**JCR Meeting X Minutes**

**27.11.2022**

**Quorum Not Reached**

**Officer Reports:**

*Apologises from* *Yiannis Vogiaridis, Tilly Slaven, Kitsy Byfield & Ethan Cox.*

IW: Final JCR Meeting at Senior FREP; hope that you all had a good time during Freshers’ and that first term has gone well; applicant for Senior FREP

IY: Winter Ball is next Monday, should haverecieved everything about payments, wil send out timings this week, very excited and hope all of you are too

SP: WinterFest is next Saturday, make sure to sign up, live music and fun Christmas cocktails

AM: Shop shut down for one evening due to Health and Safety but have addressed these issues and resolve won’t happen again; no more pesto in the shop as university has a no nut policy; making lots of profit; will have Christmas themed food behind the shop; free pizza at this meeting provided by the shop

FK: Masculinity Awareness Week this week, very good turn out so thanks for coming and for the welfare team for coming, final event happening this evening in the bar

EW: Nothing to report.

SH: Updating OPPs so should have a finalised version by end of next week; no treasurer at the moment so please advertise it to your friends; do not have a vice chair present so elected JMG as VC for this evening

JE: If you get called into a college disciplinary, entitled to a student representative to be there for you so ask to bring me; adversarial stuff between students and college but seems to have turned a corner now, has mainly been about formals but have managed to come to an agreement of a three way split between JCR, SCR and college; Aidan’s Voices are asking for members as will start rehearsals next term weekly; issues with payment of shop workers but will start paying them directly instead of using university system; will be supporting Amnesty during the World Cup; have three resolutions as JCR President: create an Alumni Association; set up long standing outreach project; not sure about the third one and am open to ideas so contact me

*Motions:*

*All motions available via email.*

***1. Tech Chair Vote Motion***

JE: \*Explains motion\* Proposes that Tech Chair gets a vote in the Executive Committee.

SH: Does anyone have a formal opposition to this motion?

JE: Tech Chair couldn’t be bothered to come …

SH: Any questions or comments?

No.

SH: Vote on this motion.

*Unanimous aye. Motion passed.*

***2. Participation Committee Motion***

JE: \*Explains motion\* Participation Fund does not have a committee managing assignment or management of the Fund. This motion is to formalise the rules set up by the President and Senior Welfare.

SH: Any amendments or questions?

JE: Propose an amendment. JCR President is not the best way to ensure this is a neutral committee. Vice Treasurer should be added and will chair the committee.

SH: Any questions or opposition on this amendment?

JMG: Is this a fixed committee or is their rotation of the members who look through who has applied?

JE: No. This amendment is just about who is chairing the committee.

JMG: Nevermind.

SH: Any other questions or oppositions to this amendment?

No.

SH: Voting on amendment.

*Unanimous aye*

SH: Any amendments or questions on the motion?

No.

SH: Vote on the motion as a whole.

*Unanimous aye. Motion passed.*

***3. JCR Secretary to Publicity Officer & Restructuring Journalism Committee***

JE: \*Explains motion\* Much of the secretarial work done by the JCR Secretary is done by the Compliance Officer so simply make the Compliance Officer take on the secretarial work. Make the JCR Secretary into Publicity Officer to promote Aidan’s as a community and a college. Do need to have the editor of the college magazine on the committee.

SH: Does anyone have a formal opposition to this motion?

No.

SH: Any amendments or questions on the motion?

No.

SH: Vote on the motion as a whole.

*Unanimous aye. Motion passed.*

***4. Socials Committee Vice Chair***

IY: \*Explains motion\* Soccomm would benefit from having a Vice Chair to manage Formals and to help with planning the Balls.

SH: Does anyone have a formal opposition to this motion?

No.

SH: Any amendments or questions on the motion?

JE: Should look at more roles on the executive committee having a deputy or vice as lots of decision making power is in the hands of a small group, the more people we have making decisions then it is better for the JCR democracy.

SH: Any other amendments or questions on the motion?

No.

SH: Vote on the motion as a whole.

*Unanimous aye. Motion passed.*

**Husts:**

Senior FREP

Candidate 1: Wynn Jenkins, 2nd year, Biology

*Hust Summary:*

* Freshers is a special memory for me and I want to ensure everyone has such a brilliant experience; want to give back to the next cohort
* Frepped this year under IW; know the strain it is for the FREP team so want to ensure welfare of the FREPs and for myself too as that will ensure that we have the best Freshers’ Week

Questions from IW:

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| Questions | Candidate 1 |
| 1. You frepped this year, what quality do you have that would be more important being senior frep than being a regular member of the frep team? | Approachability, people can come to me to talk about their questions and concerns, am quite forthright and able to talk to people first. |
| 2. You turn up to a club that you have booked and there is no space, a Fresher starts arguing with the bouncer – what would you do? | Persaude the Freshers to step back from the bouncers, bouncers will normally be reasonable; possibly take them to other clubs or back to college.  |
| 3. You need to lead Open Days over Easter, how will you show that Aidan’s is a great community? | Get as many Freshers’ invovled as possible to make the community visible and alive |
| 4. Every single company has run out of t-shirt for the Freps, what would you buy from town for the freps to distinguish them?  | Bright pink bandanas.  |

Questions from the floor:

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| Questions | Candidate 1  |
| 1. JE: This year’s Freshers’ liked the college events so did not go to many of the club nights, however we cannot say they will be like that next year – how do you thing you will go about planning a Freshers’ Week knowing that there are no trends to look at?  | There is a reason that traditions exist so if we keep those running they will continue to be popular. Variety of options is the best way to prepare for an unpredictable cohort.  |
| 2. AM: Can you put IY into the recovery position? | \*Demonstrates\*  |
| 3. JE: Aidan’s is a small college with big dreams, we have a small budget for Freshers’ Week compared to other colleges so how will you ensure that the Freshers’ think that they are getting as much as other colleges?  | Spending on what matters on things that are unique but also putting on events that are not expensive but give a great experience. |
| 4. Emily: Lots of us were terrified of being spiked in Durham, how would you assure people about spiking? | Actually think that it might be people that are aware and a little worried, rather than just trying to cover it up.  |
| 5. JMG: What will you be doing for post-graduates as we now have an MCR? | Awareness in the frep team to make sure to get events out to postgrads; coordinate with the MCR president  |

*Voting will be ONLINE.*

Fashion Society President

Candidate 1: India Rayner, 2nd year, Combined Social Sciences

*Hust Summary:* Available via video.

*Voting will be ONLINE.*

Drama Coordinator

Candidate 1: Emily Hanks, 1st year, Spanish & History

*Hust Summary:*

* Aidan’s is not particularly involved in drama scene in Durham at the moment; want to involve Aidan’s in drama more; drama would bring the Aidan’s community together
* Recently assistant directed the Freshers’ play in Durham
* Want to get drama involved with music more too

Questions from JE:

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| Questions | Candidate 1  |
| 1. How would you get people involved in ACT?  | There is a lot of interest in the drama scene at Aidan’s; would put up posters and send out an email; ask what types of drama people are interested in  |
| 2. Aidan’s hasn’t done a lot of drama for a while, however we do have a dramatic history at Aidan’s with it going from high brow to gossip-mongering – what route do you want to take?  | Wherever the Aidanites want to go; would love to proper drama but occasionally more funny sketches and farces; will not be taking it too seriously  |
| 3. If you could embody a musical, which would you embody and why? | Six; I am a history student so I am legally obligated to answer that. |

Question from the floor:

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| Questions | Candidate 1  |
| 1. IW: Will you be writing your own plays because otherwise it can be expensive to but rights?  | Would like to have some proper plays but also want to write our own to represent Aidan’s; a mix  |

*Voting will be ONLINE.*

**AOB:**

Benjamin Steer: Want to start neurodivergent accessibility forum so please get in contact with me.

James: Chess Society is hoping to do a social with DU Chess Society this week so make sure to check it out.

JMG: SU Preferendum.

Meeting Adjourned: 20.56