

JCR Open Meeting Minutes

1st March 2022 - 5:30pm in the JCR/ bar

Committee present: Harry Fishlock (HF), Ellie Connell (EC), Juanita Virk (JV), Caredig ap Tomos (CT), Joseph Gueli (JG), Keith Lau (KL), Kethie Kiew (KK), Jason Tang (JT), Lara Ibrahim (LI), Albi Tufnell (AT), Stephen Cowley (SC), Rory Gavin (RG), Nikhil Baid (NB), James Hardy (JH), Maria Solovyeva (MS)

Apologies for absence: Ewan Barrett

JCR members present: Freya Harris (FH), Matthew Holland (MH), James Walker (JW), Isaac Gianfrancesco, Alex Davies, Abraham Alsawaf, Aine McCann, Defne Ozdenoren, Jamie Lai, Henry Whitwell, Isaac Fee, Lewis Drummond, Pico Ichikawa, Anna Knight

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Main agenda
 - a. Updates from Governing Body meeting
 - Updates in HF's separate email
 - College considering keeping some of the COVID restrictions
 - Request students to wear masks in Ramsay and plodge
 - HF to check testing to get out of isolation (college to provide LFTs?)
 - Bop and cheese & wine events have been approved - LFT still required
 - GUESTS ARE ALLOWED AT FORMAL!! Yay
 - 1 guest per person
 - College is against swapping formal tickets between Magd students - a lot of food has been wasted (difference in dietary requirements) - explained in HF's separate email
 - b. Pepys space
 - Trying since December, should have a response by the end of term
 - Conditional: Pepys space will only be a TEMPORARY JCR room
 - May be used as academic offices in the near future
 - c. Upcoming events
 - i. Bop (JG)
 - Approved!
 - Theme put to a vote on instagram - **FESTIVAL THEME**
 - ii. Marriage cheese and wine (AT)

- Instead of marriage formal
- For freshers only (not second years due to limited capacity)
- In **Benson Hall on Monday 15th March**
- iii. Any other events
 - Open to suggestions :)
 - Potentially more jazz nights
 - Want to hold an event/ need to do a risk assessment, email Lisa Beaumont
 - Want to book the JCR room, message VP, EC
- d. Green issues
 - FH raised multiple issues - mostly with transparency
 - JH outlined what his role involves
 - On committee for climate change conference (Easter term)
 - Attempt to get college bees has been unsuccessful
 - Sourced recycling bins for student accommodation
 - Charity work: working with other universities to set up a website where families can host Ukrainian refugees
 - Took 150 mince pies to homeless shelter near the boat club at end of Michaelmas
 - Possibly donating part of bop ticket money to charity helping Ukraine
 - Raising price of bop ticket by £1 to donate to charity tbc (to be reassessed for future bops)
 - **Vote: 100% agree**
 - CT: Still cash only since issues with Barclays - bad bank :(
 - FH: how have divestment meetings been going?
 - JH has not attended any, was unaware of these, will check since very happy to attend
 - Happy to delegate/ **form a subcommittee with FH**
 - JH has officially requested a subcommittee (seconded by EC)
 - MH: college has a group looking at the divestment policies, but won't expand to look at college specific policies
 - To be discussed in detail at a later date (by subcommittee/ at next open meeting)
 - College will be resistant to any change yet pressure will be needed
 - Senior bursar's primary concern is protecting assets
- e. Anything to take to consultative committee meeting
 - Next meeting with senior tutors on **16th March**
 - Heating in college rooms

- KK: Ramsay to be open as study space during non-dining times, and use seminar room 5 in Easter term (suggested by librarian at Pepys)
- FH: What is the new carbon policy? How does this affect room bands?
 - <https://www.jcr.magd.cam.ac.uk/college-life/green-ethical>
 - HF and RG to check this
- AT: students behind the bar? HF and RG met with the head chef. The senior bursar is against it. Camera behind the bar to prevent theft?
- AT: bar to be open on more nights? Short-staffed especially with Vinny leaving on 11th March. Cheaper pints to be discussed (lower priority)

f. Stash

- Hoodies £15
- Beanie hats £4.50/5
- Cap £4.50/5
- Puffer jackets £38
- Quarter zip
- Backpack
- Socks
- Soft scarves
- Reusable water bottles
- Sliders
- Bucket hats
- Ordering through college will be a lot CHEAPER
- Aim to get the main items by the start of next term
- Non-personalised, rough price numbers given above
- Demand for initials - not many people
- JW: requested for crest instead of just the shield
- AT: will stash be sustainably sourced?
 - HF is aiming for it
- JH: says priority orders for JCR committee - obscene remark!

g. Introduction of committee reports

- Each JCR committee member to give a short 2 min rundown on what they've achieved/ hope to achieve at every JCR meeting
- CT: done previously
- MH: 19 committee members is too many people to report back. Perhaps write down in google doc (just a couple of sentences) - not compulsory
 - JCR committee members can edit google doc (created by EC)
 - All Magd students have access to read
 - Published before open meeting therefore students can raise questions about anything written (add to the agenda - talk to EC)

3. Any Other Business

- CT: please vote in SU elections
- JH: situation about reimbursements
 - CT: fill in reimbursement form, still working on communicating with the bank to reimburse everyone