

JCR Open Meeting Minutes

27th January 2022 - 4pm 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), Ewan Barrett (EB), Jason Tang (JT), James Hardy (JH), Stephen Cowley (SC), Rory Gavin (RG), Siya Goyal (SG), Rowan Callear (RC), Nikhil Baid (NB), Maria Solovyeva (MS)

Apologies: Lara Ibrahim

JCR members present: Isaac Gianfrancesco, Astrid Williams, Alex Davies, Fran Ozog (FO), Jamie Lamb (JL), Henry Whitwell

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Main agenda
 - a. Updates from Governing Body meeting
 - HF attended today - nothing major to report.
 - No need for masks while seated, only when walking or in Porter's lodge
 - Nervous about rising cases of covid in college
 - Follow-up meeting next week - Pepys library as new JCR room
 - b. JCR accounts
 - Lead by CT
 - £19,960 in the bank - significant surplus from the past 2 years due to cancelled events (covid, lockdown)
 - Budget shown on TV screen
 - No sky subscription anymore
 - Waiting on maintenance costs for punts and sports equipment
 - Want to start societies establishment fund because AMAL bidding period is very early in the year and is very restrictive → £500 towards that, societies can apply for this
 - Vote to create fund to support starting societies: **100% agree**
 - Looking at ~£1000 deficit for this year
 - Bop uses expensive alcohol. Possible solutions - buy cheaper alcohol or charge more for tickets (unpopular student opinion)
 - c. Chess
 - EB has proposed a chess club to participate in competitions
 - Requested for 6 chess sets: £247.95, owned by the JCR then rented out to the chess club to use
 - Vote for money to be spent on this: **100% agree**

d. Formals

- College was concerned about Omicron, wanted to reserve seats for Magd students
- HF will push for 1 guest per person at formal
- SG asked to increase capacity - HF will support
- JL asked about staffing issues - HF: there are more staff, currently training new staff

e. Halfway Hall

- Main priority, above superhalls and other formals
- 4 held this term - 2 for each year group
- Perhaps not exactly mid Lent term
- JL has requested there to be a choice of which halfway hall to attend so you can be with your friends, HF has noted this and will look into it
- SG requested marriage formals to be next priority after halfway halls
- JG asked how to charge for alcohol after formals, HF: some money from tickets are given to the JCR to serve alcohol before and after formals
- NB asked about BME formals - contact Vincent Howard

f. Bar nights

- Jazz nights, karaoke nights
- Friday 11th February tbc - Jazz night, spoken to Tim Tian (head of Jazz band)

g. Magd-Magd Sports Day

- FO: ~130 Oxford Students coming to Cambridge on Saturday 12th Feb
- Tennis, Lacrosse, Hockey, Netball, Football, Rugby
- Sack racing, egg and spoon, 3-legged race
- Darts, pools (Jazz band to play tbc)
- Squash, badminton tbc
- Potential swap in the evening, tickets to be sold tbc
- College would like students to test before attending
- £500 set aside for the event

h. Stash

- Discounted puffers (most popular) - were on offer before (2019?), get from same provider
- Will look into this - see what other colleges are doing, price comparisons
- JH looking into sustainable stash
- Potential items: puffers, hoodies, sweatshirts, caps - open to suggestions so please email any exec JCR member

i. Heating of rooms

- Heating gets turned off at night in most college accommodations
- Perhaps turn off the heating during the day since rooms are already warm

j. Ramsay

i. Breakfast

- Weekdays
- Timing may be an issue (8-9am previously)
- Very few people went pre-covid since students run off to lectures
- Pastries, croissants, fruit, yogurt (things that won't go to waste)
- Perhaps a trial run to see how well received it is

ii. Brunch times

- Brunch to start earlier at 10:30am and be on for longer

k. Beehives and beekeeping in College

- Use honey to sell for charity
- Beekeepers: students, gardeners - problem since training needed
- Need it to last - need a permanent person to look after the bees
- More research into this needs to be done - JH

l. Compost bins

- Request put in by students
- Compost bins in every gyp/ kitchen, students would have to empty them out themselves - not a popular idea
- Perhaps start with having big bins outside crippl, inside the village - advertise!
- Concern: people would put wrong things in compost bins - awareness!

m. Walking home set-up

- MS is keen to lead this initiative
- MS discussed with welfare team and porters (can call them if needed)
- 1 night a week: people can call those who sign up to walk home with them - put form on JCR facebook page

n. Business to bring to Consultative Committee meeting

- Once a term college meets with JCR and MCR presidents, senior tutor, senior bursars
- HF has requested for more regular meetings, next one will be next week
- If anyone has any suggestions then inform HF
 - KK: gym subscriptions to prevent people stealing the weights
 - Crippl doors/ gate locks at night → termly subscription to allow students in (£5 per term, lower than public gyms) → **unpopular opinion therefore unlikely to be passed**
 - Subscription money to be spent on better equipment

- £2,200 budgeted for gym maintenance

3. Any Other Business

- MS: potential welfare events
 - Events with the MCR - if it makes organising things easier otherwise no point
 - Welfare Ceilidh - students are interested, was budgeted for Burn's night but did not happen
- RG: improve the games room
 - Get better games/ equipment - don't have darts for the JCR room dart board, keep darts in the porter's lodge
 - Advertise it!
- JL: potential JCR sports lockers
 - There is a JCR sport cupboard - needs organising
- HF: cleaned out JCR cupboard
 - Found a sound system - needs repairing
- CT: representative for student council
 - Student council every 2 weeks - series of motions to vote on
 - CT can share with JCR committee group chat or on facebook page
- JT: website has been useless
 - Current students use emails, facebook and instagram to keep updated
 - Website will be targeted towards prospective students and freshers - open to any suggestions on what to include