

JCSU COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the JCSU Committee held on Sunday 28th February 2016 at 5PM in the Coleridge Room.

MINUTES

Present: the President (Daisy Eyre), the Vice-President (Ellen Parker), the Treasurer (Anand Sharma), the Secretary (Jamie Sandall), the Services Officer (Christina Lane), the Communications Officer (George Thompson), the Access Officer (Amelia Oakley), the Green Officer (Tim Lennox), the Ents Officers (Niall Devlin & Harrison MacNeill), the Women's Officer (Abigail Smith), the Welfare Officers (Joe Hamilton & Rebecca Lewis), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Eddie Conway), the International Officer (Man Hon Ding), the LGBT+ Officer (Andy Burnett) and the Racial Equalities Officer (Ore Ogunbiyi).

1. Absent:

2. Committee reports of actions since last meeting

DE – Had a meeting with the Manciple. Results from Annual survey showed 20% said they were definitely priced out of caff, 34% agreed that they were priced out of caff. Manciple is not the person that controls prices, but the chef. Another meeting coming up aiming for a meal on a plate for £3. Concern that they will compromise on portion size. Medium term suggestion was to completely rethink how they can make things cheaper. Suggestion to create a sub-committee of students concerned with caff to work with the Manciple towards more affordable meals. Want to do a trial of meal on a plate by the end of term. Important people appreciate that if people complain that there change will follow. They don't make a profit, need some transparency would be interesting to see where KFC goes. Seems quite likely half and half veg. for £0.70. Vegetarian dish will be included in this. Support shown for more vegetarian options on JCSU annual survey.

EP – Went to the Manciple meeting with DE. Working with CUSU, drafted letter to University counselling service with a few recommendations.

ASh – Budget issues, digging into longer term issues on the Enterprise account.

JS – Confirmed minutes. Dealt with media requests.

CL – Sorted Ballot organisations. Dietary cards sorted for formals. Pool table (see below). Went to IT committee meeting.

GT – Chaired the OGM. Dealt with media requests. Questions which journalists would want to talk to ASm.

AO – Had first access forum. Starting process to make alternative prospectus. Working with CUSU on theirs too. Had a productive meeting with college. Open day yesterday and one next sat too.

TL – Green formal was held, was good fun and a success. Support for recycling bins in rooms shown on JCSU annual survey.

ND & HMcN – Organised the next bop. Created a poll for the next theme. Heeded advice from JCSU annual survey. Trying to organise themed formal hoping to be hosted in West Court.

ASm – Organising for international Women's day.

JH & RL – End of wellness week. Set up the welfare phone.

EC – Filled in for RL and held first drop-in. Interesting talk with Disability relations officer.

MHD – Researching how many will be staying over Easter – will organise activities.

AB – Welfare chats, few swaps.

OO – The Benin Bronze proposal has been re-drafted will be circulated. A resolution has been reached and proposal has been sent to college. Meeting with College on the 7th. Removed from hall for 'safety reasons'. Rumours that college is concerned of the precedent that it will set for other repatriations (Cambridge museums etc.). Set up BME social for Fresher's week.

3. Suggestion form report by CL

4. Matters arising

(a) Annual Survey – DE

DE – 201 responses. A valuable resource with which to talk to College. Pro-compost and recycling bins.

TL – next to houses, one bin outside would avoid the rat issue that some people raised.

DE – many people commented that they liked the idea. Bar and Ents: don't take it to heart. 16% of people use Women's hour, might be worth at least discussing reducing hours. 60% agree JCSU represents their interests. People generally aren't that interested in CUSU. Huge numbers saying we're effective. People are reading the bulletin. One proposition to send GT round college in his Orange suit. Few issues with AO and OO's questions. Need to act on issues with facilities etc. One comment on Welfare, the role of the officers is complicated as you are a confidant and a close friend. Most agreed that the JH and RL are approachable – would be worth reading comments. Prize draw yet to be organised.

(b) Offer of the statue to JCR- DE

DE – message from Ben Appleton and Emma Veares – offer on a statue of a female figure to be installed in to the JCR

AO – where Bronze was? Would be nice to have somewhere on show

OO – more likely to be a big commissioning process

ASm – would be good to have somewhere prominent as the Henry Moore is hidden

DE – offer JCR or nowhere

Committee supports

(c) Snapchat geotag - DE

DE – could work with George on this

GT – no guaranteed they'll accept. Will need to look really good

ASm – gives demonstration

AO – could make it a competition

DE – good idea

(d) CUSU Election (03/02/16) - DE

DE – we have to have a voting station (tablet or laptop). Problem is that only three people aren't closely involved with the campaign. We going to put a call out for people to volunteer. Could get Porter's to do it, CUSU weren't keen last time but we have good reason

(e) Room ballot – CL

CL – room ballot on Wednesday is in the JCR will be 12 – 5pm. Try to keep stress to a minimum. Just make sure they sign their contract.

Pool Table - CL

CL – being delivered tomorrow morning. Unsure whether it will fit in the room to the left. Might have to put it in the main room as a last resort if it doesn't fit in the left. We would have to pay another £115 delivery charge and £300 to build on site and would be another 6 – 8 weeks

AO – training would be welcome for how to use TV

ASm – whilst there are costs general consensus would be in favour of having in the other room

DE – could get mini-fridge and kettle in the other room (like the MCR)

Circulation of Enterprise Account Statements - ASh

ASh – circulates statements to prove no embezzling

Enterprise Account and the Constitution - ASh

ASh – some bits of the Constitution contain inconsistencies. Account runs for a different period to the Academic year
– should be change what it says or what we do.

CL – lots in the constitution that isn't practiced.

ASh – payments authorised at a general meeting, odd that Garden party payments aren't approved until October

CL – could alert at OGM prior to Garden party

OO – much better rates in Nigeria

EP – could move Enterprise account there?

Committee – lol

ASh – I'm not even a signatory Tom Edwards is

OO – should sort that

DE – will email and get college to put pressure on him

GT – put a dead Robin in his pidge

DE – does it need changing?

ASh – stuff in the constitution that we don't really follow, are we ok with that?

DE – will sit down with ASh and CL and discuss and see whether needs to go to OGM

ASh – point is that it's there and we don't do it but support that plan

5. Any other business

(a) Deb Taylor suggestion

EC – keen that the libraries start using the intercollegiate mail service so people can order books from specific libraries. Think it's a really good idea. Lot of things to consider (timings and logistics etc.)

OO – only for disabled students?

EC – potentially

GT - £25 in library fines because too cold to go to UL

RL – good idea but concern over how efficient the service will be

DE – come along to CUSU council and bring it up

(b) Exam conditions

ASm – deadline for exam conditions has passed. Should be more publicity about this from Academic officers.

(c) Formal swap with Queen's JCR - ASh

Committee – keen

(d) Way to improve CUSU awareness – EP

EP – fact sheet to show what CUSU does for us. Justifying why we need CUSU. President happy to come into Jesus and talk to people.

DE – mandated at Easter term OGM to get a CUSU member to come into college and justify themselves

EP – week 8 too soon?

CL – should be fine

(e) CUSU rents workshop – DE

DE – our rents are rising by only 1%. Will do a price of living survey in Michaelmas

(f) Next meeting – DE

DE – Thursday the 11th. Reflect on term and create action plan, detail in summaries

(g) Wellness Week feedback – RL

OO – colouring brought much joy. Colouring books in the JCR

EP – good ones could be on Welfare board

(h) Idea of divesting – TL

TL – support this initiative?

Committee – yes but worth discussing

DE thanked the members of the Committee for a very helpful and successful meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:10PM.