

JCR Closed Meeting Minutes
23rd October 2023 – 17:00 in the JCR

Committee present: 11

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OH) – Secretary
- Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – BME
- Mia Cascarina (MC) – Class Act
- Minnie Peacock (MP) – Access & Academic
- Sushant Patil (SP) – International Students'
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
- Ceri Clarke (CC) – Green & Charities
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities

Apologies for absence:

- Áine McCann (AM) – Welfare
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'
- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'
- Oscar Hill (OsH) – Welfare
- Pico Ichikawa (PI) – Women's
- Thomas Morris (TM) – LGBT
- Uma Hørder (UH) – Ents
- Lea Steele (LS) – Ents
- Rikki Hirai (RH) – Accommodation & Catering

Overview

1. Apologies for absence
2. Presidential update
3. Committee updates
4. Hustings
5. Recognised Societies Proposal
6. Any other business

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Presidential update
 - RG: gluten free beer in the bar
 - Concern raised about cocktail prices: pricing structure changed
 - £4 for one with two shots, £5 for three shots, etc
 - £1.50 flat rate applied to themed formal prices from now on
 - Charity referendum: could do at the cake sale, or at the pub quiz

- Could be that each team is assigned a pre-selected charity
- Pool table cost will be split with the MCR, ~£125 each
 - If college subsidises, ~£80 each
 - Will take about 6 weeks
- Another noticeboard in the JCR (for pictures)?
 - General agreement
 - CC: can we get some plants for the JCR
 - RG: we had some, but they were taken by someone over the summer (will likely be returned soon)
- Any detailed proposals for societies?
 - SC: Magdalene Northern Soc asked for £100 (more later on)
- Mark Slater will be buying TNT sports for the bar soon
- Pub quiz arrangements?
 - LD: Jacob Haddo wants to write the quiz, will probably MC it too

3. Committee updates

- a. Green & Charities
- CC: Plant Sale tomorrow at 4pm, cake sale Sunday at 11 am
 - Profits from plant sale could go towards recycling bin, though only a one time thing: will be used to convince college to buy a larger, more permanent one
 - LD will be going to a meeting with the senior bursar regarding divestments
- b. Treasurer
- Stash sale was held
- officers need to start compiling receipts etc to make sure they haven't overspent
- c. Vice President
- Committee stash sorted – quarter zips in navy blue or white
 - Committee need to submit details_
- d. Access & Academic
- 5 signups for the SU mentoring scheme, will be overseen by the next Access & Academic officer_
- e. Class Act
- Been in contact with Magdalene Northern Soc, they want to do an opening bar night (pizza, drinks etc, some coming out of Class Act budget)
- f. BME
- BAME mixer, very big turnout – some Welfare budget will go towards this
- Black History Month – discounted tickets for formals at Trinity etc
- Diwali formal being organised
- g. International Student's
- Idea for a spicy noodles challenge in mid November
- h. Secretary
- Business as usual

i. IT

- Website went down for a bit, but this has been sorted now
 - Alerts in place for if this ever happens again

4. Hustings

- Presidents hustings will take place on Saturday 11th
- Committee hustings will take place on Saturday 18th
- No new positions
- Secretary will organise livestream
- Location: JCR might be too cramped – could book out Cripps Auditorium
 - This could put people off applying? Fine for the Presidential election, but for JCR might be too much
 - RG: will have a think about it, but inclined to go with Cripps for both
- SC: Need to make sure to elect AMAL officers too
- NB: Website voting gets sorted by the SU
- RG: Start thinking about handovers now – prepare any documents etc

5. Recognised Societies Proposal

- MaB: need a more formalised system of societies, wherein the committee agree upon its existence
 - Benefits will only be given to recognised societies:
 - Added to the JCR website
 - Can send out 1 email per term to the mailing list
 - Can post on the JCR Facebook page as much as they want
 - If they want to apply for JCR (not AMAL) money, need to be recognised
 - AMAL meeting want a list of societies anyway
 - Process: submit an application with their name and crsid of main point of contact
 - Committee holds a vote of recognition
 - Must email committee each year to confirm that they do still exist
- SC: £500 pot is only for new societies
 - MaB: fine, but I think these should be recognised too
- RG: Would you send out an email to all current societies to submit applications?
 - MaB: Yes
- MaB: JCR agreement would be about whether or not we consider the society appropriate and reasonable
- MaB: Makes societies more fair – boat club can only send out one magd-jcr-all email a term
- Some disagreement about amount of emails sent per term
 - This is not a particularly popular policy
 - MC: could we instead say that societies have free access to our mailing list, but that there might be repercussions for spam
 - This is much more popular

- MaB will confer about this with the MCR too
- SC: The process could end up being far more inconvenient, and could put off people from forming societies in the first place
- SP: What if instead of formalising it, we could just implement the formalisation process softly. Let societies know its an option but don't enforce it
- MC: Vetting process is still a good idea, there still should be a list of societies, which is helpful
- CC: List on the website might get too short – put off prospective students
 - MaB: we could have an “archive” for societies which used to exist but doesn't now
- Vote held on proposal
 - Results: “yes to something else” won, MaB will revise his proposal, and send an email out

6. Any other business

- a. Proposals of new societies
 - SC: Northern Soc are requesting £100 for decorations, and pizza
 - Some money too from Class Act budget (~£100-150), maybe for drinks tokens
 - Some money before AMAL would be useful
- Other societies make proposals:
 - Poker Society:
 - Request £40 for equipment
 - Pool & Darts Society:
 - Request £60 to enter league
 - Bingo Society:
 - Request £20 for equipment
 - Hovercraft Society:
 - Request £100
 - Electronics Society:
 - Request £30
 - Poetry Society:
 - Request £100
- It is decided that an email will be sent out to give more societies the chance to apply. Voting will be held at the next open meeting. No money is to be spent on food or drinks – AMAL do not allow this anyway.
 - Voting will be amongst committee members only to prevent underrepresented societies from being crowded out.