

JCR Open Meeting Minutes
4th February 2023 – 15:00 in the JCR

Committee present: 18

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OIH) – Secretary
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
- Rikki Hirai (RH) – Accommodation & Catering
- Uma Hørder (UH) – Ents
- Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – BME
- Thomas Morris (TM) – LGBT+
- Pico Ichikawa (PI) – Women's
- Mia Cascarina (MC) – Class Act
- Minnie Peacock (MP) – Access & Academic
- Sushant Patil (SP) – International Students'
- Oscar Hill (OsH) – Welfare
- Áine McCann (AM) – Welfare
- Ceri Clarke (CC) – Green & Charities
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'

JCR members present:

- Henry Whitwell
- Jamie Lai
- Jonah Barretto
- Ewan Barrett
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Apologies for absence: 2

- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'

Overview

1. Apologies for absence
2. Updates from the Committee
3. Updates from the President
4. Updates from the Treasurer
5. Any other business

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

2. Updates from the Committee

a. VP

- JCR refurbishment – choosing furniture etc
- Admin, timetables and agendas

b. Green & Charities

- Green's tea event – initiatives raised
 - Plants in Pepys
- Meetings with Kai and the gardener
 - Saving wildflowers in Buckingham
- Plant sale in next couple of weeks
- Possibility of getting florist discounted formal?
 - RG: could theoretically happen if someone in JCR books for her
- Charity take me out: contacted Clare people who seem pretty interested, still planned for end of term
 - RG: on chat with other presidents, can ease this along

c. LGBT+

- Sent out many fabulous emails
- LGBT+ pres
- Flag raised – need to follow up to make sure its up for the month
 - Not every flag can be raised, just “main” ones
- Organisation of LBGT+ formal
 - Volunteers wanted – preferably done as early as possible
 - May be drinks after formal
- Intercollege blind date

d. Access

- Contact with school's liaison officer
- Shadows with mentors at other colleges staying in Magdalene accommodation, making sure they're ok

e. Women's

- Organisation of 1988 committee members
- IWD formal still happening
 - Potential joint event with MCR
 - Price may have to go up a little bit
- Pink week bake sale
- Emailed potential speakers on women's issues
 - Woman who started Everyone's Invited
- Who do I need to email about woman-only gym times?
 - RG: has to go through consultative committee and governing body, had potentially been previously agreed, can be raised soon at meeting
 - Email president of the fellows

- Maybe try and make proposal as specific as possible
- PI: will send out a survey

f. Welfare

- Welfare donuts
- Yoga
- Arts and crafts
- Good feedback for tea-at-3
- Library supplies have been introduced eg. Teas and biscuits
 - RG: get in touch with Lauren (librarian), she really likes welfare events
- Knitting – very popular, will continue to be in Pepys
 - RG: rooms can be booked, email one of the executive committee or go into plodge
 - OsH: college seems all for renting rooms, even eg. Benson Hall
 - May need to leave a deposit
- Puppy therapy booked for week 6 this term, week 4/5 next term
 - College will fund this, approved by Amal
 - SC: SGK also has a puppy therapy session booked, very much enjoyed by Sir Christopher Greenwood
- Intend to put up a welfare board in the JCR/noticeboard
- Waiting for Amal committee approval for things like ice cream
- OsH: anything else you're wanting to see?
 - CC: no plastics etc. in the welfare packs

g. Catering & Accommodation

- Lots of problems fixed with ballot website
- Attended fresher's draw
- Ramsay menu Facebook group set up
- Halfway Hall has been organised; menu sorted
- Still admin for Burns Night formal, MCR hasn't approved price increase
 - RG: what was cost?
 - RH: £60
 - RG: probably can just come out of JCR budget, MCR/college won't be cooperative. Shouldn't charge people who attended

h. Class Act

- First social on Tuesday – classic pizza social, booked for just before knitting
- Outreach week – find out if there will be any volunteers
 - MP: college can't employ too many students, but should be fine
 - CC: what areas are involved?
 - MC: two catchment areas, prospective students get to shadow volunteers etc.
 - RG: good thing to look into

i. IT

- Sorting out email assignments
 - Will send out an email and instructions once everything is sorted
- OIH: any way of removing approval emails
 - MB: can remove you from those
- Website will be put onto different servers
 - Might set up individual pages for JCR members
 - Setting up a voting page for relevant events

j. BME

- First mixer – pizza
- Setting up a BME swap with 4 or 5 other colleges
- Forum with John's towards the end of term
- Formal swap with Clare

k. Fresher's

- Refresher's
- Sidney bar swap
- Putting the committee together with forms etc.
 - Application email will be sent out this weekend
 - Will be open for at most two weeks
 - RG: can fill up with unelected positions

l. International

- Chinese New Year social
 - Swap with Catz
- Been added into SU international group
 - Will try to organise another swap before end of term

m. Ents

- Themed bar night on Thursday
- Progress has been made on the next bop – 3rd March
 - DJ in the works – looking for a different college
 - Potentially Robinson DJ
 - RG: college don't want an outside DJ but shouldn't be too big a deal
 - Date is technically provisional
- Club night planned for 6th February with other colleges

n. Secretary

- Minutes
- Newsletter
 - Rename the newsletter
- Instagram

- Noticeboard
 - Deadline is now Wednesday
 - Website
3. Updates from the President
- a. Amal meeting
 - RG and SC, 3 hours long
 - JCR did pretty well, gap between us and MCR is only £500 now (last year was ~£3000)
 - b. Halfway Hall
 - RH: menu is sorted out, decorations, jazz band, pre drinks need to be sorted out
 - RG: drinks from college would be £3.10 per glass, will use prosecco and port from JCR cupboard
 - Probably won't need loads as pre-drinks only for 30 mins
 - RH: post drinks for the port, maybe in Benson Hall?
 - RG: maybe, would mean that we would have to serve the drinks
 - Can potentially be done by first year committee members
 - Prizegiving awards
 - Jazz band prices
 - RG: £150 or £200, which is perhaps a bit too expensive
 - EB: member of the band, can probably knock price down to £150 (or perhaps even less)
 - JCR members might be on high table
 - c. Accommodation
 - Fresher's draw done
 - First ballot night has been moved to Tuesday due to a clash
 - d. College Investments
 - CC: has emailed SC a week ago, not gotten back yet
 - e. Refurbishments
 - Furniture store has been examined, will be reserving some of the furniture
 - Lighting is being looked into, meeting with electrician next week
 - Flooring, painting look quite expensive, but college are looking to help find cheaper options
 - Potentially will be finished with it by the middle of Easter term
 - Sky subscription will go there
 - f. Stash
 - Meeting with VP with gowns people on the 21st

- Waiting for bank account access before order can be placed
- Stash: jumpers, quarter zips

g. Library

- Met with head librarian, will set up a library committee akin to the Ramsay committee
- OsH: spoke to Lauren to try and get newspapers, said that the JCR is supposed to provide subscriptions. SCR get them all delivered weekly and then bin them, may be able to get out of date ones
 - RG: get in touch with the SCR

h. Alumni Magazine

- Traditionally a page dedicated to the JCR giving them an overview of events
- OIH will set up a google drive for photo uploads

4. Updates from the Treasurer

a. Amal meeting

- £34,000 to be distributed around college
- Got very close to what we asked for
- Final budget will soon be done, will be very close to what was planned

b. Reimbursements

- Sent in the emails, need to fill out a form
- Still no access to bank, will hopefully change in the next few weeks
- Once up and running, reimbursements will be checked once a week, Sunday evening

5. Any other business

- AM: Lots of stuff in room for welfare
 - RG: can put in JCR cupboard
- SP: Are we getting Sky Sports?
 - RG: will do once new room is set up
 - OsH: why are we spending so much on a TV subscription?
 - RG: I think there are enough people who want it, will have stuff other than sports on it
 - Was traditionally part of the budget
 - MC: what about bar sports nights?
 - RG: difficult to straddle potentially, but will still be events of terrestrial TV. Lots of sports aren't on at times when bar is open
- MB: Speaking with MCR for an MCR liaison
 - RG: bit cautious about the MCR, often they get in the way and are uncooperative

- Doesn't mean we won't work with them, but perhaps don't need a set officer for it. Maybe Secretary can redirect emails
 - MCR is in a lot of flux at the moment
- MB: Any way of informing them about events they can and cannot go to
 - RG: can read the minutes
- SP: Any update on gym soundproofing/mats
 - RG: been held up by consultative committee, but Amal seem quite keen
 - SP: can we ensure it is done well
 - RG: if they're going to do it they're likely to do it properly, quite sympathetic to the welfare argument
- MC: are the ballot pictures going to be universal
 - RH: asked Susannah for them, but not really possible as people are living in their rooms now. Pictures for rooms not there last year won't have them this year.
 - MC: can we increase level of information regarding rooms eg. Reviews
 - Can use Caredig's old spreadsheet about rooms, better than nothing