

JCSU COMMITTEE 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the JCSU Committee held at 16:00 on 28th April 2017 in Study Centre Room 4.

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 Welfare Officers (Holly Hamilton and Cormac Devlin) and the International Officer (Nikhil Dwivedi)

Absent: the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Sophie O'Reilly), the Women's Officer (Alex Rowe) and the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Heval Turel)

Committee reports of actions since last meeting:

To be updated at OGM on 4th May 2017.

1. Suggestion form report by OA

N/A

2. Matters arising

(a) Drinking societies' affiliation and attendance at JCSU Clubs and Societies photos

LB: Some concerns raised about the relationship between College-based drinking societies and the JCSU, particularly in relation to their attendance at the upcoming JCSU Clubs and Societies photos day on 7th May.

MB: Article 3.3(a) of the JCSU Constitution specifies that in order to be associated to the JCSU, the membership of a Club and Society must be open to all undergraduate and graduate members of the JCSU. By this definition, drinking societies are not technically affiliated with the JCSU. However, they do appear on documentation relating to Clubs and Societies. Hence, it would simply be a matter of deleting them from the spreadsheet.

MB: There is also the issue with the Osprey's, a university-wide sports society, having a photo taken.

KB: Take it to a vote as to whether we invite the drinking societies to the photos.

In favour: 10

In opposition: 0

In abstention: 2

MB: Will write an email to the heads of the drinking societies and cc in KB.

(b) Garden Party

OB/MK: Wanted to clarify the planning situation regarding the JCSU Garden Party.

HH: Spoke to the ADC about staging (a 4x2 metre stage, 3 feet off the ground, costing £40).

OB: Been in touch with some acts, though an issue with some playing at the May Ball as well.

KB: Speak to buildings manager for electrics, lights, etc.

OB: College not opposed to having a food van from another supplier as long as appropriate health and safety documentation is provided.

MK: Might look into Nana Mexico.

(c) Photos in the bar

CD: Talked to Simon Hawkey, who said he would look into it: one wall of student art, which SO has also helped with.

KB: Maybe photos on brickwork.

3. Any other business

(a) Green Officer election

LB: Going on Year Abroad, so will need an election for a new Green Officer.

KB: Ballot box in Marshall Room, might need JCSU members to supervise.

LB: Manifesto/hustings?

KB: If they want to have hustings, yes they can. Definitely manifestos as with the usual elections. There are a number of time constraints regarding when certain procedures must be completed.

(b) Football Club budget

KM: Football Club have £750 spare and have asked whether they are allowed to use this money to subsidise their Annual Dinner.

KB: Clearly, they asked for too much money in the original budget.

CR: What happens to the money if it is not spent?

KB: It would go into reserves.

CR: Underlines problem that overspending goes to College-controlled funds. Could leftover money be available to fund new societies?

LB: For example, to help fund the JCSU garden party or a play?

KB: Problem comes from people asking for too much in the first place.

KM: Richard Dennis gave permission for money to be spent on the Annual Dinner. Also, an issue regarding money for ties, using the JCSU to order them in bulk.

ND: Surely they could collect the money first, then buy the ties.

CR: Logistically difficult to buy ties, often a minimum order of 50 so it would require someone to pay hundreds of pounds upfront.

VT: Is it the JCSU's role?

CR: The only means to get them is to bulk order. If JCSU retained ownership of the ties, might be possible to make a profit on them.

KB: It would essentially be buying stash, which we are not supposed to do.

MKS: Enterprise Account, no restrictions – potential source of income.

LB: If the money is not spent and goes to reserves, the problem is we cannot then use this money.

MKS: Sets precedent for next years if we fund the Annual Dinner.

MB: Football Club also in need of new 5-a-side nets and kit for 2nd and 3rd teams.

CR: Serves segment of student body.

KB: Purpose of budget is to distribute money across societies.

MKS: Money spent on helping people to join a Club/Society would be more helpful, e.g. nets are more beneficial than ties.

CR: It would merely be facilitating the football club to buy ties.

MKS: Enterprise Account avoids these problems. Need to look into how reserves are used.

KB: CR should maybe meet with Richard Dennis about this.

ND: Need to resolve it with other societies too, is not just an issue that affects the Football Club.

CR: Within our remit to address this problem that affects lots of societies.

KB: Rowing build up a pot of money.

CR: If Richard Dennis says it is something that we can do, then could look at it long-term.

HH: JHAF centralised costs.

KB: So it is a no to funding the Annual Dinner and ties in the short run.

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

The meeting closed at 17:00.