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Minutes of the JCR Committee Meeting

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Prepared for:

JCR Committee 2006-7

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i. Present

Amy Froomberg (President), Jamie Saunders (Treasurer), Laura Bellinger (Academic Affairs), Benjamin Levine (Internet), Ollie Fielding (Welfare), Emily Haystead (Target), Ruth Danvers (Sports), Heather Murphy (Equal Opportunities), Rachel Boston (Women's), Ben Vertannes (Men's), Phoebe Bointon & Chris Hughes (Freshers Reps), Davy Kurnaiwan (International),

ii. Apologies

Sara Lloyd-Jones (Vice-President), Adrien Motte (Communications), Ali Williams (Services), Edward Taylor (Ents), Steven King (Green), Ben Davis (LBG), Mohamed Fazal (GEEMA),

iii. Officers Reports: President

Amy spent a lot of time over the Christmas holidays organising the Desire Ent with Ed, which was a great success. She also over-saw the production of the new issue of the Griffin, which was delivered to all pigeon-holes within the first week back at college. Amy is currently publicising and organising the JCR elections, which will take place 6th February 2007. She has also been working in conjunction with Laura on the library catalogue.

iv. Officers Reports: Treasurer

Jamie reported that all finances were running well, and there were no immediate problems or issues.

v. Officers Reports: Academic Affairs

Following a series of meetings, the library catalogue will be on-line very soon. There have been problems with software choice, but a decision regarding this will be made in the next two weeks.

vi. Officers Reports: Welfare

Ollie expressed his concerns about the potential success of a CUSU mini-van for night-time travel. He will feed-back at the next meeting after he has discussed this matter further with other welfare officers and CUSU.

vii. Officers Reports: Internet Officer

Ben successfully handled the Griffin going to the printers. He assisted Laura over the holidays by adding text for the 'academic' pages of the website. He assured the committee that the Christmas formal booking system would be working correctly next time it was needed. He also noted that the Midway dinner booking would be working

fine also. Heather reminded Ben that the details of rooms on the website needed updating, as the layout of some rooms and houses has changed.

viii. Officers Reports: Equal Opportunities

Following some communication problems, Heather hopes to have the Religious Events calendar up and running soon.

ix. Officers Reports: Target

Emily expressed the hope that next year will see the re-instating of the shadowing scheme; Downing has not been involved with the programme this year due to the bad organisation last year.

x. Officers Reports: International

Davy reported that he is currently fielding a large amount of e-mails from CUSU and the University concerning issues for International students; he is filtering them as he receives them and is making the student body aware of any issues he deems valuable.

xi. Officers Reports: Men's

Ben will continue to support the Welfare Officer and the Equal Opps Committee during this term.

xii. Officers Reports: Women's

Rachel told the committee that she had received quite a few complaints about the inadequate lighting on the path to the left of the paddock (sports' court side). She will e-mail Dick Taplin about this issue and feedback at the next meeting.

xiii. Officers Reports: Green

Steven has started a Fair Trade committee in college. They are currently looking into organising a bar night next week, organising a Christmas gift-box scheme, and also looking into the possibility of a Fair Trade formal/superformal next term.

Fair Trade sugar and hot drinks are now being served in the Butterfield, and Fair Trade chocolate is being offered in the bar.

The Recycling meeting last week went on well, although not all staircases/houses were represented. Steven's main task is to try and get people to actually take advantage of the new recycling opportunities, and he plans to send out a series of emails to explain the new schemes to undergraduates.

xiv. Officers Reports: Sports

Ruth is currently trying to buy free weights for the gym, but is running into trouble re. insurance. The Griffins dinner went well, with Alun Rees successfully handing over the presidency to Jurate Karciauskaite. In answer to Ruth's enquiry, Amy told the committee that the squash courts would not be available for at least another year, and that the free use of the courts at Kelsey Kerridge would continue.

xv. Elections

Hustings- 5th Feb 2007

Elections- 6th Feb 2007

ACTION: Sara will circulate an e-mail containing a rota for staffing the ballot box. There will be a one-week transition period between committees following the elections. Hand-over dinner is provisionally 16th February, subject to change.

xvi. Rooms Ballot

The undergraduate room ballot will take place on 10th and 11th February.

Group size will remain at six people per syndicate.

ACTION: Ben to up-date room details on website.

xvii. Carbon Trading Scheme

As this was Steve's agenda point, Amy was only able to give a brief out-line of Dick Taplin's new scheme, but details will follow soon.

xviii. Hall Redecoration

The Hall will be redecorated, including new flooring, over the period December 2007-March 2008. The committee discussed which would be preferable; the use of a heated marquee for dinners, or the use of the SCR and parlour. It was generally decided that the SCR would be preferred, due to weather considerations etc. Special consideration would have to be given to location of Formals and Midway Dinner, which would fall in this period.

xix. Lensfield Road

Heather raised concerns about various rooms, particularly heating in 44 and 46 Lensfield Rd, and about the slow response from Maintenance. General concerns were also raised about the standards of cleaning by bedders in Lensfield Road; some appear to do very little, some do not empty bins if they are not placed outside, some fail to replace toilet paper etc.

ACTION: Amy will send a general e-mail on behalf of the committee, explaining the number of complaints the JCR has received on this matter, and asking for a

standards review to be carried out.

xx. Any Other Business

There was no other business.