**JCR Meeting x Minutes**

**12.06.2022**

**Quorum:** Not Reached

***Ratify Budget:***

Budget can be found in minutes on the JCR website.

*Unanimous aye. Ratified.*

***Hust:***

*Compliance Officer:*

Candidates: Matilda Slaven, 1st year, Law; Alice Smith, 2nd year, English Literature & Philosophy

*Hust Summaries:*

Candidate 1: Matilda Slaven

* Studies Law at Durham so has knowlegde about laws and practice; waitress and retail assistance means practical application; legal work experience; worked with professionals
* Organised; time management
* Wants to give back to Aidan’s
* Would learn laws; communication key; continue JE work on alumni association so would introduce mailing list & introduce events like alumni formals etc that alumni can come back for

Candidate 2: Alice Smith

* Explained role in terms of meeting trustees, alumni and student representation
* Wants to increase transparency, wants to take student concerns to board meetings, wants there to have more transparency about things hat we do in the JCR i.e. levy
* Wants to increase contact with alumni; perhaps introduce a mentoring scheme in terms of enabling contact for students currently here
* Have already worked with trustees; worked professional; implemented a research policy before in tutoring job
* Aidan’s is our home but we should all work to improve it for the future, especially because of independence and the opportunities it brings

*Questions from JE:*

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| Question: | Matilda Slaven  | Alice Smith |
| Next year we will have more opportunities because of independence, what will independence profit from the most? | Formals and ball as these are the things we remember when we leave and would like to recreate  | Financially, perhaps not have more money but will have more control over it; alumni association should allow us greater revenue  |
| You have a budget of £300 to spend on alumni, how would you spend it? | Events alumni can all come to in terms of big dinners etc so that they can see where their money goes to and how they impact us  | Sports and competitions, also a good way of building relationships, need constant engagement in terms of in person events and on social media  |
| If the Daily Mail were to write a scandalous headline about you, what would it say? | Having a lot of confiscated items  | Possessions lost all around Durham  |

*Questions from the floor:*

N/A

Voting will be ONLINE

**\*FREP Announcements\***

***Officer Reports:***

*Katherine Byfield (She/Her) (KB) - Sports and Societies Officer:* Planning for varsity has gone well but a few sports have dropped out, but we will still win, playing two sports has never played before

*Arin Monga (He/Him) (AM) - Shop Chair:* Nothing to report

*Jing Xu (She/Her) (JX) - JCR Treasurer:* Has been doing reimbursements and payments; wrote the CAB report, having a CAB meeting next Wednesday and on Thursday a finance meeting about independence

*Ethan Cox (He/Him) (EC) - Tech Chair:* Tried out the candy floss machine and it works!; have done some hires and earnt lots of money; excited to hopefully expand the tech team today

*Ffion Rees (She/Her) – Socials Chair:* Summer Ball on Tuesday so have been making decorations this week with Soccomm

*Sammy P (She/Her) (SP) - Bar Steward:* Summerfest went well, still have some stock left as well as t-shirts so if you would like to buy them you can; bar will be open for Summer Ball so make the most of it

*Izzy Young (She/Her) (IY) - Formals Officer:* Currently planning Going Down Formal, last formal that IY will plan; no one applied for it but going up at next meeting

 *Joseph Eaton (He/Him) (JE) - Compliance Officer:* Set up a TNF which runs in parallel to exec meetings; student trustees had training this week; spoke to EW to make changes to Handbook to ensure that we comply to charity laws; JMG met with Quentin last week and got a list of to do things, but one of things was to ensure that we have a bank but we have lost the bank card in the store room; when we are independent we wont get university finance support, so we have decided to go to external accountants to ensure our books are right and are presenting to trustees in terms of who we chose

*Yiannis Vogiaridis (He/Him) (YV) - Outreach Committee Chair:* Went to the SU after last meeting and the four Aidanites made up most of the audience, discussed Mitie and desire to terminate their contract and were able to pass it, abstained on the update of the standing orders however did actually pass although will not go through until next year because did not meet quorum

*Izzy Walaski (She/Her) (IW) - Senior FREP:* FREP tests and interviews have been taking place; have announced FREPs

*Elle Woodfield (She/Her) (EW) - JCR Secretary:* Have been writing the Bagder which will be released in the final week of term, still looking for writers so please contact EW; have been working on Freshers’ material with JE and again if have any suggestions or want to be involved then contact EW; revived the JCR social media accounts so give them a follow to be updated

*Saffy Husain (She/Her) (SH) - JCR Chair:* Going to be advertising roles of committees tomorrow

*Joe McGarry (He/Him) (JMG) - JCR President:* Mostly working on the upcoming events and working with Quentin; wrote a CAB too but not as funny as JX; went to SU with YV; working on handover for JE

**\*JMG President’s Speech\***

***Motions:***

1. St Aidan’s Chemistry Society

\*Explaining society proposal\*

*Questions, Comments or Amendments*

N/A

*Unanimous Aye. Society formed.*

2. St Aidan’s Running Club

\*Explaining society proposal\*

*Questions, Comments or Amendments*

JMG: In previous years the running society used to draw a shape on Strava, what would you draw?

A heart because I love Aidan’s.

*Unanimous Aye. Society formed.*

***Husts:***

*IT Officer:*

Candidate: Kaal Sahele, 1st year, Computer Science

*Hust Summary:*

* Computer scientist so has the experience for this role; has been selected to take part in professor’s podcast; won hacking competition; built several websites; on the exec for Durham University Women in Tech so dealt with queries etc
* Main aim to improve the JCR website as it is not quite up to scratch and not updated for 2022; wants to improve for prospective students, wants them to have an insight into what life at college is like now not 6 years ago; also help everyone who has any queries in the community

*Questions from EC:*

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| Question: | Kaal Sahele |
| Computer scientists are not known for their social skills but this job requires you to chat to lots of people, if someone wasn’t forthright with that information what would you do? How would you pester people?  | Computer scientists are often not women but here I am. As a woman in STEM I know how to get things done and I will do. |
| If you were part of hardware network, what would you be? | Router as it connects you to the internet and is the key component of the computer.  |

*Questions from the floor:*

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| Question: | Kaal Sahele |
| You want to make changes for the website but how would you deal with difficulties with this? | Knows lot of programmers so can ask for their help; techcomm can help her find a solution |

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*Socials Chair:*

Candidate: Izzy Young, 1st year, Physics

*Hust Summary:*

* Well prepared as Formals Officers for the last year, worked amongst comm, college staff and the exec; thinks it is a good transition from formals to socials
* Focus mainly on Winter Ball and Summer Ball but also work alongside IW for Newcastle Night; wants to work with other colleges to reduce spending, split cost for ents by working with other colleges in terms of the calander; hope to make a profit so as to make tickets cheaper in future and ensure they are inclusive
* Improve communication from students in terms of improving balls and interested in receiving feedback
* Next year is 75th year of Aidan’s so wants to ensure alumni can come to the events that will be run

*Questions from FR:*

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| Question: | Izzy Young |
| Do you have any ideas for other events you would want to hold? | Wants to have more fundraisers so we can put more money into the JCR |
| If you could have any tribute band at Summer Ball, who would it be? | Take That or Sam Fender  |

*Questions from the floor:*

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| Question | Izzy Young  |
| How would we make the dress code more inclusive? | What to wear can often be restrictive so want to have a dress share in college and potential extent this to a university wide appeal |

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*STD:*

Candidate: Aidan Cairns

\*Recorded video\*

***ABO:***

JMG: JE mentioned about independence TNF so we are trying to get someone from each committee involved but anyone can get involved so please do text JMG or JE

**\*Awards\***

***Meeting Adjourned:* 21:08**