

# Minutes of the JCR Senior Officers Meeting

## Monday 18th October 2010 - 5pm

### I. Present

Ali McWhirter (President), Erin Young (Vice President), Karim Javeri (Treasurer), Gary Horlock (Communications), Samantha Hawley (Services), , Emily Wakeford (Ents), Anna Herlihy (Ents), Louwai Muhammed (Academic Affairs), Samantha Osborne (Women's Welfare).

### II. Apologies

Jonathan Evans (Men's Welfare)

### III. President

- Meeting with Graham Virgo and Dick Taplin to discuss Gonville 1. It is now repaired. They have agreed that something needs to be done. Will refund £8 each to the occupants (difficult to quantify the loss of a lounge which is not in the contract and most people don't have).
- Open meeting on Thursday. Ali has submitted a motion re using CUSU international officers as JCR representatives until the next JCR election. The bar is going to open early; posters have been put up. Treasurer is going to present the budget then.
- Going to CUSU tonight to discuss the Browne Review.
  - In Downing there is personal discontent but not mass action.
  - There is a protest on 10th November in London which CUSU are organising people to send to.
  - The JCR is not intending to do anything, will raise it at the open meeting and gauge opinion.
- Marcus Tomalin, Dick Taplin and Librarian meeting to discuss a water fountain in the basement. For the moment the kitchen will remain open. Will mention at the open meeting.

### IV. Academic Affairs

- Education Committee meeting on Wednesday.
- University Challenge team - has drawn up a test for people who want to apply. Will hold interviews with people who get good marks in the test as applications also take into account personality. Hold the tests in the bar/party room. Make copies available for those who cannot attend.

### V. Treasurer

- Meeting tomorrow with the investment committee - going to speak about how the budget actually works.
- Anybody who has an issue with catering should let the Treasurer know and he will raise it with college.

### VI. Ents

- Race night may need to be postponed due to lack of interest. Will leave it until booking closes on Wednesday and then maybe postpone until next term or drop indefinitely. Want at least 35 people to have an atmosphere.

- Halloween - sorted catering-wise. Going to be booking in the P'lodge, price increased slightly for decorations and free entry to the ent. Will put a sign next to the booking system to make people aware that it is halloween formal.
- How to use excess money? JCR is about to invest money in Downing Investment Fund but ents don't have enough to make this worthwhile. Will look at the account and investigate.

### **VII. Welfare**

- Drop-in went well, about 45 freshers turned up over an hour and a half.
- Possibly organising another chlamydia testing event - passed on to the sexperts.

### **VIII. Services**

- TV room budget - Treasurer is going to investigate if it still exists. Services officer will sort it out at the end of term.
- Christmas formal - going to speak to college about funding but it looks like people are going to have to pay for them (College may subsidise).
- Midway dinner - may be worth beginning to think about. It is usually privately organised by a group of students. Emily and Anna (as previous organisers) to send out an email to ugs09 to gauge interest.

### **IX. Other matters**

- Music practice room is now in the Howard Theatre but it is not soundproofed so it cannot be used if there are other events. It has to be booked two days in advance and conferencing take priority. There is no place to practice in Downing (especially for pianists). Ali to have a meeting with the conferencing staff. There needs to be at least one practice room available.
- Heating - apparently the porters are no longer handing out heaters. Will wait and see if the JCR hears anything.