Marshall Society Executive Committee Meeting

07 October 2023

General Committee Meeting

Meeting commenced 12:40

Agenda Point 1: Order of attendance

All present.

Agenda Point 2: Proposed constitutional change and enactment of past changes.

Lucas Mordue, henceforth known as LM, proposed the removal of all gender-specific language, with the exception of language used in gender specific situations, such as the potential for particular women's roles in the future.

No dissent was registered, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ellie Breeze, henceforth known as EB, will be responsible for the writing of the new constitution including changes passed at the previous General Committee meeting on 27/09. EB to write and distribute the new constitution for publication in the next 2 weeks.

Agenda Point 3: Summary of freshers' fair

102 new members registered with around 320 general sign-ups for the mailing list, raising around £1100 for the society through membership fees. LM stated he was very happy with the freshers' fair and interest levels and thanked everyone who helped out on the stall.

LM stated organisation could be improved for next time, especially as the banner and membership cards only arrived on the second day. LM noted that expenses incurred throughout the freshers' fair were seen as investments and could be justified considering the success of the membership drive.

LM stated he would like the Marshall Society to attend the Refreshers' Fair in Lent.

Agenda Point 4: Events implementation and next steps of membership drive

LM stated he wanted to ensure advertising was more structured. LM stated we would advertise the Marshall Society's group chat on the various Economics group chats and then keep advertising largely within the group chat.

LM to add and remove necessary people from the Facebook account.

LM stated he spoke to relevant stakeholders about a potential collaboration with the Cambridge University Labour Club and will reach out to other relevant societies on "Gin and GDP", which would occur around week 6.

Edward Hilditch, henceforth known as EH, asked whether this kind of event, and more specifically, collaboration with political societies was the type of event our members would be interested in.

LM stated he would consider this with the event officers but stated he wanted to try it at least once, and then further decisions could be made from there.

LM asked EB to ensure that all newsletters contain the link to social media accounts and the WhatsApp group chat. EB stated that she would be sending the newsletter tomorrow, 08/10, to allow her time to update the members' list with the new sign-ups.

Philip Al Taiee, henceforth known as PT, asked whether we could close the PayPal account.

LM stated we could.

PT stated the Governor of the Austrian Central Bank was visiting the Austrian Society in Easter, and asked if we would be interested in a collaboration. LM stated we would. PT to action.

Agenda Point 5: Annual Dinner

LM stated the plan is for a private dinner in Queens' Old Hall followed by a club night. LM stated the minimum number of guests needed is 60, which works out around £45 per person.

Victoria Romaniv, henceforth known as VR, suggested alternative locations such as the Hilton. LM stated they would consider other locations and stressed the need to gauge interest to judge which venue would be most suitable, especially due to concerns about not reaching the minimum threshold of guests.

VR stated a hotel would offer a more comprehensive experience and stated she would speak to relevant committee members about exploring options.

VR proposed reaching out to Mohammed El-Erian as a guest speaker, especially if the event is held in Queens.

Agenda Point 6: Hiring a new officer of the society

LM noted the publicity officer has a lot of work to balance, and highlighted the need for 'in-person' publicity at events. LM suggested hiring another publicity officer to assist with workload.

VR suggested speaking to the current publicity officer before sending out applications.

LM proposed for future committees to have 1 officer on stash, 2 on publicity, 1 on miscellaneous and merging the roles of research and magazine editor.

VR proposed currently miscellaneous reach out to alumni on LinkedIn.

AOB:

LM suggested a swap with an Oxford economics society.

LM stressed the need for a focus on accessories with stash, and stressed the need to ascertain demand before any orders are placed.

Meeting Concluded 13:30