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Minutes of the  
JCR Committee Meeting  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - 4pm

Prepared for:  
**Downing JCR committee 2008/09**

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## **I. Present**

Katie Marshall (President), Katie Brown (Vice President), James McGinnigle (Communications), Kat Warmington (Services), Matthew Sinclair-Thomson (Academic Affairs), Laurence Feeney (Men's Welfare), Lauren Juster (Women's Welfare), Anthony Hitchin (Access), Jason Mann (Internet), Timur Kary-Niyazov (International), Tom Leather (LGBT), Helen Picot (Green), Harry Thomson (Head Freshers' Rep), Orlando Delange (Griffin)

## **II. Apologies**

Matt Halford (Treasurer), Ameera Patel (Ethnic Minorities), Rhemayo Brooks (Ents), Dan Barker (Ents), Aditi Rao (Griffin), Francesca Bonner-Evans (Head Freshers' Rep), Andy Corley (Sport)

## **III. Finances**

- College has been hit hard in the recession and they will be looking for a substantial increase in rent prices will again this year.
- There are still lots of bursaries on offer and Katie will organise a talk next week to tell people about the "free money" available to them.

## **IV. Squash Courts**

- Currently unused, college is thinking about taking the gym out of the Singer Building and renovating the courts into a new gym, this will be brought up in the open meeting.

## **V. Website**

- Jason has received a few entries for the banner competition, hoping for a few more - Katie will remind people in the next email.
- There should be a blogging system where the committee can post about what they are doing for the JCR on the website. There is already one but it needs a bit of tweaking so that individual officer's posts can be viewed on one page.
- After a few more moderation issues in the freshers forum, Katie will write up a new moderation policy, giving less protection to anonymous posters and more to those logged in via Raven. This will be brought up at the open meeting.

## **VI. Green Update**

- There is a new government climate change act requiring the university to reduce carbon emissions by 10% by 2010 - college can do this and save money.
- Heating is one of the biggest offenders and the hours it is on for will likely be cut down. Due to financial troubles, no funds are currently available for insulation. At the moment it is on for 7am-11am and 2pm-10:30pm, we will need to decide which hours the JCR would least mind being cut, maybe with a website poll.

## **VII. Naked Calendar**

- Sarah Hansen is organising a Downing Naked Calendar for charity, her role is an un-elected and unofficial committee role, but she will be allowed to be part of the welfare team under the title of “Charity coordinator”.

## **VII. Formal**

- There is a new Michelin starred head chef at Downing, so we can expect some great formals this year.
- Unfortunately again due to financial constraints, there will be a Christmas formal this year, but unlike previous years it will not be free.
- There will be a superformal at some point this term, which will be organised later.

## **IX. TV Room**

- The budget has not yet been approved by the DCAC, so nothing has actually been done as yet, but the plan has been written and has sent round the involved committee members, and hopefully work can get started on it asap.

## **X. Any other business**

- Katie B may need someone to go with her regularly to CUSU if Katie M is unavailable due to training.
- A regular time for JCR meetings should be set, so that people know the days to keep free. Everyone seemed happy with late on Mondays.