

St Hugh's JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 5th March 2017, Week 8 HT17, JCR Committee Room

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1. Rep's Update:

President – Ana Pavlova:

- Met with Vicki Stott (The Bursar);
- Met with Rafael and Sol;
- Sent email;
- Confirmed rent negotiation timeline. I will have to prepare a counter-proposal over the vacation. The whole process is delayed a bit this year.
- Dealt with a discipline issue;
- Met with Magdalena. She has an idea to set up an accommodation focus group for students to raise points about their rooms.
- Dealing with Blues Funds appeal.

Vice-President – Ed Piggott:

- Sorted all the forms for the room ballot in advance for next term;
- Awaiting Magdalena's updated list of eligible second years who I will put on the ballot sheet;
- Looking at results of Freshers' survey for rooms. Most people are satisfied with their rooms. Kenyon people in particular not too happy with bathrooms and kitchens.

Secretary – Curtis Crowley:

- Survived first 5 MODs exams (just about);
- Sent Hannah the minutes from last week's committee meeting;
- Completed this week's agendas;
- Gave people plenty of 'time to get excited' about this week's JCR meeting. Only a few motions received, short be a short one. Doubt all of the Motions Budget will be used.
- Sent out emails in my capacity as Secretary and Returning Officer giving people the info they need to run for the Travel Grants election and the Committee By-election to elect a Careers Officer. I didn't quite get it all right the first time, but Ben Peacock managed to forward me (at last) the up to date docs I needed, so I reissued my email early Sunday morning before University Challenge. Sadly, this did cause some people some of the confusion I'd hoped to avoid, but I have spoken to the individuals in question and helped them out, giving them extra time if need be.
- I have now received, checked and when needed helped people fix all the applications for Travel Grants, as well as the one nomination for Careers Officer. The candidate's manifestos are up on the JCR door.
- On Sunday after the JCR meeting, there will be the Travel Grants meeting, in which the Independent Chair will read out the speeches sent in by applicants for the funding.

Since Ed is running in this one, I will send all of the info needed to run the online vote to Ana.

- There will also be the hustings for the Careers Officer straight after the JCR Meeting. I will act as Returning Officer in this. The candidate will make a short speech followed by questions. I will then ask Ed to run the online vote for this, though if Ana is happy to do both that might make more sense because we could potentially do both votes in one email, which could mean higher turnout etc. Technically, as Returning Officer, I have to send out the results for this, but that should be fine.

Treasurer – James Brown:

- I had a meeting on Monday and Tuesday with Karen in the Finance Office about amalgamated funding and deciding the funding for each society etc. Then I informed all of the societies the outcome of their proposal and confirmed bank details.
- Also, I went through all of the Blues Funds and scaled them to decide on funding. Then I confirmed the bank details and paid everyone.
- I also made a few payments to newspapers/magazines etc.
- I went to OUSU Council with Curtis.

AccAff – Sophie Roche:

- Nothing to report.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities – Rosie Tabor and Cameron East:

- We set up an event for Chlamydia screening for Tuesday night. Please tell your friends and spread the word as much as possible for this, it's very important that the people who need this are using it.
- WEQ committee: we now have a Faiths and Beliefs Rep, a Mature Students' Rep AND someone has expressed interest in being a BME Rep meaning we might have a full committee by next term for the first time in ages!
- More welfare supplies have come in, will be discussing with Women's Reps how much to donate to the Dignity Drive campaign and how to do this.
- Trying to get people to pick up anonymous pidges as are a bit swamped, but have had more people using the service which is very important.
- Went to Welfare Committee. There are some crucial aspects to note for the committee, especially in terms of future action to be taken by the college. Overall it was a very positive experience and they seem on board with the idea that something needs to change. The 'something' we will propose is Welfare Deans in particular. They were not expressly opposed to this.

International Students' Rep – Tatjana Marks:

- I held the International Cooking night last Sunday in the JCR and on Thursday night the International Students' Crewdate.

LGBTQ Rep – Elise Page:

- LGBTQ history month ended which was sad.
- (At time of writing) I am planning on helping Rosie and Cam with the Welfare Tea on Sunday.

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Entz Reps – James Atkey and Nathan Peters:

- Launched college drink at the bop.

Charities & Communities Rep – Hannah Taylor:

- Charity formal happened;
- Sorted the payments from Charity Elections.

Environment & Ethics Rep – Ben Jones:

- Finalising the garden party;
- Have gone out and bought all the things needed;
- Have got £200 of cake from the organic deli.

Sports and Societies Rep – Harry Thomas:

- I have bought a chocy fountain and goodies for tonight's JCR meeting.
- I have written a water fight motion.

DODO – Hannah Choi:

- College website has now been updated with the 2017 JCR Committee
- JCR website has now been migrated to the permanent URL
- Ran survey for JCR PS4 game:
 - Closed on Thursday with 49 responses
 - Bought 'Call of Duty: Black Ops III'
- JCR website – created/updated pages for:
 - Biochemistry, Engineering, Human Sciences, LangSoc
 - Volleyball
 - Gardening

Freshers' Rep – Theo Davies-Lewis:

- Been emailing people about parent letters;
- Been working on the Freshers' Guide;
- Completed all my scheduled work this term;
- Over the vacation, will be sending the t-shirts to the designers and the guide to the publishers to get it sorted, and will be meeting with Thea early next term;
- I can send Ana a draft plan for Freshers' Week.

2. Matters Arising from Updates

Money for Freshers' Week

James Brown: How much money shall we give for Freshers' Week? The precedent is £4000.

Theo: That would be more than enough to cover it, and much of this we will get back from sale of clubbing tickets and t-shirts.

James Brown: So, were putting aside £4000 then.

Committee is in agreement.

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4. Items for Discussion

All-College Facebook group

Ana: Kate the Communications Manager is talking to me and Hannah about this.

Hannah: This would be for the whole college, MCR and Staff too, probably mainly non-academic staff. Kate thinks it would help create more of a community feel around college. Would people be up for it?

Ana: I told her it doesn't make too much of a difference if it went ahead, but it seemed a little redundant, given that it would crossover with what the JCR Facebook group is there for. It might not get very much use from the JCR. Would the scouts really want to join?

Rosie: People would be worried about being in the same group as their tutors.

Hannah Taylor: Don't want our tutors to be able to find our profiles even easier.

Conversation around this topic continues for some time.....

Welfare Report

Ana: Spoke to the Rafael and Sol (Junior Deans). Talked about Welfare Report. They wondered if we could have a Hugh's specific welfare survey.

Rosie and Cam: They spoke to us about it too. The end of MT this year would be the best time. The university-wide welfare survey run last year by OUSU was plugged really hard by last year's Committee, because if you don't get a high enough turnout for it, you don't get a college-specific welfare survey provided by OUSU. So, we would have to really promote the OUSU survey on social media, so that we get our own survey too. I think people will care enough to fill it out.

5. Any Other Business