

JCR Closed Meeting Minutes

21st January 2023 – 16:10pm in Cripps Seminar Room 5

Committee present: 19

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OIH) – Secretary
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
- Rikki Hirai (RH) – Accommodation & Catering
- Uma Hørder (UH) – Ents
- Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – BME
- Thomas Morris (TM) – LGBT+
- Pico Ichikawa (PI) – Women's
- Mia Cascarina (MC) – Class Act
- Minnie Peacock (MP) – Access & Academic
- Oscar Hill (OsH) – Welfare
- Áine McCann (AM) – Welfare
- Ceri Clarke (CC) – Green & Charities
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'

Apologies for absence: 2

- Sushant Patil (SP) – International Students'
- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'

Overview

1. Apologies for absence
2. Updates from the President
3. Updates from the Treasurer
4. Main agenda
 - a. Bop feedback
 - b. New JCR room
 - c. Stash
5. Any other business

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. President's Updates
 - a. Member updates
 - RG wants everyone to give a short update at the start of every meeting.
 - Keep everyone involved at a good pace

b. Catering Update

- RG: lots of exciting formal things, well done to RH, Mark Slater is being very accommodating at the moment
- RH: pink week formal possible
 - RG: being organised by Albi
- RG: discount on Feb 2nd, will be better ensured. Pizzas now available to buy
- RG/RH: next Ramsay Committee meeting Monday at 4 – open, with Mark, Google form for submissions in absence
 - RH will advertise soon
- TM: can we use pizza oven for JCR meetings?
 - RG: something to think about
- OSH: Ramsay wants to work with JCR in order to improve welfare, want to persuade college that communal meals are important (and so shouldn't be extremely expensive)
 - RG: will be having prices/rent negotiations involving Ramsay (Governing Body Meeting 16th Jan), will hopefully encourage people to partake in this more
 - RG will involve RH in these negotiations, hoping to see a price increase of 4-5% rather than 10%
 - RH: Mark promised that prices won't increase again
- RG: Halfway Hall underway, menu has been agreed, drinks need to be bought
- LD: can we open bar for 6 Nations?
 - RG: probably, to an extent
 - OSH: can JCR operate bar themselves?
 - RG: will ask, but unlikely to happen
- RG: accommodation, ballot will be on Wed 22nd Feb, Thurs 23rd Feb, fresher's draw will be done soon
- OSH: does the JCR have priority for the room ballot
 - RG: I get priority, plus two other people. Last many cabinets have seen exec committee get the other two places
 - AM: last year, a welfare officer was chosen for welfare purposes (they picked between themselves)
 - RG: I understand, but I like tradition
 - SC: point can be made for all officers
- AM: are accommodation photos being updated?
 - RG: had a meeting with Susannah about it, should be pictures for every room now
 - RH: will check to see if they have been
 - OSH: maybe include a furniture inventory
 - RH: will pass it on to Susannah
 - CC: maybe get students to write a short review?

c. Fresher's Update

- RG: Fresher's committee will be set up, how?

- MeB: a google form will be set up in the next few weeks
- GY: if too many people apply, will be decided at a later date
- d. Green & Charities Update
- RG: Senior Bursar wants to try and invest more in Green resources
- LD: friend in a climate society wants to give a speech before the end of term
- CC: gardeners would like to run an informational session soon
- LD and CC: Charity Take Me Out proposed
 - Cripps, 20 students, 3 or 4 colleges (5 students from each), will be set up like the show. £2-3 a ticket
 - RG: any idea which colleges?
 - CC: Catz, others TBD (maybe Sidney, Clare, Tit Hall)
- LD: charity referendum, college will choose which charities money will go to
 - CC: funding from take me out will go to whichever are chosen
 - CC: different charity each term

3. Treasurer's Updates

- a. Update on banking situation
- SC: needs to transfer control of the bank account
- SC: assume that the amount allocated to you in the budget is what you can spend, once bank account has been taken under control everyone can submit reimbursement requests
 - Keep all receipts, money will get back to you after a form has been completed
- b. Budget
- SC: budget, amal bid need to be approved by college still
 - Amal meeting in the next week or so, eventual voting about whether or not budget is ok. Spending amount is essentially the same as last year
 - Cuts possible, redundancies left in budget so shouldn't be too bad
- c. Sport's Day coaches
- Will cost a lot more than usual, will probably cost a small amount to use

4. Main agenda

- a. Bop feedback
- RG: on the whole, went well
 - Clean up went well, RG wants to make sure that everyone knows they have to participate
- TM: wants to bring the old DJ back
 - RG: might be an issue as porters didn't like him, up to Ents
 - UH: DJ wasn't too happy, got too much pushback, won't DJ again
 - LS: text wall will be brought back with help of MaB
- RG: people who aren't meant to be behind bar need to be kept away
- AM: setup could be better organised, most people were just standing around
 - RG: not much can actually be done with regards to drinks, pizza is meant to be a reward anyway

- TM: NB needs to order better pizza
 - RG: still come, could be problems on the night, also gives porters a chance to talk to everyone
- OSH: too many people let through door without tickets, try and bring back selling tickets on the door, maybe check Magd IDs
 - LS: selling more tickets may help
 - RG: porters will shut down bop if letting people through is too blatant, bring back selling on door
 - LS: better to let people in or to oversell?
 - RG: just too risky to oversell, porters on the edge anyway
- MeB: is there a separate bar for non-alcoholic drinks?
 - RG: was water but not well-advertised, need to work on bringing in more non-alcoholic drinks. Need to make sure that non-alcoholic drinks not affected by alcoholic drinks eg. Spillage
 - MeB: bring a separate bar, people don't want to get through the bar crowds
 - RG: could use old bar?
 - TM: use the water dispenser?
 - SC: porters probably won't let us use it
 - LD: could put non-alcoholic bar towards the back
 - RG: could combine back role with soft drinks role
 - CC: why couldn't we sell lemonade alone?
 - RG: we ran out.
- RG: make queueing better implemented
 - CC: people just scoop with their cups
 - NB: people actually steal the jugs
- PI: any chance of an Easter bop?
 - SC: not budgeted for
 - RG: if we can find the funds
- MK: went to Jesus bop, they have stewards and people there to supervise very drunk people, could we introduce this as a part of the drinks
 - RG: yep, good idea
- RG: overall, thank you for help, things will only get better in the future
 - b. New JCR Room
- RG: not quite all a done deal yet: lighting, flooring need to be improved. May be able to be finished by middle of Easter Term
 - Needs to be taken up with a building committee as there are concerns about destruction of natural beauty
- RG: fellows storage has very nice furniture, potentially could go to us
 - c. Stash
- NB: Stash won't be free this year – most ok with this
 - Stash design will be changed, any suggestions?
 - OSH: smaller print maybe, can wear in more situations
 - MeB: a fleece would be nice

- CC: do we have a provider, need to make sure that stash is sustainable
 - NB: yes, but can be changed

5. Any Other Business

a. Welfare Update

- OsH: University has a program about racism awareness, there is a good bystander course that college want to send people to (about 5 spots)
 - RG: happy for OsH to decide who goes on this course
- OsH: welfare reps, fresher's reps, and one other
 - MK: happy for this to be her
- MeB: important for at least one white person to go on the course
- OsH: welfare donuts tomorrow (1pm), please spread the word

b. Fresher's Update - Workshops

- MeB: looking to mesh racism and consent workshops, looking for feedback about experiences with these
 - OsH: New head of wellbeing and college really want to focus on fresher's week
 - MeB: if college is involved, workshops have to be mandatory (at the moment workshops are done by JCR)
 - However, college involvement often leads to poor workshops (eg. Last year's consent workshop)
 - OsH: important to help college run these better

c. Green Tea Event

- Next Saturday 3pm, will be talks about environment, tea, cake

d. Provisional green officer for a day

- MeB: happy to do this