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Meeting / Social Gathering

Date: Tuesday 19th. September 2006

Introduction:

These are the minutes / notes in respect of the meeting that took place at the Humphrey Bean public house in, Tonbridge high street. Members gathered from around 19.00 hours with the formal part of the meeting commencing at 19.40 hours until 20.15 hours. Members then enjoyed at least an hour of chat, jokes, and of course a drink or two.

Members in attendance were: Norman Wright (Sec.), Andy Wilson (Treasurer), Christopher Merriman (Communications), Julie Hargreaves, Havva & Tim Hack.

Formal Meeting Notes:

Since we do not have an elected Chairman, the secretary invited those present to take the chair for the meeting. Andy Wilson (Treasurer) agreed to act as chair for the evening.

Apologies for absence.

Dawn Rutter, Pat Brent, Susan Saunders, Lizzy Dallimore & Peter Alldis.

Officer reports:

These were mainly dealt with through general discussion concerning the way ahead for the Branch. Andy however reported on the current financial situation whereby the bank balance had not altered over the past twelve months and that the accounts were due by the end of November. These were however a simple formality with an AGM being necessary within six months of the financial period end.

Chris Merriman spoke about his efforts to keep the web-site up to date and invited all members to make a contribution to the content. The address is printed at the top of this page. Any messages or material for the site can be sent to the email address also shown above.

Chairman / Vacant post:

Norman flagged up the vacant position hoping that the post could be filled at the AGM to be held in January.

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Future Meetings / format / Venues / Dates / AGM January

Various ideas were mooted as to venues and variation in meeting formats. The secretary suggested that all formal meetings be held at the Humphrey Bean pub in Tonbridge, and that a set day of the month be considered in order that meetings could be held monthly.

Following considerable debate on the subject the following dates were agreed:

Wednesday 8 th . November	(The Humphrey Bean)	19.00 for 1930 start.
Sunday 19 th . November **Refer Separate Flyer	(Penshurst Pub Walk)	10.00 for 1030 start**
Tuesday 16 th . January 2007	(The Humphrey Bean)	19.00 for 19.30 start AGM
Wednesday 21 st . February 2007	(The Humphrey Bean)	19.00 for 19.30 start

Then every Month

Third Wednesday of the month (The Humphrey Bean) 19.00 for 19.30 start

Regional Forum / Student Academic Link

The Secretary informed those present of correspondence received concerning these matters. Andy and Norman expressed their concern regarding the lack of information with reference to meetings or activities presently ongoing by the regional forum.

Any Other Business

The secretary circulated copies of "The Objectives of OUSA" as printed in the associations Constitution. This was in response to previous questions related to what the purpose of the OUSA branch set-up was all about. A copy of the objectives is reproduced below from page C 1-3d of the OUSA constitution folder.

Close of Meeting

The formal part of this meeting was concluded at 20.15 hours.

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2. Objectives

The Objectives of OUSA shall be:

- a. to foster a corporate identity for its members and all students of the Open University (hereinafter referred to as 'The University');
- b. to defend the principles of equal opportunity and of open access to the University regardless of academic qualifications or financial circumstances;
- c. to co-ordinate the organisation of social and welfare activities for its members and all students;
- d. to promote and represent the educational interests of all students as members of the University;
- e. to promote the influence of students upon the operation and development of the University.