

St Hugh's JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 7th May, 3rd Week TT17, JCR Committee Room

- 1. Rep's Updates**
- 2. Matters Arising from Updates**
- 3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting's Minutes**
- 4. Items for Discussion**
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1. Rep's Update:

President – Ana Pavlova:

- Sent notices email;
- Rent Negotiation: complete!!!
- Finance Committee;
- Academic Committee;
- Met with Andrew re reducing food on Sundays to 15 portions.

Vice-President – Ed Piggott:

- “Only” thing is that I am doing the room ballot.

Secretary – Curtis Crowley:

- I minuted last week's JCR meeting;
- Sadly I am still a bit behind on a few minutes but will try to catch up on my return;
- I turned Radim's motion re CEU into an OUSU motion and submitted it to Council;
- We still need to publish Radim's proclamation, either to the press, or directly via letter to the Hungarian Prime Minister himself, ideally with the Principal's signature too;
- I received an email from Samuel Dicks with two suggestions on how the JCR could be improved, please see *Items for Discussion*

Treasurer – James Brown:

- Nothing to report.

AccAff – Sophie Roche:

- Nothing to report.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities – Rosie Tabor and Cameron East:

- Rosie went to talk to the Counsellor and she's definitely qualified!
- Other than that, just standard welfare stuff.
- Boost seems to be going pretty well (touch wood).

International Students' Rep – Tatjana Marks:

- Held film night and spring festival event.

LGBTQ Rep – Elise Page:

- Nothing to report.

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Entz Reps – James Atkey and Nathan Peters:

- Lawn party – super successful;
- Bop coming up next week.

Charities & Communities Rep – Hannah Taylor:

- Continued gathering people for RAG Ball Committee;
- Arranged collection for Charity Formal;
- Sent an email asking people to nominate a charity for the Charity Formal, and someone nominated Oxford Homeless Pathways.

Environment & Ethics Rep – Ben Jones:

- Nothing to report.

Sports and Societies Rep – Harry Thomas:

- Sorting yoga;
- Helped with Lawns Party (a lot).

DODO – Hannah Choi:

- Printed off the JCR events calendar and put it up on the door to the JCR
- Sorted out the RTB printer
- JCR website:
 - Updated the Peer Supporters page
 - Updated the Careers Officer's page and feedback form with the generic JCR Rep email address
 - Followed up with the college Communications Manager about the website colours:
 - There seems to have been a misunderstanding about which colours to switch
 - Have sent Kate a sample of what we're aiming for, to be sent on to the developers

Careers – Yemi:

- Had a meeting with Development Office after a week of radio silence. They were a little swamped with events but apologised for lack of contact.
- Their database system has been experiencing some malfunctions but they've said it will be cleared up in due time.
- By Friday, we should have a list of names and places for alumni in the 5-10yrs bracket.
- Confirmation of mentors will take slightly longer - say 2 weeks.
- I sent out my first email as Careers Officer, highlighting some postgrad info and a unique event.

Freshers' Rep – Theo Davies-Lewis:

- Arranged meeting with the Dean;
- Spoke with people about workshops;

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- Booked rooms for Freshers' Week.

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Board games for the JCR

Tatjana: Why don't we buy some old-fashioned board games for the JCR? I can set up a poll for suggestions, and use them in Freshers' Week too. How much money should we ask for?

Ben: Go for it, £200!

Ana: Let's make it a JCR Motion so that the JCR can have their say on it.

Livestreaming JCR meetings onto the JCR Facebook group

Curtis: This was suggested by Samuel Dicks. I think this is a very bad idea, on the following grounds:

- 1) there would be lower turnout to JCR meetings if people could just watch from the comfort of their rooms
- 2) it could get way out of control, since online it would be easy for people to take the piss, leave nasty comments, etc. and basically shut down JCR democracy
- 3) proper debate and discussion can I think be best achieved in the room, rather than in the comments section of a livestream

However, there is a point to increasing accessibility of JCR democracy, and showing people what it actually is. Perhaps we could livestream to just those individuals who ask to see it but can't attend in person because of absence/disability/shyness etc., or we could upload a video of it afterwards to show how much fun it is and what happens in it, but we would still need to be careful that all the JCR-phobes/JCR-bashers out there don't run too wild on the comments section, or shame people for what they have said in the meeting.

Tatjana: this is a consent issue for people to be filmed.

Ana: Quorum would be an issue to, as it would fluctuate.

Ben: Also, it could shut down free speech, because people would be afraid their words would be filmed and used against them.

Ana: People could send stuff in to be read out anonymously if they want.

Voting by anonymous online poll

Curtis: Samuel Dicks suggested that all votes should be online and anonymous. I don't think this is a) necessary, nor b) productive, since most can't be bothered to vote on several motions every 2 weeks as well as elections etc., thus this could lead to less engagement not more. On particularly important/controversial/sensitive issues, or frankly any issue on which there is support for an anonymous vote, this is already an option. According to standing order 1.14.5, any member may move that a vote be undertaken by secret ballot. This could be either paper or online. Since a paper ballot is such a faff, I think in all recent cases this has been done by online poll. I am not sure exactly, but remember there was some controversy over this. I will ask Tom Barringer if he can remember anything.

Ana: I agree.

Cam: Also, if people vote online without going to the meeting, they won't have heard the

points raised in the meeting.

Academic feedback form

Ana: General consensus was we could have a short box for people to leave comments on their tutor, rather than a long questionnaire. We also thought it would be best that this feedback went through the Committee so that we can make sure any issues are actioned by college and isn't overlooked. Does that sound alright Sophie?

Sophie: Yep, it shouldn't be too big a task.

New JCR to be built

Ana: Do we really need a JCR Committee Room? I don't think it is essential, provided college guarantees us priority access to somewhere else for our Meetings. We also need lockable storage space for all the things (especially welfare supplies and food) we need to store. Is everyone ok with me going back to college with these two points?

Committee: Yes.

Ana: Secondly, college is planning to make the bar a lot nicer and open it up to the whole college, and timetabling it for different groups to use it for events. Technically it is the college's and not the JCR's bar.

5. Any Other Business