

Minutes of the JCR Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11th May 2010 - 7pm

I. Present

Ali McWhirter (President), Erin Young (Vice President), Karim Javeri (Treasurer), Gary Horlock (Communications), Samantha Hawley (Services), Jonathan Evans (Men's Welfare), , James McGinnigle (Internet), Timur Kary-Niyazov (International), Dean Ryan (LBGT), Emma Genders (Griffin), Moya Stirrup (Griffin), Emily Wakeford (Ents), Anna Herlihy (Ents), Rob Legg (Sport), Sandy Shanklin (Head Freshers' Reps), Samantha Osborne (Women's Welfare), Helen Picot (Green).

II. Apologies

Sam Turner (Access), Dean Ryan (LBGT), Louwai Muhammed (Academic Affairs),

III. President

- The porters are carrying out bike culls - unregistered bikes will be taken. Students should make sure their bikes are registered.
- Tutors meeting: Virgo has approved the purchase of a Wii for the TV room. This will probably be next year due to it being exam term.
- The JCR plan to step up in freshers week on all fronts. Can tutors meetings stress that the JCR is good.
- Hoodies for the JCR committee need to be organised.

- Has spoken to Carol D'Abassi about recycling in college as there is a council meeting coming up. She raised the possibility of city rangers going to houses and get students to recycle.
- Green officer - next year taking out recycling boxes will be the hostel keepers'/fire wardens' responsibility.

IV. Services

- Slops menus are on the JCR website.
- Is having a meeting with catering about a slops feedback box - they do not seem keen.
- The ceiling in the TV room is being painted.
- Has spoken to Cat - the ex services officer - about photos for the TV room. There are issues with hanging A3 photos on walls as they are too heavy and they cannot hammer into walls. College has approved Perspex to put over photos on coffee tables.
- Heating going off in the next 10 days - will send an email round.
- College is going to fix the wall in the toilet in the JCR office over the summer.

V. F'reps

- The F'reps have come up with a draft plan to submit to Jane Perks and the senior tutor.
- They are looking into restaurants for family nights, the downing challenge, the booklet etc.

VI. Computer Rooms

- Is it possible to have one PC in the computer room which would be permanently on for printing? This would not work as people would immediately use that one for all purposes. It is easier to just use the Mac, it is always on.
- The PCs are not great and college is giving some consideration to upgrading the computer room.

VI. International

- P cellar is now cleared and the students did it by themselves.
- Dick Taplin is happy to allow students use some space in the Singer building over the summer. This is only for international students - it will not be available to people who live 'far away' as this is too subjective.

VII. Internet

- Put up minutes, formal menus, slops menus. Has set up the booking systems for Thorpe Park and JCR Garden Party.

VIII. Green

- Attended the carbon reduction meeting. There are now meters on domus which have live energy reports. Going to make a website for students and staff to access the data in real-time.
- College is currently behind targets due to the cold winter.
- College has installed automatic light sensors in the men's toilets - going to put them in women's toilets as well.
- Going to finish insulating in the summer to not interfere with exams.
- There were concerns about paper towel dispensers in houses - this was a flu measure and college cannot do anything about this.
- Cambridge recycling company offering a tour for 10 students. Anybody interested?
- Installed infra-red sensors in urinals so they do not constantly flush (they even flushed over christmas etc previously).

IX. Ents

- Thorpe Park trip is sorted and booking is up on the website - just need to get the numbers. 40 minimum - 80 for a late and early finish.
- Garden party - announced. Confirmed Toni's Ices. Trying cupcakes tomorrow. Going to have the xroquet set. Coconut shy. Make a peep board. Fitz Barbershop have confirmed.
- JCR senior officers are working (reduced price tickets) - non-senior officers can switch or just come as normal guests.

X. Treasurer

- DCAC has approved a stand for the TV in the bar but it is not going to go up. Dick Taplin is afraid that it is going to break the wall.
- Howard Theatre bringing in more money than expected.
- College is thinking about selling 65 Lensfield. It is converting 22 rooms above Charlie Chan to Howard Court/Kenny standard. Hopefully done by Dec 2011. This will lead to a decrease in the number of cheap rooms? But college argue that the best rooms go first anyway.
- Going to reduce the number of bedders but get them to cover more areas.

- Want to reduce supervisions by 5% - reduce pay or actual number, larger sizes? These are only plans and there is nothing concrete yet. (How can they save money on education - they are an education institution).
- College will pay for the marquee for May week this year but will not next year - will have to find another way to finance.

XI. Vice President

- CUSU meeting - there was a vote on whether the University should twin with a university in Gaza. This was not passed.
- Colours of hoodies for the JCR committee - purple? royal purple?

XII. Womens

- There was supposed to be a forum at the Union about whether it was being sexist. The CUSU Womens Officer thought that the meeting was conducted in a sexist way and did not attend.

XIII. Sports

- Downing has a croquet team - they are in cuppers but it is not an official club yet.
- Need a new foot pump for the P'lodge.
- Squash rackets are gone or broken from last year.
- Sports cupboard in the P'lodge is broken and needs a new lock.
- Investigate the possibility of a sports budget for equipment.
- Register sports clubs with national societies. This will all for ballots for tickets etc... Some are already affiliated e.g. Rugby.

Minutes taken by Gary Horlock.