

## TCSU Open Meeting, 10 November 2024

**Present:** Emmy Charalambous, Dido Coley, Tilly Aldridge, Max Smith, Joe Morgan, Alexander Reeves-Bonoldi, Holly Higham, Toby Collins,

**Absent:** Elnoy Greenenko,

**Apologies:** Mire Diallo, Balqiis Ali, Verity Marshall, Zayna Mian

A quorum was reached, and the open meeting began.

EC

- Freshers' week was a success

ARB

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- VM has done a wonderful job as women and non-binary representative
- Has been acting as access representative *pro tempore*
- Committed to representing people of all socioeconomic backgrounds

DC

- Helping out with freshers' week, making sure disabled students' voices are heard

JD

- Freshers' reception + event in the OCR
- 'Gay Icons' bop at the end of term; a collaboration with Pembroke and (hopefully) Trinity Hall

TA

- Organised Nevile's Ent and Halloween Bop
- STI Bop and Britpop Bop coming up, as well as (potentially) a Christmas bop

TC

- Green formal went well
- Working with TEGA to organise a plant sale
- Continue to make heating more efficient

HH

- Promoting TCSU events on social media

MS

- Adding freshers to the mailing list
- Putting together Freshers' Handbook

There are no motions to vote on, because nobody submitted any.

We are currently working with the BA Society to draft an open letter to the college on arms investment and broader student participation in important decisions.

We are still finalising the letter itself.

But we will release it to students as soon as it is finished.

ARB: we had a meeting with the Master on the college's investments

- The meeting was not what we wanted it to be
- The Master said that the consensus at Trinity was that there is no interest in divesting from arms companies
- The Master said she 'regretted' the support college gave to Ukraine and the precedent that set for responses to war and humanitarian crises
- We have spoken about setting up a position where a member of the student body helps inform college investments
- But the Master thought it would be pointless
- Nonetheless, we are going to set up this position, because it is our responsibility to the student body
- There was an unfortunate incident over the summer owing to neglect by several college departments
- The student received a sincere apology from the college
- The college seems to be taking the problem seriously

ARB: we will be holding elections for the next TCSU committee shortly

- We hope people in all years consider getting on board and running for a position
- Please feel free to reach out to any member of the committee if you are considering running for their role
- In most cases, prior experience is not necessary

Question: could we have another meeting with the Master to challenge her on her views?

- ARB: yes, we will look into that, and we will be sure to maintain good communication with the student body throughout the period.

Question: can we get college pets?

- EC: someone would have to look after the pets; we can't have neglected animals wandering around college + although we do sometimes get animals in (e.g., alpacas)