

# Minutes of the JCR Committee Meeting

## Thursday 25th November 2010 - 8:15 pm

### 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), Emma Genders (Griffin), Anna Herlihy (Ents), Rob Legg (Sport), Sandy and Georgie (Head Freshers' Reps), Louwai Muhammed (Academic Affairs), Samantha Osborne (Women's Welfare), Helen Picot (Green).

### II. Apologies

Dean Ryan (LBGT), Moya Stirrup (Griffin), Emily Wakeford (Ents),

### III. President

- Lights on the paddock. The far side is off because the bulbs have blown. They are now fixed. They are looking to get overhead lights on the other side; these are being priced now.
- Opening times for the gym. Dick Taplin sees no reason in principle that they cannot be changed but the times have been set in the past for tutorial reasons.
- Possibility of checking card balance on the website. This would give students access to secure financial information. However, there is an IT report in which Rob has said that they are trying to gear IT in Downing towards these types of functions.
- The accommodation survey has been sent out.
- Ali and Erin had a meeting with the master yesterday. Have a governing body meeting tomorrow on the college audit.
- Spoke to the master about handover dinner about having pre-drinks in the master's lodge rather than a second set of drinks later on.
- Dates for elections:
  - Nominations close - Midnight Thursday 1st February
  - Hustings - Thursday 10th February
  - Election day - Friday 11th February
  - Handover - Wednesday 16th February
- Rooms Ballot - February 19th/20th

### IV. Treasurer

- College are going to stop paying for the marquee in Easter Term. They might add the charge to tickets for non-academic garden parties.

### V. Green

- Dick Taplin has committed to getting more work done on insulating windows in college. Going to email ugs to gauge how many and which rooms need to be done.

### VI. Services

- Christmas formal booking is up. College is providing crackers and tree etc. Were looking into window stickers but this will be too much effort.

## **VII. Internet**

- Accommodation survey. 28% of people have done it already - a quick response. Hopefully get it up to 40/50%.
- People seem to be keen for reasonably high rent band rooms, with en suites etc.
- We have told the General Purposes Committee that the results will not be released until after the GPC meeting.
- Ali is particularly keen to see what the first years want in terms of accommodation.
- Peter Duffett Smith wants statistics on the JCR website about which staircase has been most green in the week. Not sure how much of an incentive this will be or how data could be transferred. Richard Stibbs is supposed to be making a green website specifically for this purpose.
  - Looking at potential other incentives to encourage people to be more green. Free formal/bar incentives?
  - There needs to be a widespread change in attitude and this can be difficult to achieve. Otherwise college is going to lose money.

## **VIII. Vice President**

- Superformal went really well.
- Needs a copy of the freshers booklet and the plan for freshers week.

## **IX. Freps**

- The second batch of hoodies has been ordered and paid for but the company is still playing up. Need to avoid this company in the future.

## **X. Griffin**

- Next issue will be out on 2nd December.

## **XI. Welfare**

- Had chlamydia testing. Not that many people turned up. It needs to be later. They didn't have as good incentives; they had free cinema tickets last year.

## **XII. Access**

- Getting ready for the shadowing scheme. The university should have enough rooms/ students sorted for the scheme. Downing has given 2 rooms over three weekends (pretty poor). There is no need for a scheme where students sacrifice their rooms.
- Need to find colleges that will fund food/formals for the students.
- Downing is the most subscribed college per place this year. Applications for women are down again.

## **XIII. Ents**

- Christmas ent on Thursday. Need people to be on the door again.
- Chose the midway committee.
- Going to organise events for next term and book rooms in advance. Murder mystery, cross dressing formal, and cupcakes and cocktails.

## **XIV. Academic Affairs**

Chosen the university challenge team. John Morgan (captain), Alex Lass, Sean Hurst, Nick Rawlins and John Holmes (reserve). Not many girls took the test.