

Annual General Meeting OUSA Frankfurt Branch 26TH January 2008

Present:

Block, Petra	Meyn, Joachim (<i>Chairman</i>)
Drautz, Martina	Otto, Christian
Freudenberg, Julia	Sims, Elaine
Fukarek, Patrick	Tkalcec, Beverley (<i>Secretary</i>)
Gard, Ray	Troke, Hannah-Sheree
Item, Christopher Ogbonna	Wallisch, Francette
Kunz, Florian	Wienhold-Engelhardt, Simone

Apologies: Petty, Adrian (Social Officer)

The meeting was opened at 15.30 hrs by the Chairman, Joachim Meyn, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

TOP 1:

- As Chair, Joachim introduced OUSA and explained that the OUSA Frankfurt is an active branch, to which all OU students in the Frankfurt catchment area (currently about 330 students) automatically belong. OUSA Frankfurt branch represents the interests of these students towards the national, the Northern European and the UK OUSA bodies. He also informed about the OUSA Frankfurt website, which is up-to-date and is currently maintained by our webmaster, Tina Keil. He was asked why there was no official OUSA catchment office in Stuttgart, since there is apparently a catchment officer there. The committee promised to check this and report back later.
- As secretary Beverley explained that the committee of OUSA Frankfurt comprises the Chair (Joachim), Secretary (Beverley), Treasurer, Webmaster, Social Officer and Northern European Regional Forum representative.
- On behalf of the treasurer (Viktor) Joachim reported that we receive an annual grant of approximately 100 Euros, which is mainly used for the website costs. This year no grant was received because last year's grant had not been spent.
- On behalf of the social officer (Adrian), Beverley reported that regular dinners are organized to which all OUSA Frankfurt students are welcome, but can only be invited if they have given us their email address, which is not automatically received by OUSA Frankfurt committee for reasons of data security. She mentioned that a table has been booked at a nearby restaurant for directly after the meeting and invited anyone to attend.
- On behalf of the NERF representative (Faustina), Beverley reported that the Frankfurt branch is represented in a Northern European Regional Forum (NERF), which particularly pursues the interests of Northern European students and which meets (online) on a regular basis.

TOP 2

- Beverley reported that there are no Frankfurt motions to this year's annual OUSA conference, but that all motions will be going centrally through the NERF as a joint effort.

TOP 3

- Beverley explained that the Frankfurt Branch is entitled to send one representative to this year's OUSA conference, to be held in Milton Keynes on 3rd-5th April and Joachim asked for nominations. Two nominations were made and voted upon with the following results:
 - o Christopher Ogbonna Item : 6 votes
 - o Hannah-Sheree Troke : 3 votes
- Joachim thanked both candidates and officially announced that Christopher Ogbonna Item would represent Frankfurt Branch at this year's OUSA conference. He asked Christopher to speak with Beverley after the meeting to settle the formalities.

TOP 4

- Joachim asked for any suggestions for other OUSA activities in addition to our regular dinners during 2008. Suggestions included hiking, visits to art galleries, city tours, movies and barbecues.
- Since some students have to travel a fair way to come to these activities, it was suggested that some students living in/around Frankfurt might like to offer a bed for another OUSA student to stay overnight after such an event. It was decided that anyone wishing to offer an overnight-stay should inform the social officer accordingly and he will pass on to them the e-mail address of the student wishing to stay.

TOP 5

- The following nominations were received and elected unanimously into the following positions:
 - o Chair : Joachim Meyn (*reinstated*)
 - o Secretary : Beverley Tkalcec (*reinstated*)
 - o Treasurer : Hannah-Sheree Troke
 - o Social Officer : Adrian Petty (*reinstated*)
 - o NERF representative : Julia Freudenberg
- Joachim officially thanked all new officers and welcomed them to the Frankfurt OUSA Branch Committee.

TOP 6

- There was no miscellaneous business

TOP 7

- Joachim explained that all students were entitled to a Student ID card, which can achieve them reduced prices for certain trains, museums, theatres, etc. He can either issue these cards directly after the meeting (passport photo needed) or by post (filled-in form, passport photo and stamped addressed envelope needed).

Joachim officially closed the meeting at 16.15 hours.