JCR Meeting 15/01/2023

Quorum reached

Officer Reports:

Each member of the Executive Committee gave an officer report summarising their contributions since the previous meeting and sharing any updates.

1. JCR President

Joseph Eaton (JE) noted that there will be Live Lounges taking place soon and noted the incentive of a draw for a £25 bar tab. He also discussed the Dragon’s Den event on 19th February to decide what the Small Projects Fund will be spent on. He also noted that we will be having new art on the College walls. Some societies will be putting on events, such as the Ally Pally Darts competition. He shared that College should be releasing rent prices for next year towards the end of January. Finally there will be an information presentation on 26th January regarding the JCR President role, which will be going up in the next JCR meeting.

1. JCR SSO

Kitsy Byfield (KB) noted that she has started planning the Sports and Socs Gala and to keep an eye out for details. It will be the first week back in Easter term. She explained what will take place at the event and some of the awards that will be given out.

1. Bar Steward

Sammy Perry (SP) noted that Unicum has returned to the Bar.

1. Outreach Chair

Yiannis Vogiaris (YV) noted the success of the Food Drive. He discussed the success of the stash and informed us that the next drop is being organised.

1. Welfare Officer

Fern Kennard (FK) noted she will be going through a review of welfare practices with the Board of Trustees and has a meeting tomorrow.

Senior Frep

Wynn Jenkins (WJ) noted that he would start organizing open days.

1. Social Chair

Izzy Young (IY) thanked those who came to Winter Ball and noted the committee have began to plan Summer Ball and said to reach out to her with any suggestions. She further noted that there are some formals coming up, such as Lunar New Year.

1. Shop Chair

Arin Monga (AM) noted that the shop has not done as well as last term, partly due to lack of stock since the shop was banned from ordering from the usual supplier. He noted they have created a new account.

1. Compliance Officer

Matilda Slaven (MS) noted that she attended a Trustee training meeting with the Chair of Trustees, and that there is going to be a Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday.

1. JCR Chair

Saphyne Hussain (SH) noted that the OPPs have been edited. She further noted that there are some important roles going up in the next JCR meeting.

Agenda:

1. **Motion to ratify St Aidan’s People of Colour Society**

Society President: Owen Mitchell (OM), year 2, course PPE

OM noted that he struggled to find people to relate to with the same background and that there needs to be somewhere for people of colour to come together to celebrate diversity. He noted that this is not just for people of colour and everyone can get involved. He wants the people to decide what the society is all about.

**Questions or comments:**

There were no questions

**The motion passed unanimously**

1. **Motion to reduce the impact of the CPK on the environment**

Proposed by Amine Gherensi, first year

Seconded by Joshua Cilliers, first year

AG noted that: plastic cups are being used in the dining hall and students are being asked to bring their own cups. He told students to comply with this latter request. He asked Joe to write a letter to the University to speed up the process of the CPK and to bring back glass cups that can be washed and reused.

**Questions, comments or amendments:**

Liv (first year) asked AG to clarify whether he intended for the glass or plastic cups to be washed, which AG responded by clarifying he meant the cups that were used previously.

JC commented that the motion is holding the College and the University to the principles they claim to support.

Another member commented that this practice goes against clauses in the University documentation.

GS asked that if the motion does pass, that a message should go out about the food waste, since whilst the students feel that they are not getting enough food, the College is wasting food. This should be included in the letter sent by JE.

SP noted that we should look into whether the College can purchase reusable receptacles for people to use.

There were no comments

There were no amendments

The motion passed unanimously

1. **Steering Committee Motion**

JE noted that the agenda had a motion that has been withdrawn. It was distributed because we do not presently have a way of scrutinizing the motions. He proposed that this should be established.

There were no questions.

Benjamin Steer, on behalf of the LGBT Society, noted that the motion regarding the Senior Woman, although a joke, did not support the views of the Rainbow College and had transphobic undertones.

LE commented that they felt the motion was malicious, and asked the College what they are going to do in response to that.

JE responded by saying that this motion will ‘weed out’ those types of motions in the future. He added that this will introduce a checks and balances system. In terms of responding to wider issues of transphobia within the College, the JCR supports societies such as LGBT Society.

It was further commented that the JCR should issue an apology and a statement condemning the motion.

Frankie (Vice-Chair) asked whether there would be a written criteria to use when deciding what should be put on the agenda in future.

SH replied that the OPPs will be edited if this passes. The motion will then go to the Executive Committee, and if there is disagreement there, it will move to the Board of Trustees and be rejected.

There was a question concerning the neutrality of the Steering Committee, who decide which motions go ahead.

Eco Chair questioned whether it would be more democratic if the motion in question was still put to the JCR, but IY responded by pointing out that the reason for the motion is to not cause offence in the first place.

The motion that the JCR will release a statement concerning the Senior Woman motion was passed.

The motion that Steering Committee will review motions was passed.

1. **Motion to temporarily suspend the OPPs**

JE asked that the governing documents be suspended presently in order to vote on this motion, and this was passed.

The representatives from the International Society noted that the International Society would like more funds for the Chinese New Year events, which are inter-collegiate this year. They have asked for £30 to fund the gift raffle. This was passed by a vote.

They made a further request for a further £40 for other materials, including candy. This was passed by a vote.

SH then stepped down as Chair in order to speak as the Women’s Football Captain. She noted that the team do not have footballs. She has requested the money to purchase two footballs for approximately £50. This was passed by a vote.

JE noted this money would come from the Sports Fund.

1. **Motion to Save Dave the Porter**

Proposed by Jeremy Fosten (JF), Second year, Law

Seconded by 50 other members of the JCR

JF noted how much Dave has aided himself and other students in the transition to University life, and noted some of the kind and helpful things he has done.

This motion by passed by a vote.

**Questions, comments or amendments:**

There were no questions.

There were no comments.

There were no amendments.

1. **Motion to create an Alumni Working Committee**

Proposed by Joseph Eaton, Sabbatical

Seconded by Matilda Slaven, Second year, Law

JE noted that: St Aidan’s is one of the only colleges that lacks an alumni network and the students here deserve to have the same opportunities that the students on the Bailey have. This committee is going to be an informal group that discusses which system we should have. It is going to look at the make up, what benefits it has, among other roles.

OM commented that there is a risk that the money donated by alumni could be used to exert influence over what the college does.

JE noted that we’ll ensure this doesn’t happen and he will give it more thought.

There was a question concerning whether we have got into contact with notable alumni. JE responded that this will be made easier through an alumni network.

There were no amendments.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Election of Outreach Officer**

Candidate no 1: Liv Eren (LE), first year, Combined Honours of Sciences and Foundation

LE’s hust is summarised as follows:

* LE will expand the role to establish a committee. She wishes to involve all of the Aidan’s community. She has experience with working with charities in her local area.

Candidate no 2: Maya Ben Sterry (MBS), first year, Environmental Geo-science

MBS’s hust is summarised as follows:

* MBS would like to set up a donation box for students to drop off clothes they don't want anymore. She would like to organise more livers-out events, such as a car wash and silent discos.

**Questions:**

YV asked Liv to talk about one charity in particular and an event to fundraise for it, its goal and how to involve lots of Aidanites.

Liv noted a music concert.

Maya would like to work with Northern Angels and Scope and any event to raise money, such as a movie night.

YV asked what is one item that the candidates would like to add to the stash line.

Maya responded by saying more affordable stash items, such as gloves.

Liv answered Aidan’s oodies.

YV asked both candidates to sing a line from the College chant.

Liv was able (with a prompt).

Maya did not remember the lyrics.

JE asked what’s one thing that the candidates would bring to the Executive Committee.

MBS answered that she would bring more organisation.

LE responded that she would stand up for the JCR.

Joe McGarry (JM) asked the candidates if there are any changes affecting students that the candidate would like to bring to the mayor candidates in the North East.

LE answered that clubs should stay open later.

MBS answered that a big issue for students is feeling safe during drinking and fear around spiking; we should have more information and materials on how to protect against spiking.

WJ asked the candidates what is their number one experience with charity.

MBS answered that she did a 100 mile cycle ride for Cancer Research.

LE that following her friend’s death, she fundraised in order to fund the funeral.

IY asked how they would organise the giving of roses at the Valentines Formal.

LE responded that she would love to see one of the Exec officiating college weddings, with potentially a £5 charge.

MBS noted she was competent in obtaining roses online.

JE noted that he wanted the Outreach Chair to organise a large charity project that is committed to each year. He asked the candidates what project would they choose.

MBS responded that she would pick food banks and charities that help those with low income.

LE answered that she would like to work with a school and provide them with school supplies or uniforms.

The candidates were asked how they would obtain as high attendance as possible at fundraising events.

LE answered that she would like to tie the charitable events in with other college events.

MBS answered that fun events will take place.

OM noted there is a divide between the students and the local area, and asked the candidates how they would remedy this.

MBS discussed the importance of not being too loud and disruptive and improving image of students.

LE discussed using the routes already available.

SH noted that voting would be online.

1. **Election of Publicity Officer**

Candidate no 1: Rosa Boyd (RB), second year, MFL

RB’s hust is summarised as follows:

* RB will ensure the social media will be up to date and showcase St Aidan’s. She would like to revive the YouTube channel and refilm the room tours. She would also like to restart the TikTok page.
* RB’s role of Vice Chair shows her commitment to Aidan’s, as well as helping out at the open days.
* RB was the social media representative of the First Gen Society, so has experience with social media and Canva.

**Questions:**

Ellie Woodfield (former Publicity Officer) asked what RB would like to include in the Badger and who she would encourage to write in it.

RB answered she would like to include Q&As and allow societies to be represented. She also noted she would like to include news about the JCR, and would encourage everyone to contribute.

EW asked what kind of content RB would like to post on the YouTube.

RB noted that most videos were filmed 10 years ago, and she wants to show how St Aidan’s College has changed. She would also like to do videos of formals.

EW asked how the candidate will use social media posts to show how great Aidan’s is.

RB said that she would focus on the great things the college has, such as Summer Fest, the societies and sports.

EW asked if RB was a meme on the Bogroll, what would it be about?

RB was unable to answer this question.

JE asked since this is an exec role, what would RB bring to the Exec?

RB answered that she was dependable and committed. She will attend meetings and communicate with the other members of the exec.

OM asked whether RB would balance publicising the negative and positive aspects of the college.

RB said she would focus on the positive since often Aidans has not had the best image.

SH noted that voting would be online

1. **Election of Fashion Society Treasurer**

Sana ran for this role.

She is one of the presidents of Aidans Wardrobe and helps with the budget for that. She has lots of experience with finance.

JE noted that the Fashion Show has a large budget. He asked the candidate how she will ensure that the event will break even and raise money.

SR answered that she would look at the statistics from last year and utilise those.

SR was voted in.

Any other business

No other business.

SH noted a final farewell to YV and EW.

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1. **Motion to xxxx**

Proposed by xx, year?, course?

Seconded by xx, year?, course?

XX noted that:

**Questions, comments or amendments:**

There were no questions / XX (Y?/C?) asked….

There were no comments / XX (Y?/C?) commented that….

There were no amendments / XX (Y?/C?) proposed that..

The amendment passed unanimously / The amendment failed

The motion passed unanimously / the motion failed

1. **Election of xxx**

Candidate no 1: Name, year, course

XX’s hust is summarised as follows:

* XX will
* XX is
* XX won’t

Candidate no 2

XX’s hust is summarised as follows:

* XX will
* XX is
* XX won’t

Candidate no 3: Name, year, course

XX’s hust is summarised as follows:

* XX will
* XX is
* XX won’t

**Questions:**

There were no questions / XX (Y?/C?) asked….

There were no comments / XX (Y?/C?) commented that….

SH noted that voting would be online / A vote was held and the results were: For - , Against -, Abstain -,