



Minutes: LPIT AST
Date: 5th November 2009
Time: 3.00PM
Venue: Aungier Street
Room: DITSU Boardroom

In Attendance:

Eric Fitzgerald (Convenor)
 Shauna Switzer (Clubs & Societies Officer)
 Siobhan Abrook (Ents Officer)
 Keeli Neenan (Environment Officer)
 Dzordana Baukute (International Students Officer)
 Fiona Condron (Student Support Advisor/LPIT Clerk)

Visitors:

None

Apologies:

Efa Corwell (Annex Officer)

Eric opened the meeting by congratulating the part-time officers on their new roles. He noted that there has been one nomination for the position of Comms Officer, which should be filled at the next Class Rep Meeting.

Eric then explained the role of the LPIT, and told the PTOs that he would forward documents containing further information to them via email.

Eric also explained that Standing Orders for LPIT were the same as those for Governing Council; Siobhan proposed these, and Dzordana seconded them. Siobhan proposed that the LPIT clerk be allowed free voice at meetings; this was seconded by Keeli.

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| Minutes: | |
| As this was the first Aungier Street LPIT of the academic year, there were no minutes to approve. | |
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| Matters Arising: | |
| There were no matters arising. | |
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| Correspondence: | |
| A letter was received from Mark Breen, Events & Marketing Manager, detailing plans for upcoming events. | |

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| <p>Comedy shows are to be organised with the Societies Office. Eric asked for suggestions regarding possible performers for these events, and the following were mooted by the LPIT: Jason Byrne, Jack Wise, Steve Cummins, Dylan Moran, PJ Gallagher, Catherine Lynch, and Des Bishop. There was a discussion regarding the cost of these performers. The possibility of offering shows in Irish was rejected, as at least one comedian usually performs as <i>Gaeilge</i> during Seachtain na Gaeilge.</p> <p>The Japanese Popstars will be performing on the 18th November; Eric noted the value offered by this gig to students as the ticket price is half of that offered by any other college. It was noted that Fashion and Banter Socs have organised an event on the same evening, which was agreed to be unfortunate.</p> <p>A list of DIT student friendly venues is currently being compiled, and Siobhan agreed to email Sean/Mark with suggestions of suitable southside venues to add to this list.</p> <p>Tradfest is being organised, in tandem with Trad Soc, for a date in November.</p> <p>Welfare Week will take place the week starting 16th November. Eric explained the type of event that usually takes place during this week, and asked for suggestions for welfare related events. A Battle of the Bands was suggested, and Shauna agreed to forward details to Sean/Mark regarding bands that might play for free. Eric impressed upon the officers the importance of encouraging volunteers to assist during Welfare Week, and Siobhan agreed to work on gathering an events team.</p> <p>There will be a Christmas event organised for International and Erasmus students – Dzordana will contact Sean/Mark regarding these plans.</p> <p>Preparations are already under way for 2nd semester, including Ray Foley, Podge & Rodge, and possibly some of the acts who had been signed up for Dandelive.</p> | <p>Siobhan to email Sean/Mark</p> <p>Shauna to email Sean/Mark re: bands Siobhan to gather events team</p> <p>Dzordana to contact Sean/Mark</p> |
| | <p>Action Box</p> |
| <p>DITSU Issues:</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding local plans for Christmas Week. Eric explained that events usually take place in prominent places, such as the stage and the foyer, and he asked for suggestions regarding possible acts/events. It was agreed that two or three separate events would be most suitable, ideally not held on Friday, as there are very few students around on that day.</p> <p>Eric noted things that have worked well previously in Aungier Street, including offering prizes to get students involved in things like eating contests. A treasure hunt, or orienteering, was also suggested, and a 'Pin-the-nose-on-Rudolph' activity, but these were agreed to be unsuitable; it was also thought that a 'Blind Date' type show would be better saved until RAG Week. It was agreed that a timed dress-up competition (or 'Ready, Santa, Go!') would be a great way to get students involved (costumes,</p> | |

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| <p>including hats, antlers, tinsel, baubles and the like, would need to be provided). Music was deemed a must, and there was a discussion regarding the possibility of a band/DJ playing Christmas songs. Shauna agreed to contact DJ and Gig Socs in relation to this.</p> <p>Organising an event for mature/evening students was suggested, and a discussion ensued regarding the format this could take. A mulled wine reception was suggested, but was rejected due to the college's alcohol policy, and the problem of students then being unable to drive home. The possibility of a non-alcoholic reception was mooted, and all agreed this was a good idea. Dzordana agreed to contact Bob O'Murchu to suggest this and gauge the level of interest. It was suggested that such an evening would be an ideal way to thank the porters for all their help during the year, and it was agreed to extend an invitation to them, and other DIT personnel, including Professor Norton and the Heads of Faculty/School. The reception, it was thought, would ideally begin about five o'clock, and Siobhan agreed to find out on which evening most part-time students were at college; it was thought that this would probably be Tuesday or Thursday.</p> <p>A Santa for children was also put forward, but was rejected, as it was agreed that it would be difficult for students to bring their children to college, and that DIT insurance would probably not cover them during their Santy visit.</p> <p>It was also decided that decorations, including mistletoe, tinsel and so forth, would need to be purchased, as none remained from previous years. It was suggested that as well as decorating the common area in Aungier Street, Temple Bar should also be decked out. A discussion ensued regarding staging events for one day at Temple Bar, and possibly passing out free mince pies or selection boxes. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next LPIT meeting.</p> <p>Eric recommended that 'Christmas Week' not take place during the last week of term, and it was agreed that events occur the week beginning Monday, 7th December. LPIT decided that events should take place at lunchtime, between either 12 and 1 o'clock, or 1 and 2 o'clock. Siobhan, as Ents Officer, expressed a desire to be available to introduce the Monday event.</p> <p>It was decided that a mince pie eating contest take place between 12 and 1 o'clock on Monday, followed by music, from 1 to 2 o'clock, by the DJ Soc, if possible. Eric emphasised the importance of cleaning up after every event, particularly an eating contest. The idea of a 'Christmas Iron Stomach', during which participants consume all manner of food mixed together, was mooted, and it was agreed that this could be finalised at the next LPIT meeting. Eric reminded the PTOs that a cash prize would be needed as an incentive!</p> <p>It was agreed that the dress up competition take place on Wednesday, 9th December. It was suggested that this event be followed by music, and Shauna agreed to contact a band to check their availability, and willingness to play Christmas songs!</p> | <p>Shauna to contact DJ/Gig Socs</p> <p>Dzordana to contact Bob O'Murchu re: evening event</p> <p>Siobhan to ascertain best day for evening event</p> <p>Shauna to contact band</p> |
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| <p>The costs incurred in organising these events would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingredients for mulled wine • Mince pies and cream • Decorations <p>An estimated cost of approximately 150 – 200 Euro was suggested, and it was agreed that costs would be obtained, and submitted for consideration at the next LPIT meeting.</p> <p>Eric reminded the PTOs of the Old Folks' Christmas Dinner organised at Cathal Brugha Street each year, and encouraged them to get involved. He also suggested the idea of a 'Giving Tree' where a present is purchased for a child; this could be in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. Siobhan asked if other sites could participate in this, and Eric suggested it was brought to Governing Council.</p> | <p>Action Box</p> <p>LPIT to ascertain costs</p> <p>Siobhan (?) to bring to Governing Council</p> |
| <p>DIT Issues:</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the problem of rubbish in the common area. Keeli suggested the idea of, in tandem with the other DIT sites, a 'Cleanest Campus Competition'.</p> <p>It was asked whether extra bins could be provided, but Eric explained that the porters had rejected this idea. He also reminded the PTOs that they are unable to mandate DIT staff to empty bins more frequently, despite them always seeming full. It was agreed that culpability for the issue resides with the students themselves, and was suggested that Class Reps continue to remind their classes to keep the area clean. It was suggested that the threat of closure be an incentive to messy students, but the logistics of such a closure could not be determined, and it was thought that such a decision could antagonise students and worsen the situation. It was suggested that the shop be closed for a period, but Eric reminded the PTOs that this would not be possible.</p> <p>LPIT agreed that the awareness campaign had not helped, and it was suggested that someone physically police the area with a bin, and talk to the students about the mess. It was ultimately agreed that this was not an issue that would be solved at one meeting, and Eric invited the Officers to email him with further suggestions regarding the issue.</p> <p>The issue of broken chairs in the college was raised. Fifty new chairs are expected, but it was noted that this number was insufficient. Eric explained that Peter Heaslip is to be in touch regarding this matter; Eric will also speak to Bill Hennessy, who was contacted previously. He also explained to the Officers that Sean Campbell is aware of this matter.</p> | <p>PTOs to email Eric with ideas</p> <p>Eric to contact Bill Hennessy</p> |
| <p>USI Issues:</p> <p>There were no USI issues.</p> | |
| <p>A.O.B:</p> <p>There was no A.O.B. - Eric explained that, in future, items to be discussed in this section be submitted to him in advance.</p> | |

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| The meeting concluded at 4.15PM. | |
| The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed. | |