

## **Notes of a Meeting of the Chaplaincy User Forum**

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**In attendance:** Representatives from faith societies (Buddhist; Christian Focus; Christian Union; Hindu; Sikh)

Chaplaincy Coordinator (Sheila)

Chaplains: Anglican (Kate), Jewish (Fishel) and Catholic (Fr Harry)

Student Union Welfare Officer (Luke) (Chair)

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Members of the Forum introduced themselves.

#### **2. Apologies**

It was noted that Cathsoc; ISoc and JISoc did not have representation at the meeting. George Creasey had sent his apologies to the meeting; Luke Pilot was attending and chairing in his absence.

#### **3. Summary and update of actions from last meeting**

Noted that teaspoons and forks had been bought for the kitchen but had gone missing within a matter of days.

Noted that three new tables had been purchased for the Central space and hung behind the projector screen curtain for general use.

Noted that the noticeboard refresh events had been held but that no society had yet used the materials available. Kate advised that she would be around on Monday and Thursday mornings (Café Fribble times) for the rest of the term and is happy to provide materials for societies wanting to update their notice boards over that time. To have a chance at winning the £30 printing voucher, the boards need to be finished by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Action: Faith Societies to update their notice boards by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

#### **4. Update from Student Union**

Luke Pilot, Welfare Officer (and President from Summer 2016) reported on work within the SU. The end of term 3 is much quieter for SU staff and officers so this is a good time for societies to contact with queries for next year. In particular, speaker requests can go in for next year.

Luke reported a reduction in the number of applications from Societies for funding from the SU and encouraged groups to submit applications.

Work is being done to amend the Byelaws at the SU to include exemption for faith societies from Soc Fed fee formally.

At previous meetings, societies had reported on a lack of clarity on the permissions for spending society money on food (especially food for non-society members). George had clarified the position. It was noted that the CU is following this work up, seeking the advice George had given in writing, as the perception is the level of permission can vary on the person holding the position of Societies Sabb Officer.

**Thanks were given by the group to George and Luke for their work in convening and chairing the User Forum this year.**

## 5. Update from the Chaplaincy

Sheila reminded groups to get their booking requests in for next year's term 1 as soon as possible. When asked for feedback on the space, it was noted that the projector often isn't switching on with the remote control at the moment.

**Action: Sheila to report the projector to Audio Visual services for maintenance check**

Members of the Buddhist society commented that the sliding doors at the bottom of the central space are very heavy and difficult to move.

**Action: When the doors have their annual check in the summer, the maintenance team will be asked if there is a way to make their closing easier. [After the meeting, the Chaplains also agreed to explore whether a replacement for these doors might be feasible in the medium term].**

The noise made by piano playing in the central space while students in the library are studying was discussed. It was noted that piano playing is only permitted between 10 past and half past the hour and the Coordinator and Chaplains can be notified to ask players to stop if necessary. It was agreed to close the library space off during term 3 when quiet space is most important.

**Action: Sliding doors to be kept closed in term 3 (at least until week 8) for next academic years.**

Kate asked the group for permission to submit the photo taken at the lunch for new exec members to the Diversity calendar competition at the University. The photo was circulated around the group for comment.

**Action: Photo to be checked by society members (on the homepage of the Chaplaincy) and Kate to submit to the competition if no concerns are raised.**

## 6. Inter-Faith Week: 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November

The following ideas were agreed as possible activities for Inter-Faith week:

- Interfaith football tournament (noted that a member of CU is already exploring an interfaith football league, so this will link with him)
- Hiring a table tennis table for the main space / having a pool night in the SU (to liaise with Pool Society) / or a chess tournament
- Board games evening
- Quiz night
- Open day for visitors to the Chaplaincy spaces / Islamic Prayer Hall hosted by society representatives
- Q&A panel with different faith representatives
- Globe (CU event) to consider hosting an end of week celebration

**Action: FB Group to be updated for 2016/17, activities to be added for discussion. Kate will write to societies, asking if they would like to host any of the above activities in their booked Chaplaincy slot for week 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

## 8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

**Wednesday of Week 3: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm in the Central space (lunch will be provided).**