



Minutes of the Capitation Committee

19 January 2022

At 11.00am via Zoom

Present: Chair – Prof Eoin O’Sullivan, Secretary – Aidan Marsh, FSD – Elaine Sharkey, Student Life – Catherine McCabe, CSC – Alice Lennon, CSC – Ben McConkey; CSC – Ronan Hodson; GSU - Geetika Banga; SU - Bev Genockey; SU - Leah Keogh; SU – Sierra; GSU - Gisele Scanlon

Apologies: Aoife Simm

In Attendance: Trinity Ability Co-op – Rachel Murphy; CSC – Joseph O’Gorman; DUCAC – Aidan Kavanagh; CSC – Lucy; GSU – Sarah Alyn-Stacey; Simon Evans; Publications – Grace Gageby

Professor Eoin O’Sullivan as Chair of the Capitation Committee opened the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Last Meetings of 13th May 2021 and 14 October 2021

An amendment was requested regarding consensus to the proposal about who would chair a meeting of the Capitation Committee in the absence of the Chair. It was stated that no consensus had been reached in this regard.

2. Matters arising

The GSU confirmed their intent to appeal the decision of the Capitation Committee of 23rd September to withhold the GSU Moiety

3. Representative from Trinity Inclusiveness

Rachel Murphy of Trinity Ability Co-op gave a presentation on an ongoing project towards inclusiveness and accessibility in College clubs and Societies and noted concern over a lack of engagement with the project from clubs and societies.

The Chair suggested that engagement with inclusiveness be made an ongoing item on the Capitation Committee Agenda. This was agreed with consensus.

The CSC noted that societies that had engaged with Trinity Ability Co-op had found it beneficial, and DUCAC added that they are committed towards a new club development model which promotes inclusiveness.

Action

Rachel Murphy to be invited to attend future meetings of the Capitation Committee to update the committee on an ongoing project towards inclusiveness and accessibility in College clubs and Societies.

4. Photo Archive of Trinity Ball

An archive of photographs of the Trinity Ball had been found the previous year by the SU who are willing to make it available for use by Capitated Bodies.

Publications noted an interest in publication of a Trinity Ball book.

Action

Trinity Ball Committee to explore the possibilities provided by finding the archive including seeking legal advice regarding any potential publication or use of the photographs.

5. Presentation of Accounts:

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The CSC noted that funding from the levy for the new student centre is held in the CSC accounts and has been marked by the auditors as being held in trust for clarification.

It was clarified that the student centre funds listed on the accounts is different to levy funds and represents CSC/SU funding ringfenced for future use following the construction of a new student centre.

DUCAC

DUCAC confirmed that there is a spending plan in place for the next couple of years regarding Pavilion Bar.

Insurance costs are expected to increase significantly in 2021-22, though it is not yet certain by how much.

Professor Alyn-Stacey noted that new travel regulations had been approved by Board and advised that DUCAC monitor any subsequent impact on future travel costs.

Action

The Accounts of SU, GSU, and Publications to be submitted for the next meeting of the Capitation Committee

6. Annual Reports

The Annual Reports of the CSC, DUCAC, and Publications were acknowledged by the Committee.

Action

The Annual Reports of the SU and GSU are to be submitted for the next meeting of the Capitation Committee.

7. Allocations for 2021/22

Draft allocations were not circulated at the meeting.

Action

Elaine Sharkey to circulate Allocations following meeting for discussion at the next meeting of the Capitation Committee.

8. Review of Terms of Reference of Capitation Committee

The Senior Dean invited the Chairs of the Capitated Bodies to consider whether the Capitated Bodies would like to review the Terms of the Reference of the Capitation Committee. It was agreed amongst the Committee attendees that this was a suitable time for such a review.

Following a query about why this had not come before the Capitation Committee, the Secretary clarified that no formal working group for reviewing the Terms of Reference had been established, and would not be established without approval by the Committee.

9. Any Other Business

The Senior Dean confirmed that the GSU moiety was still being withheld, per the decision of the Capitation Committee on 23rd September.