

Magdalene College JCR: Committee meeting minutes

Sunday 28th January 2018

Minutes of the Committee meeting on Sunday 28th January 2018 at 17:00 in Cripps Seminar Room 4.

Record of attendance

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

1 Objections to the order of items on the agenda

None raised.

2 Bop feedback

- The sound monitor was too aggressive in controlling sound levels, and did not take into account the sound generated by regular conversation and singing
- President to consult with College Marshal on use of the sound monitor

3 Welfare packs

- Nothing of concern was foreseen for the Week 5 welfare packs.

4 Green & Charities formal

- Committee members may be needed for drinks pouring before/after the meal
- The College's meals booking website was observed to be nonfunctional at time of meeting

- IT Officer has e-mailed the Computer Office to notify them of the issue
- [Addendum: as of 21:35 the same day the issue was reported resolved by the Computer Office]

5 Report from the Services, Bar & Buttery Officer

- The Officer reports that the MCR President, Rowena Dowrie, feels that there should be a Gym Committee comprising members of both the JCR and the MCR
- The Services, Bar & Buttery Officer intends to propose changes to the Ramsay Hall Student Dining group on Facebook, e.g. provision of a feedback facility
 - The Officer shall enquire with Victoria Wallace at the Conference & Events Office, who administers the Facebook group
- A meeting regarding the Bar is to be held, pending the return of Scott Grocott (Head of Buttery) from leave
- The Services, Bar & Buttery Officer proposes that an open JCR meeting is held with focus on food in College, the gym and other matters within the Officer's remit
- Superhalls: potential for more revenue for the Bar, can consult with Scott Grocott
- Pub quiz in Bar: the Officer proposes that another pub quiz is held on Sat 17 Feb subject to arrangement with Daniel Lawson, who runs the quizzes

6 Room ballot

- Georgina Rose (Accommodation Co-ordinator) has reported to the Domesitc & Academic Officer that the online rooms directory is not complete; room photos are out of date
- An 'open period', in which students' rooms can be viewed by other students, will be proposed to Ms Rose for the days of Wed 21 Feb to Fri 23 Feb (a week in advance of the room ballot)

7 Introduction of card readers to take payments

- The President had been contacted by the JCR President at Fitzwilliam College with information on how Fitzwilliam accepts card payments using handheld readers connected to smartphones by Bluetooth
- Possible solutions include iZettle and Lydia
 - The IT Officer noted that he has experience and prior contact with Lydia through running a University society, and that Lydia had sent emails reaching out to the previous JCR Committee over the last Summer Vacation.
- President to investigate options

8 Motion submitted for discussion and vote

The motion reads:

The JCR Committee resolves that the motion passed endorsing the campaign 'Magdalene Cut the Rent' which took place at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2017, was conducted in a way that was unconstitutional.

- The JCR Constitution requires that motions to be debated in open meetings (hustings for JCR elections counting as open meetings) are submitted to the Vice President at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting time, and further that the agenda for an open meeting including proposed motions to be voted upon is published to JCR members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

- The Services, Bar & Buttery Officer proposed a remediation to the constitutional dilemma whereby a constitutionally valid motion is submitted for debate and vote in the next possible open meeting (*i.e.* not the open meeting scheduled for 29th January, as the 72-hour deadline could not be met).
- After discussion, the motion was amended to read as follows:

The JCR Committee resolves that the motion passed endorsing the campaign 'Magdalene Cut the Rent' which took place at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2017, was conducted in a way that was unconstitutional. The JCR Committee shall encourage the campaign to re-submit a motion for discussion and voting at an Open Meeting.

- The motion as amended was passed uncontested by the Committee members that were in attendance, with no abstentions.

9 Updates from Committee members

- IT Officer:
 - There shall be College IT Committee meeting on Tue 6 Mar.
- Green & Charities Officer:
 - The Officer received an e-mail about a Magdalene alumna and previous JCR Committee member who was recently diagnosed with an autoimmune disease
 - The Officer proposed that fundraising for her should be proposed on the upcoming charities selection ballot under the 'local charity' slot
 - * A vote on this proposal was held: all but one Committee member voted for, one voted against, and there were no abstentions
- International Officer:
 - Proposal to use the Bar as a venue to celebrate Chinese New Year
 - International Officer to enquire with College staff about this
- Treasurer:
 - Not all of the JCR budget was approved at a recent Amal Club meeting; approx. £2000 of the Services & Buttery budget was denied
 - Treasurer to submit an updated budget document reflecting this to the rest of the Committee

10 Any other business

The Committee noted a report from the College that the Pride flag shall now and in future be flown by the College during LGBT History Month without the need for an explicit request from students.

The meeting closed at 17:55.