

JCR Closed Meeting Minutes

17/02/2024 – 5:00 p.m. in the JCR

Committee present: 20

1. Melanie Benedict (MB(P)) – President
2. Mathew Blowers (MB(VP)) – Vice President
3. Saughn Sekhon (SS) – Treasurer
4. Sankalp Kapur (SK) – Secretary
5. Harriet Regan (HR) – Freshers
6. Abbie Strain (AS) – Welfare
7. Jacob Walsh (JW) – Welfare
8. Hannah Townson (HT) – Catering and Accommodation
9. Devan Simon-McBridge (DSB) – Class Act
10. Meyssa Rais (MR) – International
11. Michelle Brefo (MB) – BAME
12. Thalia Arundell (TA) – BAME
13. Karen Dias (KD) – Access and Academic
14. Eleanor Wolseley (EW) – Disabilities
15. Rikki Hirai (RH) – ENTS
16. Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – ENTS
17. Martha Wood (MW) – Greens
18. Dan Mills (DM) – LGBT+
19. Caitlin Mason (CM) – Women's
20. Zegang Wu (ZW) – IT

Absences

1. Polly Wilson (PW) – Greens
2. Dev Atra (DA) – Freshers
3. Brendan Mark (BM) – International

Welfare Check ins

- i. MR 2
- ii. TA 5
- iii. HR 3
- iv. HT 5
- v. JW 4
- vi. MW 5
- vii. KD 2 now and 4 till end of week
- viii. EW 3
- ix. AS 4
- x. SS 4
- xi. DSB 4
- xii. MK 3.5
- xiii. CM 4
- xiv. RH 5

- xv. DM 2
- xvi. SK 5
- xvii. MB(V) 4
- xviii. MB(P) 4
- xix. ZW 5

AGENDA

2. Apologies for Absences
 - a. Dev
3. Presidential Update
 - a. Did Prez Sez
 - b. Meeting with senior staff (happens once a term), they give updates on any changes in the college
 - i. Main discussion was about rent prices
 - ii. Finance wise staffing wise will take a big hit
 - iii. Average rent increase will be 4%
 1. Proposed range is between 3 and 6%
 2. Banded increase (lower bands will be increased less than the higher bands)
 3. Median being bands D and E
 4. Has NOT been confirmed yet
 - iv. They have had problems with fire checks and the student response during this checks/drills have been poor
 - c. Bought pizza for sports day
 - d. MB(P) will email Helen about wheelchair issues with fire safety in Cripps (brought up by HR)
 - i. EW and MB(P) will walk around accommodations and to assess accessibility issues and problems concerned with fire safety
 - ii. Needs to be fixed out of concern of people with difficulties right now and in the chance of future problems
4. Committee Updates
 - a. MR and BM
 - i. Decorated the bar for event,
 - ii. Overall, the event went well, and turnout was good
 - iii. Decorations are being kept at the back of the bar (to be used for next year)
 - b. TA and MB
 - i. Theatre social happened (went well)
 - ii. A potential move night next week
 - iii. Need to work on BAME forum
 - c. HR and DA
 - i. 12th March – marriage formal, freshers have received a form. There will also be a goody bag for this. Drinks in Benson hall with awards
 - ii. Sent out a form for the freshers committee, 3 responses so far, hoping for me
 - iii. Need officers to get back to us about freshers events – waiting on LGBT+ and greens & charities. The deadline is next Saturday for this.
 - d. ZW

- i. Refined the JCR website
 - ii. Profiles were uploaded to the website
 - iii. Slight problem with BAME pictures because there are 2 separate ones
 - iv. Sponsor advertisement was uploaded too
- e. HT
 - i. LNY formal went well
 - ii. Halfway hall happening in a few days – entertainment and pres sorted
 - 1. Seating plan sorted
 - 2. Superlatives and post-drinks is being supported
 - iii. Breakfast has been sorted
 - 1. Bar will be open from 8am till 12pm
 - 2. Coffee machine and pastries will be there
 - iv. Bar should also be open all the time now
 - v. Rooms ballot is on track
 - 1. Basing is in the ballot now
- f. JW and AS
 - i. Week 5 packs coming out this weekend
 - ii. Doing another round of daffodils and hot chocolates soon
 - iii. Moving spread friending to Easter
 - iv. Apprentice watch alongs and yoga has been happening
 - v. 2 more meditation sessions happening
 - 1. Turnout last week was poor
 - 2. MB(P): Might get MCR involved?
 - 3. JW: Could have other colleges come too?
 - vi. Blankets will come to the JCR soon (and need more for the library)
- g. MW and PW
 - i. Organizing a charity raffle for hopefully the end of this term, need to figure out dates
 - 1. Thinking of doing a draw, maybe on Friday the 1st of March
 - 2. Could advertise the raffle during other JCR events and tea @ 3
 - 3. Will try to get staff and MCR involved
 - 4. Have got Jack's vouchers, Magdalene mug and tote bag, 20 pounds bar vouchers, tea for 2 at Fitzbilly's for this
 - ii. MB(P): Would be good to have a pub quiz to raise funds and call the raffle
 - iii. Need to receive Sports Day charity money
 - iv. Will be planning to do a plant sale for Freshers? Date and time TBC because acquiring the plants will take time. May not need to be a Freshers event just because it is a college-wide thing
- h. KD
 - i. Shadowing scheme finished; it was a success. All students had a good time
 - 1. Many people liked Magdalene
- i. EW
 - i. Next week an email will be sent out for stuff in Easter term
 - 1. Would like to gauge interest in using conference rooms in Cripps as alternative study rooms

2. Magdfess about OCD sports group – Maybe we could help set it up? Will look into it
- ii. HR: Our college doesn't have a ballot system whereby someone with medical needs can ballot with a friend. MB(P): Should speak to Helen about this and will look into it
- j. SS
 - i. Called the Cambridge Barclays bank branch last week and they said they have our scanned forms
 - ii. Main Barclays bank branch have said they haven't received this. Currently dealing with this
 - iii. Confident that by the end of the term all of this will be sorted
- k. DSB
 - i. At the class act forum – it was decided to conduct a survey that would be sent out asking about rent bands, college provisions, etc. This will help inform decisions in the future.
 - ii. By week 8, might organize a cross-college social
 - iii. Bursary tickets for the May ball have not been sorted
- l. MK and RH
 - i. Had valentine's bar night and it was successful. The token system got positive reviews
 - ii. Sponsorship confirmed. More money confirmed for BOP (200 pounds)
 - iii. Preparing for halfway hall and marriage formal
 - iv. Investing 100 pounds into drinks for marriage formal
- m. CM
 - i. Following the magdfesses, I will be fast-tracking the development forum
 - ii. Also collaborating with the film society for a film this evening
 - iii. Want to do an intersectional event with all the other officers
 - iv. There is an all-woman and non-binary club night at MASH
 - v. Recently promoted on the Instagram about creating an archive for creativity and stuff from students
- n. DM
 - i. Have been busy this week
 - ii. Emailed Sarah for organizing a service for transgender remembrance
 - iii. Looking to get pronoun pins for the library
 - iv. Looking to do LGBTeas and glitter bomb for Freshers (will speak to HR and DA about this)
- o. SK
 - i. Fixed minor problems with noticeboard
 - ii. Want event pictures for the IG
 1. Photographer needed for halfway hall
 - iii. Might do an advertisement video for the carrom board
- p. MB(V)
 - i. Doing stuff here and there, helping with the website and rooms spreadsheet
 - ii. Brought snacks for JCR
 - iii. AMAL coming up this week
5. Any other business
 - a. MB(P): Might have a JCR formal
 - b. Need to sort out JCR stash
 - c. MB(P): JCR cupboards need to be cleaned

