

Minutes of the JCR Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23rd February 2011 – 8:00 pm

I. Present

Georgie Erangey (President), Hattie Gibson (Vice President), Tom Nutt (Treasurer), Lauren Crowe (Services), David Cobbledick (Access), John Holmes (Internet), Catherine Mousdale (Griffin), Adam Turner (Ents), Alex Lippa and Arthur Kendrick (Head Freshers' Reps), Chloe Fletcher (Women's Welfare), Felix Sommer (Green), Ashley Smaje (LBGT), Caroline Fitzner and Antonio Ferraz-de-Oliveira (International).

II. Apologies

Ashley Walsh (Academic), Tim Hillel (Men's Welfare), Hafsa Zayyan (Ents), Phoebe Biddulph (Griffin), Dan Sellman (Sports)

III. President

- Notice board outside Porters' Lodge. Noted that they were mostly unused or not updated regularly. Use for JCR posters, sports results, top 5 stories of the week.
- JCR News – video blog. Link in weekly president correspondence. Perhaps host on Facebook/set up a youtube channel and embed on website. Present in pairs/small groups. Link in with advertising JCR in future Griffin magazine publications. Perhaps later have short "A Day in the Life" videos showing typical day to day business of JCR members, especially useful near election time to highlight the typical duties of different roles.
- Website. Logistics of creating a new website difficult but discussion underway.
- CUSU. Link relevant CUSU positions with JCR committee members on website.
- Elections. First round nominations close on 3rd March, second round on 6th March. Hustings on 10th and hold DCAC and JCR open meeting with CUSU affiliation talk to coincide.

IV. Treasurer

- Attended finance meeting.
- Looking at dining in hall at lunchtimes, catering making a loss, want to make the hall more accessible at lunchtimes.
- Discussion of possibly raising fees for international students.

V. Ents

- Plan to hold next ent on 11th March to coincide with Rugby Dinner.
- Dean happy to allow ents upstairs in the bar as long as the bar committee is happy with it

VI. Internet

- Updated committee pages with new names and started replacing committee photos
- Went through website to identify which pages needed updating (most of them) and will be sending emails to relevant committee members to get relevant and correct information.

VII. Services

- Arranging a meeting with Sarah Burch (Deputy Buildings Manager).
- Investigate changing access to TV room – possibility of making it card access.
- Get in touch with catering to find out hall menus

VIII. Welfare

- Welfare training days soon.
- Plan to hold sessions similar to last year with regards to exams and dealing with related pressure.
- Distribution of personal safety alarms.

IX. Griffin

- Planning on increased online presence.
- Investigating possibilities of involving comment forums and Facebook to generate content and feedback.

X. Access

- Working with CUSU to update Downing page on alternative prospectus.
- Trying to find people willing to write subject pages for the prospectus, particularly those with smaller number of students.

XI. International

- Plan to improve P cellars, get in touch with Junior Bursar with a few specific ideas on how to change things in particular storage over the summer.
- Possibilities of setting up a Facebook page.
- Plan the possibility of some cultural events.
- Setting up of mailing list for convenient communication with international students and those that require storage.

XII. Green

- Carbon trust committee meeting.
- Initially a Government plan to reward the greenest institutions – college spent large amounts of money to gain said rewards but then scheme axed. Unlikely to have similar levels of funding for green schemes in the future.

XII. Freshers' Reps

- Sent out application for F'reps.
- Plan to have committee decided by Tuesday/Wednesday.
- Discussion of the third-year rep role and how to publicise more strongly.
- Provisional date for Wedding Formal – 19th April

XIV. LBGT

- Plan to increase communication – sent out first email.
- Signed up to numerous Facebook groups.
- Publicised the upcoming Union debate.
- Plan a range of events to cater for all tastes.

XV. Academics

- Increased scrutiny from Charity Commission into colleges having charitable status.
- Number of computers in T staircase computer room to go down. Currently 18 computers in the room but max usage has never been above 12.
- Plan to add wireless and allow students to bring in laptops and use the room as another place to work.
- Access to work closely with academic officer

Next Meeting: Monday 7th March – 8:00 pm