

JCSU COMMITTEE 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the JCSU Committee held at 18:15 on 18th January 2017 in the Alcock Room.

MINUTES

Present: the President (Katherine Boucher), the Vice-President (Vicky Taylor), the Treasurer (Kirsty McKnight), the Secretary (Max Bowling), the Services Officer (Olivia Argent), the Communications Officer (Caspar Ramsay), the Access Officer (Matthew Kevin Sample), the Green Officer (Lili Bidwell), the Ents Officers (Ollie Brown and Mary Kiernan), the Women's Officer (Alex Rowe), the Welfare Officers (Holly Hamilton and Cormac Devlin), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Sophie O'Reilly) and the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell)

Absent: the International Officer (Nikhil Dwivedi) and the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Heval Turel)

Committee reports of actions since last meeting:

- KB: Met with Domestic Bursar about KFC and new bar. Attended CUSU conference. Helped organise college parents for American exchange students. Investigated CUSU electronic robot. Began looking at the issue of degree classifications.
- VT: Organised JCSU Committee stash. Began preparations for Halfway Hall. Attended CUSU conference.
- KM: Met with Bursar. Sorted out first round of receipts. Set up meeting with college accountant to set up new spreadsheets.
- MB: Sorted out schedule for bar quiz. Met with Conference team to organise room booking. Attended CUSU conference.
- OA: Met with Domestic Bursar about Caff Forum. Started investigating replacing cardio equipment in gym.
- CR: Sent out the first bulletin to the undergraduates list. Met the Communications Officer about social media guidelines. Sorted out emails for JCSU Committee members
- MKS: Given college parents to American exchange students. Began preparations for a potential Formal for them. Organised CUSU Shadowing Scheme in college. Attended CUSU conference.
- LB: Had a meeting with the Library team about a new hand-dryer. Looked into a new eco-friendly search engine with IT. Organised Green Society meetings. Sorted out meeting for distribution of food to homeless people. Researched changing policy on junk mail in pidges.
- OB/MK: Organised quiz night on opening night of new bar. Sorted first Movie night. Held first Bop on Tuesday.
- AR: Sent out women's bulletin. Prepared for Women's Forum in college. Looked into an International Women's Day formal. Attended CUSU Women's Campaign training.
- HH/CD: Went to working group about writing skills in college. Met with Domestic Bursar. Organised first welfare cake. Set up the welfare board. Arranged a meeting with the college councillor.
- SO: Created contacts sheet for mental health. Started organising an 'art for mental health' afternoon in February. Had a meeting with Richard Birkett (representative for CUSU Disabled Student's campaign).
- HB: Looked into organising a themed Formal and an LGBT+ event in chapel. Started considering idea of putting pancakes in pidges.

1. Suggestion form report by OA

N/A

2. Matters arising

(a) JCSU Constitution regarding elections

KB: Brought it to the attention of the Committee that there were a number of issues with the JCSU Elections held in Michaelmas term. In particular, confusion about the appropriate procedure if disciplinary issues emerged.

MB: Clarification of what the JCSU Constitution says and how this interacts with College Regulations. Particular notice to College Regulation A.15 which states that if a written complaint is made to the Returning Officer alleging a contravention of the Regulations, then a Committee composed of the Returning Officer, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the JCSU will meet and their decision shall be final. According to Article 6 of the JCSU Constitution, any candidate who has been disqualified, or whose election has been declared void, has a right of appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the JCSU. The EGM may overturn the Committee's decision by a majority vote.

KB: Unhappy with the idea of an EGM, thinking that a rerun of the vote would be better. This would only be for the particular vote affected, rather than for every single position.

AR: Important that the process is as transparent as possible.

MKS: Unclear what interaction is between JCSU Constitution and College Regulations.

KB: A potential idea would be that the incumbent JCSU makes a decision in place of an EGM.

LB: Issues with friendship circles, particularly if some elections candidates are on the JCSU.

MK: A rerun of election in the knowledge of what is actually the case if an infringement of the rules has taken place has the advantage of being more democratic.

KB: Can often be a misunderstanding that Regulations are broken.

LB: However, we can let the people decide if they see it as a misunderstanding or not.

MK: It would be useful to publish a set of guidelines before the election, so candidates know where they stand with regard to the rules, particularly in relation to social media policy (College Regulation A.14)

KB: Unless it is a flagrant violation of the rules, could just have a quiet word with people to remove offending posts.

MKS: Makes the point that this needs to be applicable to the whole college, not just the election candidates. No society should be able to use social media to influence JCSU elections.

KB: Decision that KB and MB should take the proposal forward that there is a rerun of the election instead of an EGM.

(b) "Prevent" scheme

KB: Reminded Committee that this needs to be completed by Jan 31st. Asked what those who had completed it thought of it.

VT/CD: Very standard stuff, particularly useful to understand the debate about why Prevent is controversial and why it can be defended.

(c) Party for the staff

KB: A party for the staff was something that Daisy wanted to do at the end of last year. Need to have a good relationship with staff. That said, maybe a party now would not be the best idea.

OA: Made the point that Caff Forum would be useful where students have the opportunity to ask staff about Caff and maybe suggest menu ideas.

HH: Reminded Committee that JHAF is doing a staff party in early February.

CR: Need to make sure that JCSU money is being used responsibly.

MK: Could be a good idea to do something similar to Welfare Cake.

KM: Would be nice to include porters as well.

MK: Could set up a page online so everyone can contribute if they want to. Not just JCSU money.

KB: Committee seemed to resolve that something at the start of Easter term would be best.

(d) Garden Party

KB: Noted that timing of this was not great last year, coinciding with Suicide Sunday (Medward's Garden Party, Squires, Boat Race). Asked Committee whether other dates might work.

LB: Rowing Bumps on Saturday, so that would not be a possible option.

KM: Friday afternoon could work (final Freshers exams on Friday morning). Support for this idea from the rest of the Committee.

KB: Will need to speak to Conference to confirm possible dates. Would be good to have it on the hockey pitch this year, possibility of being near new bar.

OB: DJ in new bar has music contacts, so live music could be possible.

VT: Pointed out possibility of using student musicians.

MK/OB: Issues with speakers during DJ set at first bop.

KB: Need to investigate speakers further.

e) JCSU emails

CR: Asked the Committee whose emails are not working. Arranged help if people were struggling.

HH: Asked if it is possible to JCSU emails from phone.

CR: Does not believe so, but unsure. Will investigate further.

f) JCSU Instagram

CR: Gave out details in case Committee members wish to publish photos on the JCSU account.

g) New bar

CR: Need to have student prices on menus. Important to stand up for students.

MB: Noted lack of quiz machine in new bar.

SO: Coat rack would also be desirable.

HH: Condom dispensers in toilets would be helpful.

VT/KM: Team photos or student art in place of the current art on the walls.

KB: Brewery name will be named after donor despite previous claims to the contrary.

CD: Meeting Domestic Bursar next week. Will raise concerns about student prices, quiz machine, coat rack, condom dispensers and art.

h) Grid of Faces

MB: Asked the Committee when a good time to take photos for the Committee Grid of Faces would be. Decided that a Doodle Poll would be the best way.

3. Any other business

N/A

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

The meeting closed at 19:30.