

Minutes of the JCR Senior Officers Meeting

Monday 31st January 2011 - 7pm

I. Present

Ali McWhirter (President), Karim Javeri (Treasurer), Gary Horlock (Communications), Samantha Hawley (Services), Jonathan Evans (Men's Welfare), Emily Wakeford (Ents), Anna Herlihy (Ents).

II. Apologies

Erin Young (Vice President), Louwai Muhammed (Academic Affairs), Samantha Osborne (Women's Welfare).

III. President

- Education committee. Dominated by Susan's speech on funding. Educating a student at Cambridge cost £17,000. The teaching grant is being reduced by 65% or more. A lot of the benefits that Cambridge has e.g. small institutions grant and historic buildings grant are going. The bursars are having a meeting on 19th February to discuss how much they are going to charge.
- There is no intention to charge different amounts for sciences and arts. They might introduce quotas based on private/state schools that will affect funding but hopefully this will not happen.
- Interview season: Current require A*AA with 80% in each module. Going to change to A*AA, an average of 85% in modules and 4 A* at GCSE. They will guarantee an interview if these requirements are met.
- Handover dinner is being subsidised.
- Nominations for elections have opened. Ali has spoken to people about President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Some people are also keen to run for freshers' reps; hopefully there will be more than one pair running. Some people have expressed interest in Griffin editors and sports.
- The position of ethnic minorities officer will be open again.

IV. Treasurer

- Meeting with Dick Taplin. He wanted to put rent up by 10% but this was resolved as it turned out to be an anomaly in the figures. Going to aim for 5-6% increase in rent.
- Next meeting will be next Wednesday. Want to have rent sorted out before the accommodation ballot.

V. Ents

- Cross-dressing formal. People are not as keen as anticipated. Only 30 tickets have been sold out of 96 originally. Considering other options: opening it up to the university?
- Need to find a way to contact other colleges in time? Need to speak to the dean and Jane Perks.

- Cupcakes and cocktails on 21st February. Downing Big Band should be playing. Having issues with insurance because there is an external caterer without third party liability insurance. Look at NW Brown who provide insurance for college.

Minutes taken by Gary Horlock