

# JCSU COMMITTEE 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the JCSU Committee held at 13:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Study Centre Room 5.

## 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)

**Absent:** the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Sophie O'Reilly), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Heval Turel) and the International Officer (Nikhil Dwivedi)

## Committee reports of actions since last meeting:

Updated at OGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

### 1. Suggestion form report by OA

N/A

### 2. Matters arising

#### *(a) Feedback from Richard Dennis*

KM: Alcohol policy – nothing written about not allowing alcohol to be purchased, so it seems that it would be up to the student body at an OGM as to what we do; recommendation of Richard Dennis would be to have it bought through College and served at events rather than people being allowed to go to Sainsbury's or the bar.

KB: When people submit their budget, they have to submit a breakdown of what they'll spend. Would it be a waste of money to get alcohol from college? What would we gain as a JCSU?

LB: Overall budget should not increase because of alcohol. Would not set a great precedent if JCSU-funded alcohol were used in initiations to get Freshers drunk.

MK: Might be better to only use at established events, e.g. Ents-organised functions.

KB: True that sports teams do not need alcohol to function.

LB: Would be in favour of having stricter guidelines.

AR: Possibly an application every time before you buy alcohol, e.g. perhaps an addition to the role of the Vice-President.

MKS: Need something written down, ideally in Constitution or Standing Orders.

CD: Needs to be approved.

KB: The JCSU does not want to seem too overbearing or paternalistic.

LB: It is about what people can and cannot do with JCSU money.

AR: Societies at other Colleges are able to use College alcohol.

MB: Would rather have the JCSU present the wording of a motion presented at an OGM.

MKS: Does not have to be onerous restrictions, not necessarily dictatorial in Constitution.

KM: Want something binding.

VT: Perhaps a trial period would be useful.

LB: Specify in Constitution that the policy can be reviewed.

KB: At the moment, people are not budgeted to spend alcohol.

MK: Concern about how alcohol is consumed. Can we ever monitor that? For instance, in initiations.

LB: Application system?

KB: There needs to be one rule about when you give people alcohol.

OA: Also worth thinking whether the bar will be happy?

MKS: Licencing restrictions might be onerous too.

OB: Magdalene College has a separate room for bops, away from their bar.

MK: Being able to serve alcohol would be useful for bops, would attract people.

KB: Hence, perhaps best not to open it up to societies. Can use Enterprise account to buy alcohol for garden party. Not like we have the money to throw around.

OA: Worth noting that most people are not aware of the regulations.

KB: Maybe provide guidance with the budget email.

VT: Need to clarify bop situation. Could we use non-College alcohol, e.g. in Webb Library?

KB: Do we want to include/exclude Ents?

MB: JCSU members distributing alcohol would seem to be better able to be controlled by us.

MK: Might be useful to form a working group to work out how best to go ahead with this at an OGM.

KB: JCSU members can vote how they would like at an OGM. Not bound.

MKS: We do not need to have a consensus.

AR: Muslims are not going to want their money being spent on alcohol.

CD: Fine with discussion groups, although not social.

MK: Difficult to distinguish in practice.

AR: Discussion group, if sponsored by fellows.

VT: JCSU should not be providing it.

KB: Don't want massive socials.

KB: JCSU not to take a firm position, will work in smaller groups to work out position.

### ***(b) croquet set***

VT: Need to work out whether to store in Plodge or in Marshall Room.

### ***(c) grads buffet***

MKS: Kirsty spoke with Richard Dennis. His initial thought was that the grad buffet is good value. £28 for food and wine. MKS passed this onto individual concerned. College not keen to change price/structure for this year. Seem happy to offer bursary. Individual concerned was unhappy with that. Produced an open letter. MKS spoke with Richard Dennis this morning. He recognised that students were unhappy. Structural changes possible to take cost out of event – but would have to pass through College Council, so not this year. Unofficially there was money to help cover cost in the past. Richard Dennis happy to put some bursary in place. Next year different discussion – changing nature of event maybe.

LB: Different type of tickets. Veggie, non-drinking.

MKS: Cost of drinks not included in ticket.

### **3. Any other business**

#### ***(a) Student survey***

KB: Student survey on aspects of JCSU. Think about which questions you might like to ask – green, welfare, women's, services, Ents.

#### ***(b) Garden party***

OB: Suggestion that Garden Party is sponsored by CDI.

KM: Need the money, going to be expensive.

MK: Could set a bad precedent.

KB: Tickets? No. Saturday. Need to book Brewery Room and hockey pitch. Need a party permit. Later start, 4pm – 8pm.

VT: Gin-jazz, Jesus Big Band, Miles, Holly, choir acapella, Isabelle Braun.

MK: Late night cinema maybe outside.

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

The meeting closed at 15:00.