



**JCR Meeting x Minutes  
29.10.2023**

**Quorum Reached**

**Attendance: 52**

**Officer Reports:**

1. Sports and Societies Officer:

LB noted that 1st floodlit next wednesday, sports treasurer is going up please hust.

2. Tech Chair

HB noted the Website has minutes for the old meetings.

3. Publicity Officer

CG requested associate members please follow the insta account, interviewing at floodlit.

4. Socials Chair

EM noted the Halloween BoP on Tuesday, Independence/winter ball first come first serve, follow aidan's ball for info on booking tables.

5. Treasurer

VD- noted that he is Sorting JCR levys from students moving college, participation fund can be used to help pay for tickets for JCR events (or other things), other fincomm roles going up, shop now being managed by Harry.

6. Senior Frep

WJ notes a review with college on how freshers week went next week, feedback form has been read, mostly positive.

7. Welfare Officer

NG noted BAME week, Welfare hours, workshop on anti-semitism

8. Outreach Officer:

LE noted First volunteering effort open soon, new stash- Oddballs hats.

9. Compliance Officer:

JW- Working on OPPs, working on Exec reporting to the board/charity commission, process ongoing on the appointment of new trustee.

10. JCR Chair:

EH- Working on OPPs, lots of roles going up, bursaries from college can be taken.

11. President:

HT explained food situation research, free food for workers- tax had to be paid on this, couldn't afford to keep this cost, the pro-vice chancellor has allowed presidents to give feedback on current food options, giving you a voice.

**Motions:**

1. Motion to start a film society:

Proposed by Yarick Liu

Seconded by: April Heart

Members: 8

YK and AH:

- Way to have fun talking and watching movies.
- Have plan of putting up info a week in advance.
- Hold in Shincliffe room.
- Goal is one movie a term, but we can do more
- Take some time out of uni life.

Questions, comments or amendments:

*John Loudon: What are your favourite films?*

AH- Bullet train

YL- Star Wars

*AM- How will tech work?*

AH- There will be a tech chair.

HT- Clarification- there is a tech chair for a JCR and there will be separate tech manager for this society.

*SH- How will you pick the genre?*

YL- A vote at the end of each session.

*LB- What source for movies would you have?*

AH- The JCR will have a movie licence.

**Passed on general aye**

**2. Motion to rename the MCR Committee**

Proposed by HT

Seconded by JW

HT- MCR committee to represent the postgrads, questions from college, confusion from associate members.

HT- we have reached an agreement with college.

JW- Just a name change, no change in structure, better to have one than nothing. Doesn't mean the JCR won't back down from any other issues.

**Questions, comments and amendments**

None

**Passed by general aye**

**3. Motion to restructure the welfare committee.**

Proposed by NG.

Seconded by Thomas Borrill

NG- Currently on welfare we don't have a working class rep, run events for working class students, at least 5 other colleges have one.

**Speech for:**

BS- increasing costs- now more than ever it is important, expecting more people to need this.

**Speech against:**

None

**Questions, comments or amendments:**

*Saphyne Husain- How many colleges have one?*

NG- Don't know precisely but at least 5.

*Oscar Simms- Does it mean they aren't being represented?*

NG- No it doesn't, just representation

*Saffy Hussain- Will it be anonymous?*

NG- No, but there is confidentiality built into welfare hours.

*Thomas Borrill- Easily talk to other working class groups, signpost reps towards these groups*

**Passed in general aye**

**Roles:**

**Non-Exec roles:**

**1. Election Tech Committee treasurer:**

Alex Bogaars  
1st year  
Course: economics

Hust:

- Being a treasurer will be interested.
- interested in tech and treasureing work, the perfect insection
- Role in Army in Singapore meant experience managing budgets.

Questions from HB:

*HB- How to deal with payments not coming through?*

AB- Remind politely and then bring in third parties.

*HB- What you contribute to fincomm?*

AB- Use tech role experience to bring to other Committees.

*HB- What piece of tech would you be?*

AB- A mini controller.

Questions from the floor:

*VD- What should tech comm spend less on?*

AB- Review finances and maybe rent out more to make up the difference.

AB- Or increase life span of tech.

**Elected on general aye.**

## **2. Sports and societies Treasurer:**

Ben Rouse

Course: Chemistry

3rd year

Hust:

- Ran for the role 2 years ago.
- Spreadsheets skills come from
- Supervisor from the bar- managing money.
- Liaising from sports and socs- good relationship over 2 years- emphasis on communication.

Questions from LB:

*LB- How will you prevent non-JCR members from playing college sport?*

BR- Lists for sports on members and then compare with JCR docs.

*LB- How will you keep college sports accessible?*

BR- Reviewing finances and improving finances.

*LB- What sport would you be the best in?*

BR- Marathon runner.

Questions from floor:

*VD- Best fundraiser for Sports and Socs?*

BR- Use the bar and put on events with their own sports.

*HT- Do you have the ability to make tough calls on sports?*

BR- Everything you can do to keep sports, if you can't I'd be willing to make the tough choice and cut them.

*LB- A lot of budget on rowing, would you get rid of rowing?*

BR- work with college about possible raising money for rowing.

*SH- Whose going to win the prem?*

BR- Spurs.

**Elected by general aye**

### **3. First year welfare rep**

Seb Boeddinghaus

Course: Music

First year

Hust:

- Student welfare makes this a happy place and improves academics.
- Training to be qualified as a member of the welfare team and will be doing welfare hours.
- Experience in school student leaders- taking suggestions and implementing them- experience passing these off.
- The time to do this as degree not too demanding.

Questions from NG:

*NG- How would you deal with questions while on a night out?*

SB- If an emergency will refer them to others, if not will ask them to come to welfare hours.

*NG- What event do you want to get involved in?*

SB- Like cake and SHAG week as topic is difficult to understand.

*NG- What do you do for self-care?*

SB- Gym

Questions from the floor:

*LE- What is college welfare to you?*

SB- Making college a happy place.

*Ben Steer- How to decide when to pass things on when in danger?*

SB- Ensure safety as priority, ready to break confidentiality to protect someone.

*SH- Hurtful comments about degrees?*

SB- Good experience in this, reassure them- reminding them they got into Durham, academia is difficult no matter the degree.

**Elected on a general aye**

#### **4. Vice treasurer (two roles)**

Louis Durston-Wyatt

Course: Maths

1st year

Hust:

- Study maths- good position to manage money.
- Head of student cabinet- finalising budgets and organising events.
- Helping VD to execute his goals and good experience for future career in maths.

Joshua Lee

Course: Mathematics

1st year

Hust:

- Looking for a career in finance and finance soc.
- Lead representative of tutor groups charity
- Year of accounting, experience working with financial status.
- Living in VD's old room.

Questions from VD:

*VD- Biggest financial liability?*

LDW- Biggest danger is lack of levys, everything is important, take a utilitarian approach.

JL- Look at the data and make a proper decision

*VD- review bank statements on biweekly statements, and found someone used jcr card on ubers, how would you deal with this?*

JL- I don't know.

LDW- A sensitive issue, first check it wasn't VD, try and get a meeting with everyone with a JCR card, may have been accident, if not interview individuals.

*VD- Member running an event, need advise on budget but VD not available?*

LDW- Go to the data with them, make sure its financially viable.

JL- Communicate with them, can't do anything formal, have to communicate with VD afterwards.

*VD- How much money the JCR has in the account?*

JL- A few thousand.

LDW- a few 10s of thousand

\*VD- point of information- Close to £54,000.

Questions from the floor:

*Oscar Sims- Seen your financial conduct in Babs, how will that reflect in your work?*

LDW- Won't reflect my personal spending



*EM- How is your time management?*

JL- Google calendar to manage time.

LDW- No huge responsibilities, we have time to do it.

*Saphyne Husain- What the outcome and learnings from charity form group fundraising?*

JL- We came second, learned about how to manage a large team and keep track of purchases, and made profit.

*Thomas Borrill- What is the next best revenue maker for the JCR?*

LDW- The shop, socials.

JL- The shop is very popular, so the shop.

**Both elected by general aye**

## **5. Shop Chair- no current candidates- please apply.**

### **Exec roles:**

#### **1. Eco chair**

Amine Gherensi  
History and Ancient Civilisations  
2nd Year

Hust:

- Acting eco officer- working on unified policy to be passed in this JCR
- Working with other colleges- intercooperation.
- If elected will put up vice chairs for elections.

### **Questions from EH:**

*EH- Biggest eco issue in college?*

AG- Need to cut food waste and plastic waste.

*EH- What qualities does eco-chair bring to exec comm?*

AG- Make events sustainable, use old equipment and displays, cut plastic, stop littering.

*EH- What is your favourite eco tip?*

AG- Wear a jumper, maybe two instead of using heaters.

\*EM- point of information- Soccomm doesn't have any decorations.

**Questions from the floor:**

*VD- you lost two elections, why have you run again?*

AG- No one else is doing the role, I have won majorities in last two elections, stopped by a 'nitpick'

AG- No one else willing to do the job.

\*EH- point of information- RON not a nitpick- important democratic right.

*LB- What policies to introduce?*

AG- Creating a garden or allotment.

*NG- why didn't you implement this when you were eco chair again?*

AG- Creating a structure was the focus and now implementing the role.

*NG- there was a structure in my year, wasn't as big?*

AG- A lasting structure, had to talk to old eco chairs, no handover in place.

*HT- How would eco-assessments will be taken seriously and continuity over time?*

AG- Place pressure in meetings with those involved, adapting policies based on old events.

*BR- Will you vote yourself?*

AG- No comment.

*BS- Whats the importance of eco chair authority?*

AG- Easier to implement policies while sitting on the exec to know what is going on.

***EH- Voting will open at 12 AM tomorrow, issues last time but hopefully will work.***

**2. Shop chair- no candidates**

EH- Please get in contact if interested in the role.

**Any other business:**

1. LB- Set of rules for floodlit, insta post has the main rules, refresh your self, could be banned if we don't follow them.
2. EM- Vice chair of soccomm still an available role, an interview and you don't need to hust.
3. VD- Floodlit scarves are now available.
4. SH- Women's football exec message- first social on saturday- don't have to play or drink- bring your friends- follow facebook group.

***Meeting adjourned: 20:31***