Minutes of the JCR Committee Meeting
Monday 26th April 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), Sam Turner (Access), James McGinnigle (Internet), Timur Kary-Niyazov (International), Emma Genders (Griffin), Moya Stirrup (Griffin), Emily Wakeford (Ents), Anna Herlihy (Ents), Rob Legg (Sport), Sandy and Georgie (Head Freshers' Reps), Louwai Muhammed (Academic Affairs),nSamantha Osborne (Women's Welfare), Helen Picot (Green).

II. Apologies
Dean Ryan (LBGT)

III. President
- Dick Taplin and the buildings management team have resolved the problems with the state of the accommodation in 65 Lensfield Road. The residents are now happy.
- The bursar has a list of rooms which have been draft proofed but this is an ongoing process.
- The college is investing in a machine for library for the self-issuing of books. There were some concerns from the Fellow Librarian about the beeping sound that it makes but this is not a serious issue.
- Ali has met with the Bursar to discuss the college plans which involve selling 65 Lensfield Road. Their main concern is the development of the rooms above the Charlie Chan restaurant.
- It was pointed out in a General Purposes Committee that those people organising garden parties need to get on to forms.
- The Bar and Amenities Committee has noted that the bar is doing well and now has extended licensing hours for football events.
- The Senior Tutor has noted the possibility that garden parties may clash with rescheduled exams which could be problematic. Hopefully this issue can be avoided.
- There bursar is looking into the use of the housing on Lensfield Road for holiday storage. There are some issues e.g. the rooms are redecorated over the holidays or used as holiday accommodation for those living in college.
- Ali is discussing having a trophy cabinet in the bar.
- Hopefully DCAC will pay for or contribute towards hoodies for the JCR Committee. This will be raised at the meeting.

IV. Sports
- Rob has drawn up a contact list with most of the sports captains but there are a few blanks to be filled in.
- He intends to set up a mailing list to allow the captains to liaise with the bar on sporting events within college.

V. Internet
- Superformal booking ran smoothly.

VI. International
- Due to volcano related flight issues it was not possible to entirely empty the cellar in P staircase but the only stuff left there was due to the volcano.
- Timur made sure that those students affected by the flight issues were not charged interest for late payment of their college bill.
- There is an international formal later on this week.

VII. Green
- Downing came first in the University Environmental Consulting Society's green league table. The college has been given the carbon plus standard.
- Helen has been writing the text for a green website.
- Dick Taplin is looking into software to allow students to login to meters and see how much power is being used.

VIII. Ents
- The paperwork for bank accounts has been submitted and the Ents officers should be signatories soon.
- Shelves to be put in the ents cupboard at the same time as PAT testing. These can be paid for by ents or DCAC.
- Going to speak to DCAC about new equipment. Somebody is coming to repair the speakers rather than buying new ones.
- Possibility of organising a trip to Thorpe Park in the week before May Week (Thursday 10th June). Some discussion of this idea. Ali is sceptical; many people will be occupied by bumps and people will just want to chill out. However, the trip can be flexible and could be organised for those who want it.
- Emily and Anna attended the staff race night as research for the possibility of a student ent. It was really fun and they plan to organise one for next Lent term. Need to speak to the dean about gambling rules and whether real money can be used.

IX. Sophie Wawro - Ball President
- The Ball has been proposed to the General Purposes Committee and will take place on 21st June 2011. The Committee are investigating sponsorship; security; marquees etc.
- The committee is now sorted but some room has been left for next years freshers.

X. Griffin
- The editors are advertising for writers and seeking a 10 strong editorial team. Aiming to release an issue in May Week or the week before.

XI. Treasurer
- Attending the DCAC committee meeting tomorrow. Will discuss: an increased welfare budget; funding for water polo/swimming cuppers; a TV stand for the bar.

XII. Communications
- The comms officer has produced a poster with pictures and email addresses of the JCR committee to raise awareness - as requested by Ali.
- Setting up a facebook group/fan page as an alternative way to communicate with students.

XIII. F'reps
- The hen and stag night went well.
- Going to have a meeting to put around ideas. Need to submit a provisional plan to the Senior Tutor on the 8th May.

XIV. Freshers Week and the JCR
- Agree that the JCR should be more prominent during Freshers week to raise awareness and avoid confusion between the Freshers Reps and JCR.
- Appearance at the introductory talk; involvement in daytime events; page in freshers booklet.

XV. Access
- Open day on Saturday went smoothly.
- Went on a visit to a school in Dorchester: talks on admissions/finance. An upcoming South West open day.
- Seeking people to be added to the access volunteers list. Possibly set up an access facebook group.

XVI. Welfare
- Controversy at the women's union over the pole fitness classes at the Union.
- Vote: 'The JCR supports the Union's decision to run pole dancing classes'. 18 votes in favour. 1 abstention.
- Does the JCR want to be involved in the 'Reclaim the Night' campaign. The women's welfare officer is willing to publicise it but does not want to be actively involved as it is discriminatory towards men.
- Want to hold doughnut days 2 times a week on the library lawn, dependent on funs. Possibly have alternatives to doughnuts.
- Investigating having a massage therapist come in to teach relaxation techniques. Would like to do other things, e.g. mid-term goody bag, if they had more money.

XVII. Other matters
- Think of ideas to make open meetings more popular. E.g. free ice lollies. Date to be set for 13th May.
- 2 superformals to be held every term on fixed dates. Costs £30 but it is supposed to be elaborate - don't want to cut back.

Minutes taken by Gary Horlock