JCSU Committee Meeting

Sunday, 27.01.2019

Attendees

Sorcha Keenan, President Liv Wynne-Thomas, Vice-President Callum Hay-Montier, Treasurer Theo King, Secretary Adam Goldney, Ents Joe Jollans, Ents Priya Bryant, Female Welfare Jacob Dabb, Male Welfare Jen Atherton, LGBT+ Emma Loffhagen, Women's Jamie Brannigan, Access Nabil Haque, BME Zannah Lindley, Green Astrid Godfrey, Mental Health and Disabilities Annabel Paterson, Services Seial Karmarkar, Freshers Ivan Ivanov, International Low Chuen Leik, Communications

Agenda

New Business

- 1. Slack.
- 2. OGM.
- 3. Update from Treasurer.
- 4. Combined Jesus College Open Day and Offer Holders Event & expanding the ambassadors and mentoring scheme.
- 5. Welfare roles.

- 6. Divestment.
- 7. Feedback on meetings with domestic bursars and Geoff Parks.
- 8. Student Affairs Committee and CUSU Council update.
- 9. Rent.
- 10. Cambridge sleepout.
- 11. AOB
- 12. Better communications.

Minutes

Sorcha: OGM - this Friday at 6pm. Forums e.g. welfare in week for preparation. We need to be clued up on constitution before Friday. Check room is already booked. Astrid and Jen co-chair? Slack - most people have set up.

Astrid: Everyone join the channels, it seems to be working well so far.

Sorcha: Try to use this instead of FB group.

Callum: Had first meeting with Paul - special requests mean societies can have 10% extra funding. Need to go to finance office to sort out bop funding.

Sejal: Offer Holders Day - make it accessible to everyone e.g. pay for transport. May be difficult to do one in time as college v slow. Could be easier to combine with already scheduled Open Day. Ambassadors on JCSU Committee can get involved.

Jamie: Up to Access department - lots of Ambassadors this year and budget constraints.

Sejal: Paul spoke about getting more funding so we can be part of the Ambassadors scheme.

Jen: Welfare role - takeaway Male and Female names. First two of differing self-identifying genders are elected in. Also change LGBT to LGBT+welfare/liberation - two officers working as a team.

Sorcha: We have women/non-binary role for women's officer?

Priya: People don't understand non-binary identification - shouldn't be lumped in with women's.

Sorcha: Issue of democracy e.g. 5th most votes could be 2nd elected if all above them identify as male.

Joe: Shouldn't make a difference to the electoral process - just about the names.

Astrid: Having male and female as job title not necessary.

Sorcha: Just have two welfare officers unrelated to gender?

Jen: We would be first college to do this - our OGM is first, what we do will put out message to everyone else.

Priya: Emma is liberation role, I am welfare - this has worked well e.g. helping manage workload.

Zannah: Perhaps mental health and disabilities should also be separate roles?

Nabil: BME community smaller than LGBT, tight-knit group. Great communication with other BME officers and workload is manageable.

Jamie: Access workload is minimal - not many come with welfare-related issues.

Jen: Working on liberation e.g. gender-neutral toilets - people have come with welfare-related issues about this and potential conflict of interest.

Sorcha: Would take two OGMs to get this through. Having two welfare officers may be best course of action as people may get too confused otherwise, making it harder to push through.

Astrid: May need male on welfare team, especially if mental health officer female - men's mental health is so stigmatised.

Emma: Jen's first proposal is best - best way that people of two different genders get elected with the name change too.

Sorcha: If we are changing elections it may have to go through college council too - simplicity is key.

Zannah: Divestment - working group meeting on Friday. Her and Angus want to set up campaign in college. University will not bring up issue for next couple of years. Seems there are 10 people who could form working group. Wants to pass motion that says JCSU supports divesting - makes position with bursar stronger.

Jen: Voted down at OGM last year - it should pass through another OGM before we say we support it.

Zannah: Wants to make her role focus more on investment. (Agreement we support it).

Sorcha: Bursar will provide calendar of when Brewery Room free - still need to go through same booking procedure. He will get technicians to set up guide on how to use TV in JCR. In February the Brewery Room will be open 10.30-3 with sofas from JCR as social space (trial period - success based on how many people go). If works well, will be open in evenings as well. Wants us to liaise with staff in cafe to advertise events. Reminder to get Dean's permits for formal events. Spoke about KFC - wants it to be revised but Finance Office v busy rn with lack of staff - can looks at this in more depth in Michaelmas. Also on board with period products idea. Geoff Parks meeting - easier to go to him than Student Affairs.

Joe: Will sofas stay downstairs? (Yes, default setting).

Sorcha: SAC coming up - will give update on how things going e.g. Refreshers week. Her and Liv went to CUSU Council on Monday - poll beforehand worked well for mandated decisions.

Jen: Cats vote online - no OGMs - like the official voting procedure. Could massively increase participation.

Sorcha: Could raise as policy in OGM this Friday. Rent - bursar asked if rent raised by 2.5% in line with inflation (CPI). North Court rooms could be made as short tenancy in the future. Can't have choice because if staircase rented out they rent out the whole thing. Sleepout happening on Friday 1st March in Abbey Stadium - we could do it as Committee to raise money for homeless charities. Zannah happy to coordinate.

Zannah: Is also CHOP rep - they were talking about getting colleges to sign up for Streetbite shifts - JCSU can get involved in this as well as sleepouts. Put out poll this week to see is interested, easier to get sponsorship the more people we have.

Chuen: Met with Communications officers - they don't get much feedback. Put our phone numbers in group chats to help advertise events?

Jen: Could do Slack events channel? Also running life drawing event towards end of Feb could do in Coleridge Room? (Email Conference to book - say it's just for an 'art' class).

Sorcha: Geoff Parks said rainbow flag is fine to put up on tower.

Jen: Doing brunch swap with Pembrooke as part of that event.

Sorcha: Please bring people to OGM on Friday! Theo needs to send out motion template and publicise the event on FB.

Action Items

- Everyone submit motions for OGM by Thursday, encourage others to do the same.
- Everyone make sure Slack downloaded/set up on all devices.
- Astrid and Jen review constitution in preparation for co-chairing OGM on Friday.
- Callum (+Adam and Joe?) visit finance office to sort out bop funding.
- Zannah gauge availability for sleep out at Abbey Stadium on 1st March and for Streetbite volunteer shifts.
- Jen book Coleridge Room for life-drawing.
- Theo publicise OGM and send out motion template.

Next Meeting Agenda Items