

JCR Open Meeting Minutes
11th November 2023 – 16:00 in the JCR

Committee present: 8

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OH) – Secretary
- Thomas Morris (TM) – LGBT+
- Mia Cascarina (MC) – Class Act
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'

JCR members present: 2

Vocal:

- Ewan Barrett
- Ethan Wright

Apologies for absence:

- Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – BME
- Minnie Peacock (MP) – Access & Academic
- Oscar Hill (OsH) – Welfare
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'
- Uma Hørder (UH) – Ents
- Sushant Patil (SP) – International Students'
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities

Overview

1. Apologies for absence
2. Presidential update
3. Committee updates
4. Hustings
5. Societies
6. Any other business

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Presidential update
 - RG: women's only gym times are finally here – trial period until the end of the year
 - Keen to not provoke very controversy
 - Will put out a document asking for feedback at the end

- RG: Pub quiz next weekend, something for Bridgemas after that
- RG: Mark Slater is open to lowering the corkage charge – currently £3-£3.50
- RG: Start thinking about handovers to your successors, get materials prepared

3. Committee updates

- a. Class Act
- MC: Class Act & Northern Soc bar night last night, went well
- b. Secretary
- OH: same as usual
- c. Disabled Students'
- SGK: some people raised concerns via Magdfess, have replied to comments
 - Cripps lock inside doors too late into the morning on weekends – have left people stuck in their rooms
 - College will try and find out why this is the case, will try and fix this
 - RG: someone stole something from college property recently, college might be a bit on edge for the time being
- d. Freshers'
- MeB: fresher's week feedback form sent out, waiting on responses which will then be summarised and sent off
- e. Vice President
- NB: same as usual, getting hustings prepared. Need to open up the SU voting system
- f. LGBT+
- TM: Halloween bar night – Mark very pleased
- g. Treasurer
- SC: assigning money to new societies – more to come later
- h. IT
- MaB: have been updating the list of societies on the website, getting it organised
 - Handover notes: can put this on the wikipedia if you want to

4. Hustings

- NB: Both in Cripps, tomorrow and next week
 - Voting opens straight after hustings – open for 2-3 days
 - Probably won't be any food

5. Societies

- SC: Hovercraft Society, Pool Society, Fleapit, Board Games Society, Bingo Society, Poker Society, Natural Sciences Society have all asked for money from our pot
- Society proposals read out:
 - Natural Sciences: want £80 for a presentation competition, as well as some quiz nights

- Provisionally voting no, as there already is a Natural Sciences Society (Blackett Society)
- Bingo: regular bingo events – want £30 for a bingo cage, balls, decorations etc for first night
- Poker: want £40 for a poker set, weekly poker games. Will apply to AMAL for more kit
- Games: board game society, need £35 for a popular game – currently renting from libraries or being brought in by members
- Fleapit: money for essential materials for drawing and art events. £55 on equipment
 - Already exist, already have a bank account and so potentially funding
- Pool: £50 for pool league registration
 - Potentially preexisting society
- Hovercraft: need money to build a hovercraft. Lots of materials already obtained, but requesting £54 to reimburse for these. Already have a bank account and receipts.
- Need to knock off £44 from somewhere
 - SC: potentially cut Natural Sciences bid to £55
 - MaB: AMAL might not like giving money for prizes
 - Prize money is probably too high
 - Could just not give them the money for posters
 - TM: issue is not so much the money but the fact that it is the highest bid, and maybe taking money away from other societies that need it more
- RG: Bingo, Poker, Games, Pool, Hovercraft happy to keep them as proposed
- SC: happy to give Fleapit money if they don't already have money
 - MeB: could give them a reduced budget to tide them over until AMAL
- **Voting:** cut Natural Societies budget to £35
 - Unanimously passed

6. Any other business

- MeB: trying to organise a charity event on the 29th in Cripps Gallery, collaborating with JCR already. £6 a ticket – all proceeds go to charity
 - Will start at 20:00 or 21:00
 - Ceri & Lewis said could potentially get some funding from them – looking for around £100-150
 - Jazz band and others are involved. Mulled wine, wine, port, mince pies etc.
 - RG: could even get Mark Slater to close the bar for that night, hopefully will bring in more traffic