

JCSU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM of the JCSU held on 20th November 2017 at 7:30pm in Upper Hall.

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 Ents Officers (Ollie Brown and Mary Kiernan), the Women's Officer (Alex Rowe), the Male Welfare Officer (Cormac Devlin), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Sophie O'Reilly), the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Heval Turel) and the Green Officer (Surina Fordington)

Absent: the Female Welfare Officer (Holly Hamilton) and the International Officer (Nikhil Dwivedi)

1. Annual report of the JCSU

KB: Attended regular meetings of College Council and CUSU Council. Sat on various College committees. Helped with LGBT+ month celebrations including rainbow flag and illuminations. Working on new party permit policy with College. Helped OB with meetings about new bop guidelines. Organised Green Officer, Gym Rep and JCSU elections with VT. Organised Freshers week. Conducted JCSU Survey. Organised Jesus Sports Varsity in October. Spoke to Bursar about KFC. Spoke to Senior Tutor about Caesarean Sunday. Negotiated with College about cost of graduation buffet with KM and MKS.

VT: Organise Halfway Hall for second years. Sorted two stash orders including new items. Sold JCSU water bottles and thermos flasks. Attended CUSU Council every other week. Sat on various College committees. Organised University Challenge trials. Organised Green Officer, Gym Rep and JCSU elections with KB.

KM: Arranged refunds for clubs and societies throughout year. Negotiated with College about cost of graduation buffet with MKS and KB. Looking into buying a rugby scrum machine. Organised JCSU budget for 2018.

MB: Taken minutes at JCSU Committee meetings. Organised three OGMs and an AGM. Sat on various College committees. Organised clubs and societies photos. Organised JCSU Freshers Fair. Arrange bookings for JCR. Organised and hosted quiz most weeks with MKS.

CR: Sat on Communications committee. Working on new party permit policy with College. Produced JCSU Bulletins and sorted JCSU email addresses for Committee members.

OB/MK: Organised various bops throughout the year. Put on sports events in the JCR and Brewery Room. Organised JCSU Garden Party. Played an important role in organising and hosting Freshers Week activities.

CD/HH: Underwent CUSU Welfare and mental health training. Provided free-of-charge sexual health supplies. Set up anonymous messaging system for welfare concerns. Ran welfare cake and welfare drop-ins. Arranged HIV/chlamydia testing. Organised exam term puppies and exam term bouncy castle. Put on welfare movie night. Negotiated with College to put up sports and societies photos in the bar. Sat on various College committees.

SO: Underwent mental health training. Organised welfare events throughout the year such as Mind Unwind and Good Mentali-tea. Ran Mental Health Awareness Week. Did a sponsored swim with KM. Organised several anonymous pidge notes schemes. Helped with developing new anonymous welfare messaging system.

OA: Worked with LB to improve student involvement in Caff. Organised Caff Forum. Sat on various College committees. Worked with CR on new party permit policy.

MKS: Organised College parenting scheme for international students with ND. Helped run North-East Access Tour. Planned upcoming interview season. Redrafted the alternative prospectus. Organised the College parenting scheme for freshers. Negotiated with College about cost of graduation buffet with KB and KM. Made progress on dealing with socioeconomic discrimination in College. Organised and hosted quiz most weeks with MB.

SF: Attended intercollegiate green officer meetings. Helped out with running Freshers week, including nature trail walk. Liaised with College to make College more environmentally friendly, including hand dryers in the library and installing compost bins in College accommodation. Ran Green Impact programme and Student Switch Off campaign in College. Organised GreenSoc within College. Organising homeless food collection at the end of term. Put on Blue Planet screening. Worked on petition to get green officers on may ball committees. Ran a Green Formal.

AR: Sent out regular women's bulletin. Pressured College to pass the new sexual harassment and misconduct policy. Recently worked on WomCam's campaign for a new university-wide harassment policy. Ran an International Women's Day formal. Organised a tea party for undergraduates. Hosted regular Women's Forum. Worked with Senior Tutor and Dean of Chapel to improve provision for victims of sexual assault.

HB: Ran 2 LGBT+ formals throughout the year. Organised pancake pidge packages. Organised LGBT+ awards. Received consent training from CUSU and College.

HT: Sat on various College committees. Attended welfare and sexual health training. Did shifts on the welfare phone. Helped with the new anonymous messaging system. Spoken with students about what services CUSU makes available.

ND: Helped out in Freshers week and International Freshers week. Worked with international students in College to help them with Visa and employment issues in liaison with the University's International Students team.

2. Members' questions to the Executive

3. Ordinary Motions

(a) Motion 1: Establishment of a Freshers' Officer on the JCSU Executive Committee

The JCSU notes:

1. That the JCSU Executive Committee does not currently have a dedicated Freshers' Representative.
2. That many other colleges have Freshers' Officers on the Executive Committee of their respective JCRs, including Queens', Gonville and Caius and Sidney Sussex.
3. That the JCSU Executive Committee is predominantly made-up of second years in Lent and Easter Term/third years in Michaelmas Term.
4. That the last round of JCSU Elections saw only one first year elected to the JCSU Executive Committee.
5. That the participation and involvement with the management of the JCSU is often disproportionately low amongst first years, in terms of General Meetings and Elections.

The JCSU believes:

1. That a Freshers' Officer would provide an easily-accessible point of contact for incoming first years when they first start at Jesus.
2. That a Freshers' Officer would be extremely useful in managing the organisation of Freshers' Week.
3. That a Freshers' Officer would provide current first years with better representation on the JCSU Executive Committee.
4. That a Freshers' Officer would encourage greater participation and involvement with the management of the JCSU amongst first years.

The JCSU resolves:

1. To establish the position of 'Freshers' Officer' on the JCSU Executive Committee, amending Article 1.1 of the Standing Orders in line with this.
2. To define the responsibilities of the 'Freshers' Officer' in Article 1.2 of the Standing Orders as follows: *"The Freshers' Officer shall be responsible for managing the organisation of Freshers' Week in conjunction with the rest of the Executive Committee, representing the concerns and voices of first years on the Executive Committee and providing an easily-accessible point of contact for first years."*
3. To restrict candidacy to students in their first year of study.

Proposed by: Jess Tucker

Seconded by: Edward Parker Humphreys

JT: There were 3 main concerns from the OGM that I would like to address here. Firstly, what will the Freshers Officer do in practice? Two main parts to the role: helping to organise and coordinate Freshers week, and representing Freshers in Lent and Eastern term. In Michaelmas term, the focus of the role switches to working with a new group of Freshers. No other way to get around this since we cannot elect an incoming Fresher. It would defeat the point of the Freshers Officer being a point of contact for any concerns. Since it's a new role, whoever takes it on has the change to use their own initiative to make of the role what they want. Potential for it to be a worthwhile role. Secondly, in terms of welfare, the responsibility of welfare remains with the JCSU welfare officers. It wouldn't hurt to go through welfare training, and could be first port of call before passing on to other members of the JCSU. It's a little less intimidating than working out who is the best person on the committee to ask. Thirdly, whether it would be better as a gym rep role, I don't think the role works if it's not on the JCSU. If the Freshers Officer is there to coordinate and manage Freshers week, need to be able to work with the rest of the JCSU Committee.

No points in opposition or abstention. Passes nem con. Enters standing orders.

(b) Motion 2: Motion banning the use of social media campaigning in the run up to JCSU elections

The JCSU notes:

- 1) That the JCSU Constitution currently does not impose restrictions on the use of campaigning on social media in the run up to the annual JCSU elections. Nevertheless, in previous elections there has been an informal ban on the use of social media by candidates to promote their campaigns.

The JCSU believes:

- 1) That Hustings and the posting of candidate manifestos in the Marshall room is sufficient opportunity for candidates to promote their campaigns.
- 2) That the informal ban imposed in previous years can cause confusion about what candidates are permitted to post on social media.
- 3) That the use of social media to promote campaigns gives an unfair advantage to second and third year candidates, as they have more established connections with College members on social media. Freshers may be put off running for positions against second and third year candidates who can use their established social media presences to promote their campaigns.
- 4) That the use of social media campaigning could turn the elections into a popularity contest and shift focus away from candidates' policies.

The JCSU resolves:

- 1) To amend the Standing Orders formalising the ban on the use of social media to promote campaigns in the run up to elections. Candidates will not be allowed to post about their campaign or policies on any social media network, or send emails relating to their campaign to existing group mailing lists.

Proposed by: Cormac Devlin

Seconded by: Matthew Kevin Sample

CD: In the past, there has been an informal ban on social media. This creates a more level playing field for Freshers who want to go for roles. We should formalise the ban so we can take action if people transgress.

No points in opposition or abstention. Passes nem con. Enters standing orders.

(c) Motion 3: Motion to Update and Improve the Definition of the Role of the JCSU Access Officer

The JCSU notes:

- 1) The Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer (AO) plays a central role within the Jesus College Student Union.
- 2) The current rubric within the Standing Orders of the Constitution of the Jesus College Student Union for the role of the Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer reads: *“The Access and Funding Officer shall be responsible for matters concerning access, including liaison with College in such matters. They shall also be responsible for co-ordinating the CUSU Target Schools and JCSU “parenting” schemes within College.”*
- 3) This definition of this role was finalised in January of 2016, now almost 2 years ago. In the period since then, the nature of the relationship the AO has with College widening participation has changed significantly.
- 4) In this period, the expectations of the student members of the JCSU, and responsibilities taken on by the AO, have also changed significantly.
- 5) In light of this, the brevity of the definition of the role of Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer no longer accurately characterises the role, which hinders the effective action of the AO, and also makes it more difficult for student members of the JCSU to hold the AO to account.

The JCSU believes:

- 1) It is appropriate that the responsibilities of the role of the Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer as detailed in the Standing Orders of the Constitution of the Jesus College Students Union should reflect the actual expectations that the student body place on the role, as well as the practical realities of the nature of the role as it has evolved since the last review of the Constitution.

The JCSU resolves:

- 1) To alter the current Standing Orders of the Jesus College Students Union with respect to the role of the Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer to read:

“The Access, Higher Education and Funding Officer shall be responsible for matters concerning access, including liaison with College in such matters, supporting any JCSU members who wish to participate in widening participation, and having responsibility for co-ordinating with and facilitating CUSU and other university-wide outreach initiatives within College.

The Access Officer shall also be responsible for ensuring all JCSU members can fully participate in the college community, regardless of background or circumstance, liaising with the Fellows, College Staff, and CUSU on all relevant issues and matters arising, as well as liaising with other members of the JCSU Executive Committee to reflect the intersectional aspects of widening participation.

The Access Officer shall also be responsible for organising the JCSU “parenting” scheme, as well as maintaining the ‘Alternative Prospectus’ and any other JCSU access publications.”

Proposed by: Matthew Kevin Sample

Seconded by: Max Bowling

No points in opposition or abstention. Passes nem con. Enters standing orders.

(d) Motion 4: Motion to update and improve the definition of the role for the JCSU Women's Officer

The JCSU notes:

- 1) As it stands the description of the responsibilities of the Women's Officer in the Standing Orders of the Jesus College Student Union Constitution reads: *'The Women's Officer shall be responsible for representing women as a minority group within college and promoting gender equality throughout College, liaising with Fellows, College Staff, and CUSU and on all relevant issues and matters arising. She must be a self-identifying woman.'*
- 2) This definition of the role excludes non-binary people, who also experience misogyny and oppression on the basis of their gender.
- 3) Currently there is no provision for non-binary people in the JCSU Constitution or list of JCSU Officer responsibilities.
- 4) Current and past Women's Officers have included the representation of non-binary people in their work.
- 5) The definition lacks acknowledgement of the role of the Women's Officer in dealing with the problem of sexual assault and harassment in college.

The JCSU believes:

- 1) It is crucial that the JCSU recognises and represents undergraduates of all gender identities.
- 2) It would make sense for the responsibility to represent non-binary people to be included in the Women's Officer role description, given that representation of non-binary people has traditionally been assumed to be an important part of the role.
- 3) The role of Women's Officer should be opened up to non-binary people identify as having experienced misogyny.
- 4) It would be helpful for the role description to include a mandate for the Women's Officer to work towards ending sexual violence within college and to support survivors of assault and harassment.

The JCSU resolves:

- 1) To alter the current Standing orders of the Jesus College Students Union with respect to the role description of the Women's Officer to read:

The Women's Officer shall be responsible for representing women and non-binary people as a minority group within college, and promoting gender liberation throughout College, liaising with Fellows, college staff, and CUSU on all relevant issues and matters arising.

The Women's Officer shall also be responsible for ensuring that undergraduate survivors of sexual violence have recourse to support, in the form of the University-wide and College-wide policies, as well as provision for advice and counselling.

The Women's Officer must self-identify as a woman, or as a non-binary person, who has experienced misogyny.

Proposed by: Alex Rowe

Seconded by: Sophie O'Reilly

AR: Basically, this involves changes to the role description for Women's officer. I want it to include representation of self-defining non-binary people, who are not currently accounted for in JCSU Standing Orders. It makes it the responsibility of the Women's officer to protect the rights of non-binary people in College, and puts this in writing. It

also makes the role open to non-binary people who have experienced misogyny. Have spoken with the non-binary rep on the Women's Campaign and this is seen as being the best way to move forward. The change also gives a mandate to future Women's officers to lobby College for better protection for survivors of sexual violence, which has been defining feature of my time as Women's Officer. There is still so much work to be done in terms of provision for survivors. Will take years to reach the aim that we have now. Good idea to include it in writing in the Standing Orders.

MKS: On point identified in final line, how would it work in practical terms if a non-binary person has experienced misogyny?

AR: In terms of identifying non-binary, we need to stop gender policing and let people identify how they want to identify. Women's officer must have some understanding of impact of misogyny on individuals, important to have that clarified.

No points in opposition or abstention. Passes nem con. Will need to be passed at next OGM by 2/3 majority.

(e) Motion 5: Passing the JCSU Account Budget 2017/18

The JCSU notes:

- 1) The Budget for the JCSU Account for 2017/18 needs to be passed at an AGM for societies to receive their annual funding

The JCSU believes:

- 1) The JCSU Budget previously approved at the OGM on 3rd November 2017 is fit for purpose for 2017/18.

The JCSU resolves:

- 1) To present the Budget at an AGM for approval by the student body.

Proposed by: Kirsty McKnight

Seconded by: Katherine Boucher

KM: Now budgeted to have a balanced budget. Income of £54,000 from College. £50,000 pot of leftover money. Already quite large and cannot access it unless for large capital expenditure. Spending all that we do have, increasing JCSU reserves. Rest of £54,000 going to extra costs. Done my best to make sure every society gets what they wanted for this year.

VT: What happens if we do need that contingency?

KM: Have increased JCSU reserves from £700 to £1000. Common theme is that people don't spend the money that is allocated to them.

No points in opposition or abstention. Passes nem con.

4. Emergency motions

N/A

5. Any other business

KB: Open nominations for first ever JCSU Freshers Rep. Please send an email with the manifesto. Nominations are open until Sunday night. Provisionally set hustings for Monday evening with a vote on Tuesday.

VT: If anyone wants to be on the next Committee, positions open until Tuesday evening.

VT: Can send video if can't make hustings.

CR: President's speeches 5 minutes long, rather than the usual 2 minutes long.

The meeting closed at 20:05.