

Notes of a Meeting of the Chaplaincy User Forum
Wednesday 19th October 2016

In attendance: Representatives from faith societies (Buddhist; Christian Focus; Christian Union; Islamic; Jewish Israeli; Sikh)

Chaplains: Anglican (Kate)

Student Union President (Luke) (Chair)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members of the Forum introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

It was noted that Hindu Soc did not have representation at the meeting. Marissa Beatty had sent her apologies to the meeting, as had Stuart Jennings, Fishel Cohen and Harry Curtis.

3. Summary and update of actions from last meeting

Noted that Sikh Soc and Buddhist Soc won prizes for their noticeboards. Sikh Soc are still to claim their printing credits.

There was no update on the problem of opening and closing the sliding doors into the main space and Kate said she would follow up.

All other items are covered on the agenda.

4. Update from the Chaplaincy

Kate mentioned the recruitment process for the post of Chaplaincy Coordinator and asked groups to share the advert post which will be going up on the Chaplaincy Facebook page.

Kate introduced the new key system, using the Deister, and reminded society members to hand in their keys as they no longer need to take keys off site. It was noted that there will be problems for other users caused if keys are taken home as there is only one copy of each key kept in the Deister (e.g. Societies Cupboard) so those with access were encouraged never to leave the IPH or Chaplaincy whilst holding a key.

Members of iSoc reported ongoing problems with the hot water in the Sisters' ablution facilities in the IPH. It was noted that this has been going on for some time and the ablutions are unusable. It was noted that the problem has been reported and a new valve is on order but it was agreed that we must keep highlighting this problem as it needs to be sorted out urgently.

Also noted that the alarm keeps going off in the IPH in the evening.

Actions: Kate to follow up on problems in IPH with estates and security. Society key holders to return their keys to Janet or Kate as soon as possible.

5. Update from Student Union

Luke Pilot, SU President, reported on work within the SU:

Welcome week and week one went really well – Luke thanked everyone for their support and hard work. He noted that officers may be a bit slow in getting back to queries as it's so busy at the moment. In addition, there have been lots of staff changes in the SU and Societies were encouraged to double check they who their society coordinator now is.

Luke mentioned the Societies Calendar on the SU website and asked societies to keep it updated with events.

The Autumn elections – members were encourage to vote.

The deadline for policy submission is Monday 24th October for the next student council meeting.

Chloe, Welfare Sabb Officer, has launched her wellbeing campaign, 'Are You OK?'. Worth checking out as Faith Societies may feel there's something that they could contribute.

Marissa, Societies Officer, is also going to be launching a new campaign in term 2 – watch this space.

Action: Society members to check the SU calendar and consider what events they would like to advertise on it.

6. Inter-Faith Week: 13th to 20th November

The following events were broadly agreed for a planning group to take forward:

- Monday evening games night
- Lunch event with open access for visitors to the Chaplaincy (maybe Wednesday)
- An invitation to join JISoc for Shabbat meal on Friday evening.

Action: Kate to email Society execs for nominations to organising group and then put those members in touch with each other, via email and a new Facebook group. Event names, dates and times to be agreed by end of week 4 so that publicity can begin.

7. Open Day: 22nd November

Chaplains are unable to host the whole of the Open Day in the Chaplaincy on Saturday and has asked for help from Societies.

Action: Society reps to consult with their execs over who may be available to serve tea and coffee to prospective students and their families between 11am and 2pm on Saturday and to get back to Kate with names.

8. Diversity Calendar

Noted that the chaplaincy was a runner up in the Diversity Calendar competition. Kate cannot attend the lunch to collect the award next Tuesday and wondered if any Society members might like to go.

Action: Society execs to consider whether anyone would like to go on behalf of the Chaplaincy to receive our prize (12.15 to 13.15 in University House)

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday of Week 5: Wednesday 8th February at 12.30pm in the Central space (lunch will be provided).