**Minutes 6/05/14**

**Present: CM, JS, HB, ET, CC, OB, GH, CP, PP, RFC, JN, LR, AK, CH, BJ
Apologies: HJ
AOB**

**LW minutes:
-These were agreed**

**School visits:
-Last week's school visits went well
-There will be another week of school visits next week
-CM asked for any new committee members who were interested to volunteer to be in charge of school visits next year**

**Committee Details:
-CP is sorting this out and needs to know everyone's email addresses**

**Socials/Eurovision:
-GH spoke to someone at Icons about Tuesday socials.
-For now everything will stay the same but in September there will be a lot of cool stuff including free popcorn and pizza
-It's too short notice to organise anything big for Eurovision this year so something will be put on Facebook to signpost people to the Icons event
-Publicity people are going to put this on Facebook**

**Trans\* Rep:
-Committee discussed whether committee should elect a trans\* welfare rep now
-Normally this would be elected this year
-The role will be publicised, and the by-election will be advertised as being at the start of the meeting in week 12.
-If there's no interest within the next two weeks then this by-election will be held next year**

**Other reps:
-Because the inclusions officer will be in charge of a whole group of reps after the summer, it was suggested that CC should sit in on agenda meetings to feed in ideas from the reps
-CC would be happy to do this
-HB said that in terms of the roles themselves, it should be left open depending on who turns up and wants to run**

**Committee Time:
-There was discussion about organising for freshers next year
-CM suggested that the committee have an extra meeting to arrange freshers events, and also to discuss goals for next year
-CP will make a Facebook poll to work out when everyone will be free to have this meeting
-It was also asked when the committee meeting would be next year
-Next year the committee meeting might be moved to around 7pm so it's more convenient for people going to the Tuesday social afterwards
-This will begin in September**

**Office hours:
-Webchat hours were raised as an issue, and it was decided that these would be sorted out on Facebook. CC will post this.
-CP said that office hours would be good to have at the start of next year, and GH agreed with this
-GH said that organised socials in the lounge at the start of next year would be a good introduction for people to the lounge
-There was a discussion about meet and greets before socials at the start of term
-CM said that in order to do this, people just have to advertise that they'll be there and then turn up, which shouldn't be that difficult
-Committee were generally of the idea that office hours are useful for the first few weeks but after that they don't need to be so strict
-CC said that office hours by request could be a good idea**

**IDAHAT:
-IDAHAT is the international day against homophobia and transphobia
-Usually there's an event in the peace gardens/millennium galleries
-As a committee we've always gone, but this year it's on a Saturday rather than a weekday
-CM recommended that even if no one goes it should still be advertised
-IDAHAT will be on Saturday 17th May**

**Big message:
-This will be an event on Wednesday 14th May at 2pm
-CM said that it's important to go and tell everyone about the issues that are important to us
-It's a good opportunity to go along and tell uni staff about all the things we want (like GNTs)
-This is an intersectional meeting and as many people as possible are encouraged to go**

**Gay volleyball:
-There is someone who is in Spain at the moment who wants to organise something for gay men in sport
-The person is happy to organise it themselves, but asked for the committee's support
-Committee said they were happy to support and help them as necessary**

**PT Event:
-This event is on 1st July
-Committee are happy to advertise this**

**SMAGSMYP:
-RFC and HB went along to this
-The trans\* policy discussion didn't really happen
-The next meeting will be at the end of July so committee will probably send apologies to this
-RFC recommended that committee carry on sending someone along to the meetings because they're really useful**

**Hate crime scrutiny panel:
-This is on Wednesday 21st May at 5.45 in the town hall
-BJ is happy to attend this, and anyone else can go**