students

If we cannot check on these details then we will be unable to refund money.

Tom's view is that the sporting focus should be on "postgraduate sport" in general, and not necessarily on competitive, sport but rather on inclusivity. It was agreed that we should publicise sport on the web site, posters etc in order to attain this.

Re-Freshers' Week

It was stressed that everyone should take a turn re clearing up at the end of our postgraduate events . However, it was felt that perhaps we should not necessarily be clearing up – the bar is making profit so should we be collecting glasses etc? Jodie to discuss this with Phil Kember.

Responsible Persons: Week 4 – Carylan; Week 6 Tom; Week 8 Emma

New GSA Logo

This was decided upon

GSA Survey

This for Events, Sports, Services, Welfare. We need to ensure that all postgraduate students here are aware of what the GSA is and what we have to offer in terms of Events, Sports, Services, Welfare. Hard copies should be made available and we should ensure that the survey is campus-wide and includes Kings' Manor Students.

Students' Union

The Students' Union President joined the meeting when the GSA business had been completed. She explained the plans for accommodation on Heslington East which does not seem to be equitable – differential rents etc.

University Challenge – Week 7; Ents Training on Saturday 10 a.m., PX001, First Aid Training (half day course).

There is also a problem relating to a steep increase in FTR bus fares.

Rag Week is in Week 5