

JCR Open Meeting Minutes  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 17:30 in the JCR

**Committee present: 18**

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OIH) – Secretary
- Rikki Hirai (RH) – Accommodation & Catering
- Lea Steele (LS) – Ents
- 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
- Ceri Clarke (CC) – Green & Charities
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'
- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'

**Vocal JCR members:**

- Fran Ozog (FO)

**Apologies for absence: 2**

- Áine McCann (AM) – Welfare
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
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**Overview**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Sports Day Update
3. Updates from the Committee
4. Updates from the President
5. Budget Clarifications
6. JCR Committee Voting
7. Any other business

**Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence

## 2. Sports day

- Upset about one of the swaps
  - Email drafted, read out by PI
    - Raised concerns about behaviour of certain individuals
      - Derogatory comments, sexual bragging at expense of women
    - Collaborate with college for future steps to be taken
      - Meetings requested to be set up with sports captains, women's officers
  - LS: treatment of staff also quite shocking, payment very short
  - RG: vote not needed, unanimously approved. Will be sent from committee email address or from FO

## 3. Updates from the Committee

### a. VP

- Renovations continuing
- Normal admin for JCR meetings, meetings with the president
- MeB: can we have a chat at some point about the gown budget

### b. Treasurer

- Still no access to bank account – waiting on Barclays
- Meeting with Patrick
  - Received £620 from charity donations last year, also give some money to charity
  - Helen Foord unhappy with taking more money from charity than giving to other charities

- Budget should be out soon

### c. Green & Charities

- Meeting with bursar to discuss college budget, quite introductory
- Charity pub quiz - £50 raised

### d. LGBT+

- Last LGBPres
- More emails
- Christ's LGBT+ swap
- Pride flag has been flown this month

### e. Access

- Student Libraries Committee
- Meeting next week with college
- Google form for library complaints, feedback etc
- RG: anything to be mentioned in meetings with librarians?
  - CC: bins in the library, please

### f. Women's

- IWD formal on Tuesday, will be jazz, free snacks and drinks in bar afterwards

- Fleabag and wine in JCR
- IWD party at Newnham
  - g. Catering & Accommodation
- Ramsay meeting
- New drinks at the bar
- St Patrick's Day formal in the works, with a lower budget
- RG: how much did Burns' Night formal cost?
  - RH: £75
  - RG: need to try and stay within the budget for this occasion, get stuff ordered as soon as possible. Can provide a small amount of money towards this
- Will be new formal booking system in October
- RG: idea for after exams, do a pride month formal
  - h. Class Act
- Collaboration with MP with access lady, with view to collaborate
- Looking for other class act students who have participated in these events themselves
  - i. BME
- BME swap last week
- Hoping for a BME formal soon, planned for either week 8 or week 1 of Easter
  - j. Fresher's
- Code of conduct and form drafted up for committee members
- Fresher's Angels system introduced: check on welfare, taking people home etc
- Working with freps from other colleges for a charity superbop
- RG: committee email going out tonight?
  - MeB: yes once GY has gone over it. Hoping for 10 members. Will be sending out reminder emails every day
- Planning events, will try to coordinate with the MCR potentially
  - k. International
- Pub quiz planned for next term, first week of Easter. Collaboration with MCR
- International Swap planned for then too
  - l. Ents
- Fresher's wedding formal last week, thank you to all volunteers
- Money for week 7 free drinks (leftover from week 5 free drinks)
  - RG: plan to create a JCR account, chat to Mark Slater in the meantime to put money behind bar
- Bop should be fine for the 17<sup>th</sup>, DJ from Christmas happy to do it
- DJ will be sourced by ents
  - m. Secretary
- Noticeboard
- Instagram

- Google drive for photos
- JCR website
- Newsletter
  - n. Disabilities
- Disabilities social on Tuesday
- Puppy therapy in the works
  - SC: talk to welfare, they can get it done for £150. Organising it with them would be beneficial.
- In discussions with officers at other colleges regarding accessibility survey, some colleges weren't initially very keen on the idea
  - o. Welfare
- Week 6 packs
- Kind notes
- Puppy therapy meetings
- Tea at 3
- Buying things like deckchairs, a parasol etc, for the summer

#### 4. Updates from the President

- a. Rent
- Meeting with college with consultative committee:
  - Negotiations on rent and Ramsay prices.
  - Ramsay prices will stay the same, formals will go up to over 10 from the current 9£.
  - Rents: average across other colleges has been 8%, we've had an average of 6% increase
- b. PAT testing
- Not particularly good, no-knock entry
- Want to introduce a system whereby students bring devices to be tested
- Apparently booking slots for them to go to your room has failed in the past
- c. Bar Poll
- Camden Pale Ale, Dark Fruits gone
- Corona, Appleshed in
- Will be a week 8 new drinks event
- d. Charity Referendum
- Was planned for this term pre-Earthquake
- Intention is to do one for the start of next term
- e. Gym
- Soundproofing underway following discussions with Ryan
- Mass email on the way
- Women's-Only Time: MCR happy to go ahead
  - Chat being set up with presidents and women's officers

- Will be only an hour a week, college are unhappy about it
  - College say that we have no power to compel people not to go in the gym, not happy to have signs put up
    - Big discussion on this
  - Can absolutely go up on all social media for the JCR
  - Will petition college if initial plans fail
  - f. Refurb
  - Will start next week with painting and lighting
  - OsH: where can we put contraceptives etc
    - RG: maybe in the bar, maybe in plodge
5. Budget Clarifications
- £700 had to pay to previous committee, other unexpected costs
    - a. Raising JCR Subscription Fee
  - Proposed increase of £1
    - Not gone up in 7 years, economy has greatly changed since then
    - Need to increase to stop cutting people's budgets
    - Will raise £650
    - OsH: why not raising more than a pound?
      - RG: don't want to make people annoyed, £1 is roughly the appropriate amount considering inflation anyway
6. JCR Committee Voting
- a. Raising JCR Subscription Fee
  - Ayes: Unanimous
  - Noes: 0
7. Any other business
- TM: can we get better snacks?
    - SC: budget for pizza etc ridiculously high
  - Darts – all good ones are behind bar, and bar is barely open
    - RG: difficult to do, current system exists for a reason
    - Proposition to put the darts in the plodge
  - SU – does anyone want to represent Magdalene in the SU
    - Involves going to SU meetings twice weekly
    - MeB volunteers to do this