

JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

30th April 2022 - 3pm in Cripps Room 3

Committee present: Harry Fishlock (HF), Ellie Connell (EC), Juanita Virk (JV), Caredig ap Tomos (CT), Joseph Gueli (JG), Kethie Kiew (KK), Stephen Cowley (SC), Charlotte Swadkins (CS), Maria Solovyeva (MS), Ewan Barrett (EB), Albi Tufnell (AT), Lara Ibrahim (LI)

Apologies for absence: James Hardy, Jason Tang (JT), Rory Gavin, Keith Lau, Nikhil Baid, Rowan Callear

Overview

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Main agenda
 - a. Welfare and academic plans
 - b. New gowns for freshers
 - c. Pepys is back!
 - d. Catering
 - e. College IT issues
 - f. Stash
3. Any Other Business
 - a. Punts are back!
 - b. Student-porters relationships
 - c. Altered budget
 - d. Additional study spaces

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Main agenda
 - a. Welfare and academic plans
 - MS sent out email earlier in the week outlining Easter term events
 - Update from welfare meeting: no major events this term, mostly drop-in sessions
 - **Ice cream on the beach** to get students outside more
 - **Rounders on Jesus Green** around 8pm (date tbc - most likely weekday)
 - Potential vinyl appreciation event (no costs)
 - **Welfare packs to include academic supplies**
 - Will have food (chocolate), stationary (pens), encouragement cards
 - Ice cream from **Jack's Gelato** - arranged by KK earlier in the week
 - 20% discount for future purchases - talk to HF
 - b. New gowns for freshers
 - Ede & Ravenscroft

- **Churchill gowns** (70% recycled polyester - environmentally friendly)
 - HF modelled a gown - he looked extremely handsome
 - ~120 gowns: £3150 + VAT
 - Individual: £26.25 + VAT ≈ £31.50 (usually sold for £28 + VAT)
- Must decide supplier in the next couple of days
 - Vote to buy gowns from Churchill gowns: **100% agree**
- Old gowns still left for a couple of years ago - will be sold as second-hand
- **Freshers' reps to publicise this to the freshers!!**

c. Pepys is back!

- Open from **5pm on Tuesday 3rd May** to use as a study space (Left cloister on the ground floor)
 - Same rules as the library HOWEVER talking is allowed
 - Will be able to **use 24/7**
- Huge support from Ryan (Head Porter)
 - We must be careful when using the space so we don't lose it :(

d. Catering

- New Head of Catering: Mark Slater
- The weekly email is very useful!
 - 2 guests at formal yay
- Water on the tables at Ramsay is nice

e. College IT issues

- Message from JT (absent) read out by HF
 - Google form to report IT issues is on the fb page
 - JT will fully update the website by the summer holidays for the incoming freshers
- CT: computer room is not open - could open again as a study space

f. Stash

- On its way (supply delays)
- Use money from previous years surplus (excess due to COVID)
 - Vote to approve stash purchase: **100% agree**
- Suggested items
 - Beanies, caps
 - Bucket hats, sunglasses
 - Sweatshirts, puffers
 - Backpacks, holdalls
 - Laptop stickers, postcards
- Hoping that items will be bought by students very quickly (remaining to be sold during Freshers week)

3. Any Other Business

a. Punts are back!

- Book at Plodge (in-person or call them)

b. Student-porters relationships

- COVID limited chatting to porters
- Porters would like to get to know the students better - sense of community

c. Altered budget

- KK: proposed additional costs for this term
 - Pens for welfare packs (support from MS), Jack's gelato, picnic blankets to use in the Fellow's Garden for studying
 - Vote for an increased budget for Access & Academic Officer (KK): **100% agree**

d. Additional study spaces

- SC: perhaps provide benches or tables to use to study outside
- Can't control noise level at Cripps therefore can't be used as a study space
 - But you can book seminar rooms (usually used for supervisions)
- The JCR can be used to study in
- Perhaps use Ramsey Hall between meal times - tbc