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Minutes of the
JCR Committee Meeting
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Prepared For:
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1. Present:
Dan Chapman (President), Sarah Gibson (Vice President), Andy Campbell Smith (Treasurer), Alasdair McWhirter (Communications), Fielder Camm (Services), Laura Davenport (Academic Affairs), Hannah Salisbury (Griffin).
2. Apologies:
Tom Owen and Jenni Stuart (Head Freshers Reps), Mishal Verjee (International), Matthew Cooper (Griffin), Ben Peirce (Mens Welfare and Equal Opportunities), Jack Watson (LBGT), Hannah Perry (Academic), Ben Goodchild (Internet), Emma Sherling (Green), James Dibble (Sports), Anna Marsland (Womens Welfare and Equal Opportunities), Ben Copey (Ents Officer)
3. Rooms ballot
 - Dan will be holding an informal question and answers session on Friday.
4. Rent negotiations
 - The second meeting of rent negotiations will be this week. The rate of inflation has been 0%.
 - Meetings are difficult. Exacerbated by the fact that the MCR is at present agreeing with college.
 - College blaming loss of endowments in financial crisis for increase in rents.
 - H Salisbury - Problem that student loans will be going down and rents will be going up.
 - S Gibson to talk to Trinity Hall and other college JCRS about how their loss of endowments have affected rent negotiations.
5. Issues with the Dean
 - Dan and Sarah had a chat with the master about complaints that the Dean is unfair with punishment, or at least that there is no guideline as to what punishments can be used.
 - They will only now go to the dean if someone actually raises a complaint.
 - The problem is that the current situation is archaic.
6. Any Other Business
 - No Other Business