

St Hugh's JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday 25th February 2017, 6th Week HT17, JCR Committee Room

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1. Rep's Update:

President – Ana Pavlova:

- Met with Estates to organise a bike cull and used it as a bike registration incentive. When you cut the red tab off your bike, you can then register your bike by popping in to the Porters' Lodge. It is optional, but well worth doing.
- Sent President's email;
- Went to Prescom;
- Arranged Management Meeting with everyone in college in 8th week.

Vice-President – Ed Piggott:

- Reached an agreement with Josh Bull of the MCR regarding Halfway Hall. All the second years can be guaranteed a place, and any left-over tickets will go to the MCR. The MCR wants their Dphil students to still be able to go too.
- Did WEQ and Charities elections, consistently getting a low turnout;
- Sent out Freshers accommodation survey.

Secretary – Curtis Crowley:

- Completed last week's minutes.
- Due to MODS over the next two weeks, I have a few favours to ask:
 1. can someone attend OUSU council for me next week? – Ed kindly offers to go.
 2. can someone record next week's committee meetings for me, so that I don't have to attend? I will do the minutes the following Thursday/Friday (after MODS finish) – Rosie kindly offers to do this.
 3. can someone order the food for the JCR meeting too? – Harry kindly offers to sort it.
- We need to elect a JCR Returning Officer, since the position is absent, and we need one for the Committee Careers Officer By-election.
- I will be running the Travel Grants election and JCR Careers Officer By-election this week.

Treasurer – James Brown:

- This week I have been helping a lot of students with Blues funds and amalgamated funding applications. Which will be my joy to go through... I have a meeting with Karen Peake in the finance office on Monday to go through all of the amalgamated funding proposals.

AccAff – Sophie Roche:

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- There was Academic Committee, but unfortunately I couldn't go;
- I chased up another collections paper;
- I sorted out some college tours by posting a heartfelt appeal online and spoke to Luke about potential new options for getting volunteers;
- I posted about the OUSU teaching awards.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities – Rosie Tabor and Cameron East:

- Rosie went to the Student Support Committee on Wednesday. It was mainly financial, to do with granting travel grants, Vac. Res. support for bursary students, and we also represented some art students who wanted money for a Degree Art Show. £1000 was sought and £300 was given in the end.
- College is annoyed that some people are applying for Vac. Res. for the whole vacation, but not actually using their rooms, i.e. just paying to avoid having to move their stuff out. This is losing the College money. They need more rooms for conferences. We should advise people not to do this.
- Have sent out email for WEQ committee. Hopefully we will have a Mature Students Rep for the first time in a while!
- Cam got trained in order to run a Chlamydia Screening Day which will be happening in 8th week. We need to speak to Ervis about drink vouchers. The supplies will be in boxes. You can choose whichever ones you need.
- Dame Elish is concerned about the Welfare Report, and keen to go through it properly. When should we propose having Welfare-trained Deans? bring up at right moment.

International Students' Rep – Tatjana Marks:

- Finalised preparations for International Crew-date and Cooking Night and talked to some people about writing articles for the International Freshers' Guide.

LGBTQ Rep – Elise Page:

- We had the LGBTQ party on Thursday and it was a huge success! Will aim to do the same in the next two terms.

Entz Reps – James Atkey and Nathan Peters:

- Had meeting with the Dean, who had concerns about Cashew sponsoring an event. We also have problems with this, and aren't planning to go ahead with one at the moment. The Dean has heard nothing bad about the bops.
- Spoken to bar about college drink which will be there at the 7th week bop. The recipe is sorted, and the price will be less than £5.
- Need to get name for the drink.
- Pub quiz tonight.

Charities & Communities Rep – Hannah Taylor:

- Ran Charities elections;
- Ran Anthony Nolan event (9 signed up!);
- Promoted Charity Formal, this Friday;
- Can someone bring a bucket and put it by the door, and then take it to the bar afterwards? – Elise says they might be able to do this.

- At Ana's suggestion, will be drop a reminder on FB an hour beforehand so that people bring their change;
- Organising college donations to the Refugee Fund.

Environment & Ethics Rep – Ben Jones:

- Passed motion for money for the garden party;
- Continued planning for the garden party;
- Have emailed people about the switch off campaign;
- Have started to take and submit photos of greenness in Hugh's to The Switch Off Campaign to try and get us up from a bronze rating.

Sports and Societies Rep – Harry Thomas:

- Wrote a controversial motion (about a chocolate fountain) and am writing a less/(more?) controversial motion on the Wadham Water Fight (WWF).
- Will do this and will buy the chocolate fountain for next week's JCR meeting.

DODO – Hannah Choi:

- RTB printer failed again (hard drive reformatted itself, forgot server details)
 - Emailed IT, they sent for an engineer, printer fixed. Issue should not recur.
- Updated the JCR website:
 - Uploaded 6th week minutes
 - Uploaded the updated 2017 Standing Orders
 - Created/updated pages for clubs and societies:
 - Sporting: Mixed Lacrosse, St Hughs / LMH Rugby Football Club
 - Non-sporting: Medicine Society, Law Society, Geology Society
- Met with Kate to discuss the JCR website:
 - She has agreed to help us update the JCR Committee list on the college website
 - She will speak to the developers about tinting the JCR website blue
 - URL on its way once college agrees a price
- PS4 game vote:
 - Collected nominations and started running the vote on SurveyMonkey
 - Will buy game by Friday.

Freshers' Rep – Theo Davies-Lewis:

- Collated parent letters;
- Emailed Out of The Blue about performing;
- Worked with Joe on the t-shirt design.

2. Matters Arising from Updates

JCR Election Turnouts

Ed: Quorum for online elections is 60. We are still managing to reach it but there's still quite a low percentage of the JCR is voting.

Curtis: In the emails you send out with the link to vote there is no info about what the exact roles are that can be voted for, so maybe people aren't seeing the point?

Ed: This info is provided by the Welfare Reps in advance. The fact that many of the elections are not contested doesn't help. Frankly there have been too many elections this term, people are losing interest. How can we make it more relevant?

Committee: In the Freshers' Guide we could really promote voting and involvement in the JCR. There might not be much we can do about those who have already made their minds up about not getting involved.

Curtis: We still have the option of voting in the JCR itself, not online.

Ed: We probably wouldn't see a greater turnout.

JCR Returning Officer

The Committee moves to elect a JCR Returning Officer, since the position is vacant, and we need one imminently for the Committee Careers Officer By-election.

As per the JCR Constitution, the position then falls to the Vice President.

Ed immediately resigns this position, as he will be running for one of the term's elections.

Since the position can't be held by the Independent Chair or President, the Secretary offers to take on this role. He is elected by the Committee to do so.

Rent negotiations

Ana: Vicki Stott (the Bursar) has been absent, so I still haven't been sent the college's proposal. Rent negotiations will probably be next term.

Funding the garden party

The Executive Committee votes to spend £75 by legitimate executive decision to fund the garden party, instead of using the money put aside in the motions budget, as in accordance with the motion at the last JCR meeting.

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