

JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

8th April 2022 - 3pm on zoom

Committee present: Harry Fishlock (HF), Ellie Connell (EC), Juanita Virk (JV), Caredig ap Tomos (CT), Joseph Gueli (JG), Kethie Kiew (KK), Jason Tang (JT), Lara Ibrahim (LI), Rory Gavin (RG), Charlotte Swadkins (CS), Stephen Cowley (SC), James Hardy (JH)

Apologies for absence: Ewan Barrett

Overview

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2. Main agenda
 - a. Updates from CC and GB meeting
 - b. Disabled Officer to present SU Disabled Students Campaign Accessibility Pledge vote
 - c. Discussion of College budget (separate document) - vote
3. Any Other Business
 - a. Animal therapy session
 - b. Transparency between JCR committee and JCR
 - c. Funding for academic welfare
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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Main agenda
 - a. Updates from CC and GB meeting
- **Spoke to them about heating**
 - Students in older rooms in college have complained about cold rooms
 - College are able to offer additional bedding to students and check faulty radiators
 - Speak to maintenance if there is something wrong with radiators
 - Speak to housekeeping if you want extra bedding
- **Covid in college**
 - No large scale events this term due to exams
 - College will NOT be providing LFTs because they aren't receiving a supply from the university

b. Disabled Officer to present SU Disabled Students Campaign Accessibility Pledge vote

- Presented by CS
- Pledge put together SU Disabled Students Campaign to make JCR events more accessible e.g.
 - Closed captions on zoom
 - Image descriptions on instagram
- Resources in separate document - ask CS if any questions
- **Vote: 100% agree with SU Disabled Students Campaign Accessibility Pledge**

c. Discussion of College budget (separate document) - vote

- **3% increase in accommodation** (due to inflation)
 - Locked in for the academic year therefore won't increase further
 - KFC kept the same (KFC now included with accommodation costs)
- **6% increase in food prices**
 - Chef asked for 12% increase in food prices (in line with food inflation)
 - Not feasible since it may result in fewer people going to Ramsey therefore college will ultimately lose money (won't be able to pay staff)
 - Senior Bursar has suggested 6% increase instead
 - College has already lost a lot of money due to Covid
 - Formal hall prices also increasing in line with this inflation
- CT: not useful for college to communicate price for 2 courses
 - Most students only buy single course
- HF: point to note - we have the most expensive pint compared to other colleges
- JG: currently 3 sides with main for £3.50?
 - RG to monitor this
- **Vote: agree with the increased prices - 91% agree, 9% abstain**

3. Any Other Business

a. Animal therapy session

- CS: spaces still available (35 in total)
- If spaces aren't filled then open up to welfare (everyone invited)
- **Tuesday 3rd May at 2pm**
- **Meerkats, chinchillas, sugar-gliders, tortoises, geckos, and snakes**

b. Transparency between JCR committee and JCR

- CT: Complaints about transparency between JCR committee and JCR
- Suggestions on how to be more transparent

- CS: we can create a short document about rent and food prices to be shared with JCR (currently the document is only to be shared amongst committee members)

c. Funding for academic welfare

- HF: KK has spoken to CT to get more funding for academic welfare
 - CT: KK can maybe **use welfare's remaining lent term budget**
 - KK: spoke to welfare team, they are happy to share budget for buying items such as stationary

d. Discounts on food

- HF: Buying pizzas for JCR events (e.g. welfare events and committee meetings) - **30% discount from La Margherita**
- Jack's gelato - potential discount to be arranged by HF

e. Wifi issues

- SC: wifi in rooms at college and library is quite bad, forced to use 4G
- JH: **wifi at Thompson's lane is bad!**
- JT: mentioned in meeting, let JT know of any issues so can be raised in future meetings, check with IT officers if issues with wifi on phones
 - Google form to be sent out on fb to report IT issues
- HF: IT has been fitting boosters in students' rooms (not for every room yet), can get a free ethernet cable from IT office if needed

f. University Green week

- JH: university green week during week 2 of Easter term
- Watch **educational documentaries in JCR/bar** e.g. David Attenborough
- Probably can't use Cripps auditorium due to student accommodation being nearby (too loud during exam season)
- Let EC know about specific date

g. JCR Bank accounts

- CT: updates with bank accounts
- **Names are finally on the account!**
- Online banking being set-up, hopefully done by the end of the week
 - Still be a little while until able to make payments
 - Can't access statements yet (wait for post/ online banking)

h. SU representative

- CT: someone else to represent Magdalene as SU representative - please let CT/ HR know if you are interested
- What does the role entail?
 - Every 2 weeks there is a student council meeting usually 7pm on Mondays

- Policy motions discussed and voted on
- i. Noticeboard
- HF is setting this up