



JCR Meeting x Minutes **01.10.2023**

Quorum Reached

Attendance: 105

Chair of Trustees is in attendance.

Officer Reports:

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

Liv Eren- Outreach Officer: Updated the stash to be the only college to include Canterbury, talking to Church to organise the soup kitchen.

Vidipt Dhasmana- Acting Shop Chair and Treasurer: SOP will be sent to the college, we have stocked up on ingredients for the shop, 70 freshers haven't shown up yet, this has strained our finances, budget cuts may be implemented later in the year, a new option for SCR members wanting to pay only £40, staggered payment plan has been a success.

Lucie Benn- Sports and societies officer: Freshers fair was a success, join facebook to join in.

Wynn Jenkins- Senior Frep: Organised freshers' week, sorting out reimbursements.

Natalie Gaunt- Welfare Officer: Welfare hours set out, health roadshow coming up this week, week 2 is a housing week, talk on Thursday by tenancy union.

Emily Martin- Socials Chair: Independence ball date has been confirmed, and signing the contract this week for Beamish. SOCCOM roles are going up in the coming meetings.

Harvey Baalam- Tech Chair: tech committee is best committee to join, advertising tech roles, please speak to HB if interested.

Jamie Wildman- Compliance Officer: Updating health and safety, employing a new external trustee, updating OPPs.

Erika Hewitt- JCR Chair: Keep democracy going and chair meetings.

Harry Trice- JCR President: President roles, liaise with trustees, all freshers have been a lovely bunch, freps enjoyed it, thanks for signing up to the JCR.

Motions:

1. Motion to pass the budget:

VD: Budget available on overheard.

VD: the motion is read out, levy's income expected to be the same, extra income from University composition fee, the President's wage stays the same.

VD: Reads out budget changes.

VD: Charity work is very important and we will be giving large resources to ensure this continues.

VD: Helping out with open days this year.

VD: Participation committee can help you pay for student events, they don't have to be JCR events.

VD: Dropping award winners' drinks reception.

VD: Insurance has gone up across the board.

VD: We now have a license to play music.

Votes in favour: 83

Votes against: 1

Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

2. Change the structure of Soccom:

EM: Changes to Soccom to reflect the change in role.

EM: The changes will increase BOPs and reflect that the JCR no longer takes a role in formals.

Votes for: 80

Votes against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

3. Motion to bring student workers getting free food in college?

EL: to show solidarity with college staff on the cancellation of free meals.

EL: Massively impacted by cost of living crisis.

EL: A climate conscious JCR and mandate the President to make this point.

Questions

AG: Do we get free food at the end?

TB: Will that include welfare staff?

HT: We will push for that.

BS: How will this be enforced?

HT: We will put pressure on them using Prescomm.

Q: *What stops them from keeping to overproduce?*

LE: They have been doing it anyway.

Speech for:

SH: Free dinner makes life a lot easier and finances a lot better. Livers out was helpful for exam time. Improved student experience. It will also be helpful for the environment.

Vote for: 90

Vote against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion passed

3. Motion to work towards an Aidan's and Mary's joint chair:

EM: Speaking as Aidan's cheer captain, interest to bring back a joint cheer team, motion gives the approval to put the framework in place.

Motion Passed on a motion of General aye

Roles:

1. Welfare event coordinator

Missy Bright- year 2- classical civilisation.

Hust:

MB: 1st representative for the welfare team.

MB: I want to help the community.

MB: Ran a Pub quiz in shag week.

Questions:

NB: What events will you run this week?

MB: Increase stress less events- possibly with animals and increase art activities.

NB: How will you drive greater turnout at poorly attended events?

MB: It needs more work on and needs to increase publication. De-stigmatise welfare events promote it as fun rather than therapy.

NB: What event would you be?

MB: Shag quiz

Question from the floor

Ben Steer: Would you collaborate with other colleges?

MB: Yes I would like to collaborate.

2. Eco chair

Amine Gherensi- 2nd year- Ancient medieval history.

Hust:

AG: There was only one member of ecocomm when I joined. Made it last longer than a year.

AG: Got it moved onto the exec, first college to have the eco chair on the exec. AG:

Contribute to JCR issues.

Questions:

EH: How can improvements be made to the JCR environment?

AG: improve the bin situation.

AG: Set up ashtrays to stop smoking 10 metres near the building.

AG: Talking to botanical gardens about implementing their biodiversity plan.

EH: What eco events would you run?

AG: Litter picking events.

EH: What animal would you be?

AG: Saltwater Crocodile- lazy but willing to act when needed.

From the floor:

BS: How will you convince people to improve?

AG: More bins, ash trays and other eco schemes.

SH: Do you plan an ecofestival?

AG: Yes I do.

SH: Food wastage?

AG: Turn food into compost.

LE: Who is your favourite CLIMB activist and why?

AG: I don't know, don't know. David attenborough.

LB: How will you be lazy and on the exec?

AG : When 'hungry' I act.

VD: How will you react to tough economic conditions?

AG: We will make profits.

VD: What is your favourite primate?

Chimpanze.

FL: You were ROned last election, what lessons have you learned? AG:

I will vote for myself, a serious issue, people didn't know about RON. IY:

Are you saying people don't understand the rules?

AG: No but I didn't work hard enough to get others to vote.

3. Publicity Officer

Charlotte Gowers- 2nd Year- English Literature

Hust:

CG: to increase engagement- encouraging people through targeted publicity.

CG: 2 avenues- social media content-tiktok must be strengthened. CG:

Pushing print media- uplift sports and societies.

CG: Alumni publication.

CG: Already creating content for freshers week- ie. instagram for the event.

CG: experience with print journalism- part of a school newspapers. CG:

active in the JCR community.

CG: Important to promote the JCR.

CG: engagement, engagement, engagement.

Questions:

EH: What changes to Social media would you make?

CG: Regular posts are important, too easy to slip through the gaps, in contact with sports and socs leader. Increasing the scope of social media, TikTok is important to increase the scope.

EH: What is important to have in the Freshers' booklet?

CG: Give niche content, student led perspective, taking and using surveys.

EH: If you were a social media page who would you be?

CG: insta, not good enough at dancing for TikTok.

Questions from the floor:

SH: How will you balance the responsibilities?

CG: Self care and using others to help.

HT: You will access to all social media accounts, make sure they are the opinion of the JCR not yours?

CG: the core of it is being in touch with what people want, discuss with exec, how to prevent that from happening.

VD: How to change the image around Aidans?

CG: We are unknown, to make it known to use social media to push the great things, prevent the 'bad' things from taking precedence.

VD: Effort to revive Aidan's TV? Committee will have £200?

CG: I don't think TV will necessarily engage the audience but I will consider this. Magazines can be a physical jcr prompt for the common room- a good way to spend.

AG: Would you publicise the college like college staff?

CG: Content will be prompted by the student experience.

4. Shop Chair:

No candidates- VD sells the job to the JCR.

Non Exec role:

5. Socials treasurer:

Tryston Thurtle- 2nd year- Economics and History.

Hust

TT: Important to be good at maths, I do economics which covers this.

TT: current president of DU Welsh society, experience budgeting and delivering events.

TT: Make sure it is competitively priced compared to other colleges.

TT: Don't want to see you money wasted.

Questions:

EM: You will sit SOCCOM and FINCOMM, what will you bring to the role. TT: Use my

experiences to allocate money more fairly, representative of JCR interest. EM: How

would you approach Chair desiring a new ride but not having the finance? TT:

Negotiate with external company, add a price element, or research alternatives. EM:

What ent would you be?

TT: A ferris wheel, I will go on all day.

Question from the floor:

VD: Which cost would be best managed?

TT: The location.

VD: Where does the JCR spend too much money and too little?

TT: The shop could change based on how much profit it makes, table tennis tables haven't been allocated any money because we need a new net.

Tryston Turtle is duly elected

Any other business:

JW: Get involved in JCR roles to define your college experience and build up skills for later life.

SH: Roles are available outside the JCR president office.

NG: lots welfare roles available.

VD: Try and get all your friends to join the JCR.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47