**JCR Meeting x Minutes**

**01.05.2022**

**Quorum: Not Reached (42)**

*\*Apologies from Ffion Rees - Socials Chair\**

***Exec Officer Reports:***

*Joseph Eaton (He/Him) (JE) - Compliance Officer:*

* JCR has been working to transition outside of University’s legal structure to become an independent charity; started in 2018; finally able to finalised and conclude in principal negotiations for independence; main obstacle was the gym, originally asked for too much and would have crippled JCR but thanks to JMG, former JCR presidents and JE have managed to negotiation down to £20 600 so means should have a healthy bank balance next year; hopefully independent charity by Autumn 2022
* One of the trustees is stepping down so board of trustees are recruiting, posted online and networking to find a new one
* Commitment of JCR to set up an Alumni Association but because will be independent next year cannot be done overnight as this is the main focus at the moment; next thing for trustee agenda as Aidantes deserve access to community networking

*Katherine Byfield (She/Her) (KB) - Sports and Societies Officer:*

* Congratulations to those who won colours and to Pools A and International Soc; Posted Photo Day Rota, if haven’t heard about time ask captains; Mildert Varity (13/06) being organised; Festival of Sports which is charity event between all colleges but it is on the same day as Summerfest (05/06), live music, food trucks etc

*Saoirse Ellis (She/Her) (SE) - Bar Steward:*

* Planning Summerfest, if anyone has any suggestions for alcohol let SE know; Don’t drink in licenced areas, drinking games not allowed and please be respectful of bar stewards if they tell you to stop playing them; Bar Supervisor jobs closing tonight so please apply; save the date for Summerfest on 05/06

*Hannah Cooney (She/Her) (HC) - Outreach Committee Chair:*

* Position going up tonight; Student Kitchen is offering all livers-in 5 free meals, if you are interested just sign up on the link on FB Freshers’ Page

*Izzy Walaski (She/Her) (IW) - Senior FREP:*

* Open Days went well; Planning Fresher’s week; sending information after exams for anyone who wants to be a FREP; if have any feedback on 2021 Freshers’ Week then drop IW a message as want to make it an enjoyable experience

*Izzy Young (She/Her) (IY) - Formals Officer:*

* Sports and Socs went well on the whole despite minor issues; another two formals this term; first is a fancy dress formal with theme being Tropical Paradise and hopefully able to have a bop afterwards too

*Ethan Cox (He/Him) (EC) - Tech Chair:*

* Done one hire this term

*Jing Xu (She/Her) (JX) - JCR Treasurer:*

* Had first two Finncomm meetings; have Finncomm members now; university have charged JCR for SCR event so sorting that out at the moment; buying candyfloss machine

*Arin Monga (He/Him) (AM) - Shop Chair:*

* Position of Health and Safety was supposed to go up but have introduced a motion to change it to an interviewed role

*Fern Kennard (She/Her) (FK) - Senior Welfare Officer:*

* If do feel stressed during summative and exam season don’t suffer in silence; welfare hours every single day; joint study session in the Bailey Room; events like Petting Zoo on 8th and 9th of May

*Elle Woodfield (She/Her) (EW) - JCR Secretary:*

* Nothing to report

*Saffy Husain (She/Her) (SH) - JCR Chair:*

* Nothing to report

*Joe McGarry (He/Him) (JMG) - JCR President:*

* Final round of gym negotiations, managed to get the price down to less than JCR offered
* Started looking into the budget; best if we make purchases now rather than when we are a charity, looking at replacing JCR property i.e. pool cues
* Thank you to Open Day Reps
* Sports and Socs was going well at the start but the booing was really inappropriate, need to think about the implications as were booing International Society which out of context would make Aidan’s look really bad and an unwelcoming environment, equally it was disrespectful to Susan and Helen

***Motions:***

*1. Drug Policy:*

JMG \*explaining motion\*

*Questions, Comments or Amendments*

JMG proposes that remove “all JCR officers particularly” to rather have it state that the President and Senior Welfare mainly will deal with it.

*Unanimous Aye. Motion Amended as above.*

FK: Something we are maintaining is education about drugs, not a ‘free-for-all’; want to get rid of it being blanket treatment to ensure there is harm reduction.

JMG: Following Newcastle because they made change in response to their students dying; it is a good policy and university should change and adopt it.

*Motion Ratified (Unanimous Aye)*

*2. Budget Meeting:*

JMG \*explaining motion\*

*Questions, Comments or Amendments*

None.

*Motion Ratified (Unanimous Aye)*

*3. Shop Health & Safety:*

AM \*explaining motion\*

*Questions, Comments or Amendments*

Benjamin Steer, 1st year, Liberal Art: Who selected?

JMG: Same as the other Shop roles therefore it would be interviewed by the President and the Shop Chair.

JMG proposes amendment that would include in the amendment that role would definitely be elected by President and Shop Chair, seconded by AM.

*Unanimous Aye. Motion amended as above.*

Sarah, 2nd year, Physics: What is the protocol if no one stands for interview?

JMG: Can operate without any officer as JCR President can fulfil the role; do not have a Health and Safety officer at the moment; makes it easier to get someone to fill the role as able to send an email out.

*Motion Ratified (Unanimous Aye).*

**BREAK** \*Heads & Tails\*

***Husts:***

*Outreach Chair:*

Candidates: Michael Cheong, 2nd year, Psychology; Yiannis Vogiaridis, 1st year, Archaeology & Ancient Civilisation

*Hust Summaries:*

Candidate 1: Michael Cheong

* Outreach is about helping the community; Ever since attending the college and going to the first meeting, have been interested in joining; want to be part of JCR
* Supported Cancer Research, orphans in Uganda; Having witnessed the plight of people near and far, it is important personally for MC; Want to include as many Aidantes in charity events, wants to educate on sustainable live styles, wants to encourage environmental events
* Being an International Student wants to make sure that they feel welcome; will work with Welfare to provide packages
* Wants to include collaborative groups in JCR; aim to align groups to serve the best for JCR
* Knows how to get job done; puts others before himself; strive to make Outreach best it can be

Candidate 2: Yiannis Vogiaridis

* Charity is important for him; did lots of charity work at school, recorded local news for those who were deaf or elderly, organised major food drives; wants to continue doing this at Aidan’s; wants to support local and international community
* Wants to start a festival to raise money to charity whereby groups compete to raise money for charity and whoever wins would win a prize but in process would raise lots of money for charity; wants to introduce a Charity Formal
* Wants to allow prospective students to have an outreach for students; wants to set up an online drop-in session for prospective students to help with UCAs and revision etc.
* We are very privileged to go to Durham and we should do our best to help those who are less fortunate; we can do a great deal to help the local community

*Questions from HC:*

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| Question: | Yiannis Vogiaridis | Michael Cheong |
| Three main parts of the position: fundraising; volunteering; representing Aidan’s at SU: which of the three would you enjoy the most | Volunteering: looking at what he has done in the past i.e. singing in hospitals, it was very rewarding | Volunteering: best part of helping out people, hands on approach is something that he has always done, monetary gains aside, volunteering aspects in the main thing he is interested in |
| Ideas for charity events, projects or fundraisers? | Wants to get involved with those who have to look after their families, so get involved with helping young carers; something feels Aidantes can really help with | Wants to involve maximum about of Aidantes, need to make them accessible so would introduce things like bake-sales and car washes; built up from there to larger scale |
| What would you do if SU tried to introduce an outrageous policy, what steps would you take? | You are the representative and voice of JCR, first thing is to approach JCR Exec in terms of how approach the matter, put together a motion, and in turn deliver that voice to the SU | Important to be representative for Aidan’s as a whole, not just Exec but JCR, getting the word from people on the ground and specifically those who will be affected, get right message form Aidan’s, fortune to have JMG as SU President will be helpful even though he will be impartial |
| Title of Outreach Chair, you are also keeper of community spirit so can you give a line from one of the Aidan’s chants? | “Oh balalaa balalaa balaalaaa ..” | “Aidan’s what is your profession…” |

*Questions from the Floor:*

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| Questions: | Yiannis Vogiaridis | Michael Cheong |
| *Do you resonate more with ‘cheeky’ or ‘chunga’?* (from KB) | ‘Chunga’ | ‘Chunga’ |
| *Ideas about an international charity we can partner with in long-term* (from JE) | Molly Olly’s Wishes, helps on a national and international scale with it working with those who have lost their children | Have been working with a charity for a decade and run by ex-Aidanate: orphanage who looks after 40 orphans in Uganda; has sponsored children there and helps out there regularly |
| *Charity calendar, what Outreach item would you use to cover yourself up?* (from Alex Longman) | Focus on college spirit so some sort of key | Megaphone or microphone … |
| *Is there any policy that hasn’t been brought to JCR recently that should be brought to SU?* (from Matt Midlane) | Deep failure in SU of promoting volunteering work; should be much more outward going in their promotion of activities so wants to have a Charity Society put forward which all students put into and then send out weekly volunteering opportunities | Having placed enough emphasis on raising cost of living both for livers-in and livers-out; more emphasis and more pressure needs to placed on SU to make landlords more accountable for ensuring students can find more affordable housing |
| *A lot of the charities which we have put forward involved in under 18s, so what we do about safeguarding?* (from Laura White) | DVS checks; safe-guarding officer on the JCR | YV put it well; making sure anyone involved also have training and educational sessions to deal with those in vulnerable positions |
| *Might be a situation in which you have a different opinion that is different to JCR because you have more information, how would you negotiate that situation?* (from JMG) | See if there is any way can anonymous the information to share it with the JCR to try to enlighten them; being voice of Aidan’s will not go against the JCR as undemocratic | Being the voice of Aidan’s, the student body voice has precedent over personal voice; try to be as open as can feasibly be with students, trying to help them see the different perspectives but at the end of the day if JCR decides that it what it wants, then will choose the Aidan’s voice |

Voting will be ONLINE

*Steering Community:*

Candidates: Rosa Boyd, 1st year, French & German; Francesca Laven, 1st year, Chemistry; Ed Vickery, 3rd Liberal Arts

Candidate 1: Rosa Boyd

* Hard-working; organised; enthusiastic
* Helping out with Open Days developed team work skills and grow in confidence; wants to learn more about JCR and participate in the Aidan’s community

Candidate 2: Francesca Laven

* Want to participate in running of JCR; upholding its democratic principals; represent study body
* School council; Formals Community; Proposed a motion opposing CCTV with this a very enjoyable experience
* Organized; reliable; will order pizza

Candidate 3: Ed Vickery

* Withdrawing application; was on steering committee in 2019, fairer if he gives other people a chance

*Questions from SH:*

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| Questions: | Rosa Boyd | Francesca Laven |
| If a candidate you had ushered away tried to get back in what would you do? | Consider not an appropriate member of JCR, bit weird | Follow them back in, interrupt the meeting to make sure they don’t hear the other candidates answer |

*Questions from the Floor:*

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| Questions: | Rosa Boyd | Francesca Laven |
| Matthew Midlane: If have to order a pizza that wasn’t margarita for the JCR meeting what would you get? (from Matt Midlane) | Pepperoni, despite the fact that I am vegetarian, so shows that I am considerate and understanding | Would put out a snack pole |
| Quite hard to count when the meeting is busy, so any ideas of a better system? (from Alex Longman) | Maths GCSE, can count | Repeating count and conferring |

*Rosa Boyd & Francesca Laven has been duly elected*

**ABO:**

JMG: About Summer Ball as FR could not make it, working on budget and tickets will likely by £75 because diesel for rides is very expensive, will get a free ticket if volunteer to help, apply for the participation fund if need money off for Summer Ball; sports reimbursements, have asked if Maiden Castle can take a chunk of money at the start and then just using that to pay for referees etc

KB: Can everyone follow at @StAidansSports please !

***Meeting Adjourned:*** 21.04