

## GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Graduate Students' Association held on 7 May 08 in the GSA Office.

Present: Rana Tayara, President; Aseel Takshi, Welfare Officer; Tom Flynn, Treasurer; Ashlee Honeybourne and Val Milton, Events Officer; Carylan Lobo, Press and Publicity Officers; Emma Cooper, Will Pyman, Kimon Polychroniadis, Rhodri C E Scantlebury, Senate Representative,

Apologies: Jodie Davies, Victor Tsitakis, Fred Danquah, Eva Fairnell

### Sabbatical Elections

It was decided that the timing for nominations for Sabbatical Elections would be extended until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May with food out at 8.30 p.m. We should advertise the Elections in the YUSU Newsletter.

### Child Care Services

It was decided that we should create a similar system to that used by the Students' Union for their "Right to Choose Fund". This will mean an overhaul of the way we currently fund childcare services and we can refine it as we go along. It was agreed that in all cases, GSA money will be paid to the Nursery concerned and not directly to the student. There will be four deadlines for use of the fund: Winter, Autumn, Spring and Summer terms.

Lynne and Aseel to liaise regarding the new system of childcare.

It was agreed that Lynne would now liaise with the Welfare Officer re the above (not including taking cases to arbitration). Subsequent to this, it was agreed that we should employ a part time member of staff to look after finances.

### GSA Events

Flamingo Land – Fred and Will RP'ing, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Ashley and Val suggested (in partnership with Wentworth GCR and perhaps the OSA) a Summer Ball on a boat on the River.

### Latin Fever

This will take place on 23 May (week 5). Val is here until Friday and Tom agreed to help. Val and Ashley to contact the OSA.

It was agreed that we should pay the Students' Union for funding postgraduate students re the "Right to Choose Fund" in this academic year.