

JCR Meeting Minutes 25/01/26
Quorum Reached



Attendance: 52

Officer Reports

HC - Shop doing well, good profit, we're also hiring two new shop workers.

TS - Next week is our vegan week with a matcha stand using plant-based milk and other plant-based products.

RP - Lots of teams doing well so far, some more floodlights coming up, sports and socs formal also in the works.

JB - Working on some board of trustee materials, as well as working out what to use the surplus on, including externalising ICFS venue.

GR - Senior Rep application work, work with college to plan some events during next year's freshers' week.

TH - Role going up today, working through the website being up to date, organising some hires too.

GEA - Work over the Badger paper, busy on Instagram and TikTok, please send some videos that you'd like to be put online.

AM - Work on the Valentine's Ball and College Marriages too, also two roles going up tonight.

FB - Busy with model auditions and photoshoots, as well as looking at external venues, and organising the launch party.

HF - Work over maximising the engagement in volunteering and planning ahead for student volunteering week.

DS - Updating the OPP's, also looking at working with the Chair of Trustees to make meetings a bit more engaging to boost attendance.

EM - Prices for college accommodation prices have been released which are unimpressive so working on that with other presidents, also looking at what to use our surplus on with the Treasurer. Looking into recruitment for the next president, as well as doing office hours help for applications, CV's and the like.

Motions

ICFS Charity Options

AY (Ali Yetkin)

EM - We voted on the charities as an exec and weren't unanimous in our support

AY - First charity is Hart Gables, who work on LGBTQ+ opportunities and delivering training across the country. The second is St Margaret's Centre, who improve County Durham mental health and wellbeing. The third is Girls Friendly Society, who work with girls from deprived areas and help build their confidence and prepare them for life's challenges. The fourth is the RTProjects, who run art-based therapy sessions in the local community. Finally, the fifth is the Albert Kennedy Trust, who provide assistance for LGBTQ+ homeless people and those living in hostile environments.

Vote via STV

Non-Exec Roles

Vice-Treasurer

DD - Darcy Duhra

DD - I'm a Second Year and was the previous Socials Treasurer. This gave me important experience in running budgets and organising spending. I also do a Finance degree which has given me important prior experience regarding payments as well as financial-related skills. Also already been on FinComm which means I'm well acquainted with that aspect of the job and the expectations that working with the Treasurer demand.

Questions

JB - What would you do if a society was overspending?

DD - Important to know where the overspending is and whether it was necessary and who approved it. All about clear communication and expectations over what is acceptable spending and what isn't.

JB - How would you effectively create the budget for the year?

DD - Communication is at the heart of everything, so being in clear and effective contact with the treasurer as well as all the committee treasurers is important.

JB - If you had to be a financial institution, what would you be?

DD - Don't want to say a bank, but that's a difficult question, so I'll just go with my bank HSBC.

DD elected via general aye

Exec Roles

Outreach Chair

Name - Sam Ashmead
CIS - kwmf25
Phone Number - 07442520877

SA - First year, I love getting involved in college life doing sports as well as spending money behind the bar. Taking part in JCR events is something I've enjoyed, so taking part in organising those events would be great, especially those that focus on fundraising for charities. Integrating the college together is important and fostering that community which college is built upon. Being Deputy-Head Boy made me skilled at communication and thinking of innovative ways to improve the school and its environment and atmosphere. I was involved in charity sports matches and helped organise the Yearbook which involved many skills transferable to things like stash. I've also taken part in charity cricket tournaments and coaching which was an important example and experience of leadership. Social sec for volleyball so good experience for setting up fun events and activities for fundraising too.

Questions

HF - What is motivating you to apply for this role?

SA - Charity is close to my family and giving back is important for me.

HF - How will you continue to engage the college community in fundraising?

SA - I've got a good network in and around college, as well as being good at communication and drumming up interest in events.

HF - If you were a charity which would you be?

SA - A mental health charity, with charities like that helping my family out quite a bit over the year.

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Tech Chair

Name - Sylvia Leaf

CIS - dpww18

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Name - Tom Haigh

CIS - dzld32

Phone Number - 07465411765

TH - I'm the current tech chair, I'm an active member of lots of sports teams and societies across college life. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role and especially in improving the skills across my committee, because considering where the committee started when I took over, I've really enjoyed improving it and passing on skills to its members. This is something I aim to expand upon in my second term, and allow the tech committee to help run more events with the music coordinator. My experience in the Durham Student theatre tech group working with light and sound has been very good experience for improving my personal tech skills as well as working with others. If elected again, I'd continue to expand the committee and also prepare other people in my committee to take over eventually.

SL - Current tech vice chair and in my time in that role our committee has worked well and operated effectively. I would ensure that the rest of the committee is filled and expanded, including the recruitment of specialist committee members. I would ensure that we would liaise well with college, across the JCR executive committee, and with societies to increase the number of events we can help to run. I will ensure that all committee members are fully trained, as well as further expanding tech hires to fund our work. I would also continue to improve the website and help to increase its usage.

Questions

DS - If a crucial piece of equipment were to stop working on the night of an event, what would you do?

SL - Prevention is important, so we would test things before an event and have a backup plan for if something failed. I'd also put the failure in the logbook to ensure it gets

TH - Sylvia is correct, it's about having a plan in place and having things set up so we're ready to fix equipment if it's faulty.

DS - How would you balance the demands of the role with other commitments and your uni work?

TH - Relying on the committee is important, delegating work is important as well as finding time around my degree, but if I can find the time to do sports, I can find time to do tech too.

SL - I would ensure that everyone in the committee knows how to do things, but I am also stringent in organising my time and doing a little bit every so often will make a large impact.

DS - If you could be any piece of tech what would you be?

SL - Macbook pro, it's practical, you can do lots of things with it, and most of all, it's sexy.

TH - Wireless speaker, because it's fun being loud and playing music.

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AOB

Announcement from Aidan's Theatre Society about upcoming plays and a call for recruitment/auditions.

Announcement over the benefits of an external venue for ICFS, and why the JCR has allocated funds. This was unanimously voted for by the exec as well as supported by the Board of Trustees. This will not impact ticket prices.

Announcement over the benefits to career prospects and employability for those who take up JCR roles.