

Southampton University Student Christian Movement – Annual General Meeting 2010

Chair: John Wheatley

Minutes: Robin Wilson

Committee Members Present: Dan Barnes-Davies, Andrew Treharne, John Wheatley, Rhiannon Bluemel, Chris Todd

Committee Members Apologies: Olivia Wilson, Ruth Snook, Thirza McNair

Members Present: See attached list. Overall there were 13 people participating in the voting.

The meeting opened in prayer.

Reports from the outgoing committee

President: Been more involved in National SCM events this year. Generally been a successful year, and we are looking forward to our vision evening next term.

Treasurer: We are generally breaking even for food every week, as the numbers have gone up. Old receipts from the last three years have been filed. We have approximately £150 and around £60 of the University of Southampton Chaplaincy Association's money from the pancakes party. It should be noted that SUSU do not fund purely social events (such as fireworks) – so we should not try to claim back from them for this.

Vice-Presidents: It has been a good year. John's had a lot of fun, and wishes us good luck for the future.

Food Secretary: People suggested that this job may be difficult, but it hasn't been too bad. Generally we've been ok for organising the food rota, although some of the regular cooks are leaving this year.

Draft constitutional amendments

See attached document listing constitutional amendments and the new constitution. Dan outlined the changes to the constitution. There was discussion about the addition of a clause allowing the committee to co-opt members.

The committee present voted, on the advice of the membership, unanimously to accept the revised constitution. The new constitution will now be passed to Dan and Olivia to sign and send to SUSU.

SCM night discussion

John introduced the discussion regarding what day of the week we should have SCM. Some people who would like to come can't make Wednesdays, and a new day of the week might give the society a new start (particularly as we are planning to refocus the vision of SCM at the moment). Changing SCM from a Wednesday may lead to less of a merging from the Wednesday afternoon Chaplaincy to SCM. Robin raised the point of possible problems with cooking food on other days, as people are likely to have lectures in the afternoon/evening on other days. It was pointed out that there will be people who can't make it on any day, and we need to examine the costs and

benefits of moving the day. Tom suggested an option of changing the day now, and then reviewing how the day-change has gone at the beginning of next academic year, with the option to change the day back again, or to a different day, if needed. Dan pointed out that this doesn't have to be a concrete, permanent change, and can always be undone.

After some discussion the options seem to be:

- **Monday:** Start of the week, everyone awake and ready to go. Could work the opposite way though.
- **Wednesday:** Well established day. Have the afternoon to prepare food. Half-way through the week (between two Sunday church services).
- **Thursday:** Clashes with The Stile Pub Quiz, but may not be as big a problem as it is thought. This would not be an issue for potential new members – especially freshers'. Andy pointed out that in the past social events such as the quiz have worked well as an attraction for new people to get to know people in chaplaincy, and this has sometimes led to new members for SCM.
- **Sunday:** Bit of an unusual idea... Has been done at other universities (eg. Warwick, who combine it with a lunch). We would be able to use the building until around 5:30 when CathSoc mass starts. However, many people go home for the weekend, and there is also lots of church stuff that happens on Sundays. Tom suggested that this idea was quite "exciting" because it's different, although he noted that this wouldn't affect him as he is leaving. There are many drawbacks, but it is an interesting idea.

Toddy suggested that some other groups have two meetings, although this is unlikely to be workable with the numbers that we currently have. Sarah raised the question of what would happen if someone was elected to a post but could not manage to come because of a day change. Dan responded that it is not essential for an elected committee member to serve their entire term, so in this case they would be able to stand down.

The consensus seemed to be that Monday or Wednesday would be the least difficult for people. A vote was held with two options: Monday or Wednesday. Members were advised to abstain from the vote if they had no preference regarding the day.

Monday	5
Wednesday	4
Abstentions	4

The winner was Monday, therefore **for a trial period (to be decided at the handover committee meeting) SCM will be moved to a Monday evening.**

Elections

President: Nominations for President were: Laura Wheeler and Emma Anthony. Both candidates confirmed that they were still willing to stand, and were given an opportunity to present their manifestos, which were not minuted. The membership were then given an opportunity to ask the candidates questions. John introduced the voting options: Emma, Laura or Re-Open Nominations, and there is the possibility of abstaining.

Emma	11
Laura	2
RON	0
Abstentions	0

Emma Anthony was elected to become the new President of SCM.

Secretary: The nominations for secretary were Robin Wilson and Gabrielle Austen Anderson. An opportunity was given for questions to be asked of the candidates.

Robin Wilson	10
Gabrielle Austen Anderson	3
RON	0
Abstentions	0

Robin Wilson was elected to become the new secretary of SCM.

Treasurer: The nomination for treasurer was Sarah Gadd. As there was only one candidate the options were Sarah, Re-Open Nominations, or the possibility of abstaining.

Sarah Gadd	13
RON	0
Abstentions	0

Sarah Gadd was elected to become the new treasurer of SCM.

Ordinary members: We need at least two. The nominations are: Chris Todd, Paul Bailey, Andrew Treharne, Dan Barnes-Davies, Laura Wheeler, Gabrielle Austen Anderson. John explained that each member has a maximum of six votes. Members can vote for as many or as few candidates as they wish. It should be noted that it has been suggested before that eight people on a committee is a good maximum number, and this should be taken into account.

Chris Todd	13	RON	0
Paul Bailey	11	RON	2
Andrew Treharne	13	RON	0
Laura Wheeler	12	RON	1
Gabrielle Austen Anderson	11	RON	2
Dan Barnes-Davies	10	RON	3

Chris Todd, Paul Bailey, Andrew Treharne, Laura Wheeler, Gabrielle Austen Anderson and Dan Barnes-Davies were elected to become ordinary committee members of SCM.

Tom gave thanks and small awards to the outgoing committee.

The meeting closed at 21:56.