

Magdalene College JCR: Committee meeting minutes

Sunday 14th January 2018

Minutes of the Committee meeting on Sunday 14th January 2018 at 15:30 in Cripps Seminar Room 1.
Prepared by Edwin Bahrami Balani (IT Officer) from notes made by Alex Russell (Vice-President).

Record of attendance

JCR Committee

Present

Sam Ashbridge	President
Alex Russell	Vice-President [<i>taking minutes</i>]
Hugh Hudson	Treasurer
Kit Baker	Green & Charities Officer
Eugene Carr	Equal Opportunities Officer
Sarah Longworth	Women & Non-Binary Welfare Officer
Edwin Balani	IT Officer
Harry King	Services, Bar & Buttery Officer
Hannah Bryant	Domestic & Academic Officer
Mia Lupoli	Freshers' Rep
Giri Nandakumar	Ents Officer

Absent

Alex Petter	Men & Non-Binary Welfare Officer
Lucy Russell	Access Officer

Equal Opportunities Subcommittee

Present

Howard Chae	BME Officer
Maho Taketani	International Officer
Nathan Leach	LGBT+ Officer
Laura Belt	LGBT+ Officer
Rachel McHale	Women's Political Officer

No absences from the Equal Opportunities Subcommittee.

1 Updates from departments

- Welfare
 - Donut drop in tomorrow.
 - Meetings to be organised this week with relevant college staff
 - CUSU to be contacted about sanitary products
 - Week 5 packs to be considered soon & ordered
 - Suggestions for week 5 packs:
 - * No tea bags but hot chocolate instead?
 - * Less sweets and more chocolate?
- IT Officer – no updates.
- Treasurer
 - Budget sorted over Christmas
 - AMAL meeting this week, will report on result of meeting at next committee meeting
- Green & Charities Officer
 - Committee stash has been ordered.
 - Charity formal soon.
 - Charities for this year chosen this term via CUSU election system, with speeches about charities taking place at JCR open meeting on 29th.
- Equal Opportunities:
 - Equal Opportunities Officer – no updates.
 - Women's Political Officer
 - * Subcommittee established
 - * Women's pizza night in freshers' week
 - LGBT+ Officers
 - * Pride flag email has been sent; College Marshal forwarded this to the Dean
 - * Hosting LGBT pre-drinks this Tuesday
 - * CUSU asked a few colleges whether a College bar can host LGBT pre-drinks before Glitterbomb on Tuesdays; will email Head of Buttery to see if this is feasible
 - * LGBT formal: Moving forward, Sam to update soon
 - * 'LGBT Tea' to be started up soon.
 - International Officer – Chinese New Year coming up
 - BME Officer – plugging CUSU BME events.
- Access Officer – absent.
- Domestic & Academic Officer
 - New room photos have been taken
 - Storage bags ordered
 - Meeting with College staff on Thursday: room ballot and college suggestion of bedders to be discussed
- Freshers' Rep
 - All planning is sorted for refreshers week, suggested to share events on the Facebook group on the day of each event to maximise attendance.
- Ents Officer
 - All in place for bop, meeting with College Marshal this week
 - Suggested to invite all to the Facebook event on the day
 - Still need to book porter
- Services, Bar & Buttery Officer
 - Concerns over the College Gym:
 - * Cleaners not allowed to pick up the weights
 - * Proposal to form a Gym Committee
 - * Suggested liaising with the MCR on this matter
 - Would like to see café and craft beer in the Bar pursued this term
 - Revival of the Bar Committee needed
 - Halfway Hall is coming around: Alicia [previous JCR President] did awards last year; Sam will have to give speech
 - Squash court is currently out of use, being pursued by the College Marshal currently

2 Freshers' Bop

- A reminder to follow rules set out by College Marshal in meeting
- Suggestions for changes in procedure from previous bops:
 - Lock the door to the toilet in Ramsay Hall
 - Bottles water put on table after alcoholic drinks have stopped being served (the bar will not run after 11 p.m.)
 - Bar to be placed by the door
- Rota matters:
 - Equal Opportunities Subcommittee have elected to work bop
 - Howard Chae will be absent due to prior commitments.
- 7:30 p.m. meet. Sam to order pizza.

3 Magdalene/Magdalen Sports Day update

- Coaches booked: 8:45 a.m. meet, 1 a.m. return.
- Timetable to be published in due course.

4 Forming a Constitutional Working Group

- Some points in the Constitution could do with updating
- Constitution must be submitted for review by the Governing Body this year under the Education Act 1994, so now is a good time to propose changes
- Vice-President intends to form working group of interested JCR members, drawing from both Committee and non-Committee, to meet and discuss changes (ideally with some law students involved)
- Procedure for amending the constitution:
 - i. Approval of proposed changes by the Dean
 - ii. Approval of proposed changes by Governing Body
 - iii. Referendum of the JCR on proposed changes
 - iv. Approval at referendum causes the changes to take effect
- Committee members interested: Harry, Edwin, Howard, Rachel, Mia, Hugh, Sarah, Giri & Sam
- Email to be sent out to rest of JCR for other people interested

5 Elections for the roles of Disabilities and Communications Officers

- Email sent out to JCR on 14th Jan.
 - Nominations open 23rd to 28th Jan.
 - Hustings on 29th Jan. in an Open Meeting
- Constitutional Working Group and the Charities Elections also mentioned in this email.

6 Future Committee meetings

- Intention to hold Committee meetings at a regular time every two weeks
- Suggested time & day: 5 p.m. on Saturdays (after CUSU council)
- Proposed dates are:
 - Friday 26th January (not Saturday due to clash with Magdalene/Magdalen Sports Day)
 - Saturday 10th February
 - Saturday 24th February
 - Saturday 10th March

7 Superhalls

- Dates of upcoming superhalls announced
 - The availability of Committee members on these dates was queried
- Vice-President to make a rota for Lent Term soon, utilising a Facebook poll

8 Committee profiles & photos

The Vice-President reminded the Committee to update their bios and photos on the JCR website.