



Faith Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday 30th January, 17:00pm DDM Seminar F

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

Attendees: Sebastien Mitchell, Alexa Webster, Sajjad Jabarkhel, Tom Crane, Megan Arthur, Bella Frimpong, George Perry (Secretary)

Apologies: Izzy Aruna

2. Agree minutes of last meeting

Minutes approved

3. Matters arising

TC - Standing rock has become an international issue anew, TC and MA will liaise with Issi Daley through AW

4. Everyone's schedule, plans, dates to end of term

SJ update

SJ - Praying has been difficult recently, especially for Wudhu. SJ thinks it is time to ask for a prayer room more suited for the needs of Muslim students. Chaplaincy not large enough, open long enough or fit for needs.

AW - Asked if there was anything the committee to do?

SM – Is there a room available on Falmouth campus? This will affect students on both campuses

AW – There is one room that is not fit for purpose

SM – Having nowhere to go to worship is alienating. People need faith if they are alone at university. Prayer space is needed, especially for Muslim students.

SJ – Muslim student body growing, facilities need to meet this growth.

AW – Faith committee should write a joint statement regarding this issue, outlining the ideal situation to be added to the long term plan for campus but clarifying that what is needed is specific space for worship and cleaning. This can then be voted on and commented on via 'Make a change', voted on by Leadership Team and then taken higher by Alexa and Amanda.

SJ – SJ and others are being contacted by potential students asking about the provision for Muslim students, prayer space, halal availability etc. They are being honest and telling them there is very little, more provision is needed.

SM – Everyone please speak to your faith groups and outline what would be needed and when in terms of space.

Action – SM and SJ work together with FC to list what is needed for our faith students, priority given to our Muslim students

SJ – Halal meat should be in the shop within the next couple of weeks, SJ will chase up on this and hopefully have an

update soon

TC update

TC – The outdoor Chaplaincy area has helped space wise, still some issues with this space. Would be helpful to have inside space with kitchen facilities but space is not a huge priority for this group. Need space to light a fire, understandably this is dangerous and would need strict risk assessing. However, it is important to the Pagan faith and those who follow it. A fire bowl/ pit would be acceptable.

AW – Speak to Becky Nesbitt about this

SM – How about using the barbeque spaces?

TC – These spaces are in the middle of campus and not secluded enough but this type of set up in the Chaplaincy outdoor space would be suitable

MA update

MA – Provision for Christian students seems appropriate at the moment. 'STORY Falmouth', the current CU campaign is open to all faiths, would be good to advertise and get people of varied faiths involved. MA wants CU to get involved with Believe and Do Good Month.

TC – Pagan Soc would love to be involved also

SJ – ISoc would appreciate all help and assistance provided by any faith organisation.

SM – Should we have a meeting between society/ faith representatives to discuss Believe and Do Good?

BF

BF - Introduced as Liberation Chairperson, offered support, help and peoplepower on behalf of the Liberation Committee.

TC – The Faith Committee offers the same in return.

IA update through SM

Met with LGBTQ+ society regarding Pride, any support the Faith Committee could give would be appreciated. Speakers for the events are needed.

AW – Mabe Parish Vicar spoke last year, he is a very good speaker and an inspirational person. Held a conversation of Christianity and homosexuality last year, he has offered to do the same this year, AW would advise we take him up on this offer. AW would also like to see Pagan Soc put on a talk regarding how their faith intersects with sexuality.

TC – This can be done as a society

BF – We could run an exhibition regarding this where people could interact. Makes the topics more open to people as they can access it throughout the week

TC – Pagan Soc have debated the idea of creating posters regarding faith and sexuality. Currently talking about it as a collaboration between Pagan Soc and LGBTQ+ Society, but all faiths are welcome to join in

5. Advertising

SM - Each officer has allotted time slots for the Facebook page, please use!!

6. Any Co-Options

N/A

7. AOB Next meeting and Close

A social occasion should be organised for the Faith and Liberation committees to get to know each other

Action - SM will write a post that can be altered by everyone to express the solidarity of the Faith Committee with those affected by the Muslim Ban

13th March nominations opens

24th March nominations close

27th March voting opens

31st March voting closes

1st April training for Leadership Team, committee Officers are welcome to attend

Next meeting TBC

Meeting close