



JCSU Executive Committee Meeting

May 11th 2023 The Bain room

Present (13): the President (Nicole Ling Yan Lee), the Vice-President (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the Secretary (John Jessop), the Male and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Tom Morgan), the Women's and Non-Binary officer (Helena Kondak), the Freshers officer (Lizzie Caird), the Freshers officer (Kieran Leete), the LGBTQ+ officer (Patryk Wisniewski), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities officer (Haajrah Ashraf), the Access officer (Stephen Fajemilusi), the Services officer (Jonathan Driver), the Communications and Computing officer (Dom Swift), the Undergraduate council representative (Issy Kaufman)

Apologies (7): the Treasurer (Krish Nanavati), the Female and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Orchid Amira Balgobin), the Mental Health and Disabilities officer (Alice Yu), the International officer (Songhwi Yoon), the Environmental and Ethical Affairs officer (Ezra Grosz), the Ents officer (Yuval Weiss), the Ents officer (Lyra Christie)

Absent (0):

Minutes

Meeting opened at 18:53

1.0 - Approval [of Draft Minutes](#)

The Committee **APPROVED** the draft minutes as the official record

2.0 - [Actions updates](#)

The Secretary

- **Nicole** On the vending machine I suggested to the domestic bursar that it could go in the back room in the library that's not the CamFM room. They said they would speak to Jenny Jenyon and hopefully they'll have it moved. We said our preference was the garden room, or training room, near KWOK.

3. Nicole's notices

The President

- **Nicole** I spoke to the domestic bursar about caf portion inconsistency, and a few other caf things, apparently it's mostly due to inexperienced staff. He also expressed some worry about 'suicide sunday' specifically the cardboard boat race on the cam, e we have to be careful about people having large piles of cardboard around because it's a fire hazard.

3.0 - Marking & Examination strikes

the Undergraduate council representative

- **Issy** Nicole Esther and I met with a fellow in the UCU and he said that when his students have mentioned the strikes they don't really know what it's all about and how it will actually affect them. Since 2010 academics pay has decreased 20% in real terms, and all the strikes in the past few years have been about bringing their pay up to where it was in real terms. The best offer they've had so far is a 5% pay increase which is just insulting. According to the fellow, most of them would settle for less than 20% at this point but they want a sensible offer. This action is the culmination of years of being ignored by the university and is the biggest action they can take and they are only willing to do it in extreme. The uni have threatened to deduct their pay by up to 100% so they just don't get paid at all.
- **Issy** They're planning a large protest march from Great St Marys to the Old Schools, and they would like as many students as are willing to join the march to add their voice, apparently the university doesn't really listen to the academics but they are scared of getting on the wrong side of the students. I've always supported the strikes, but I didn't know how dire the situation was, and they have seemed a bit directionless. Now knowing that the marking boycott is supposed to be the final blow, I'm trying to get people to understand more about it all so they can get involved.
- **Nicole** The strikes are also not just about pay, but also casualisation and gender and race pay gaps which are big issues. The messaging from the Uni is that it's cruel and anti student, and it's going to mess with our education, but at the end of the day our teaching is more affected by our lecturers and supervisors not being able to teach due to not being able to afford to live.
- **Issy** Pay here is equal across all unis even though academics at Cambridge have to do a lot more and the high cost of living in Cambridge
- **Esther** Academics also do a lot of out of hours work, which they aren't paid for like if they have dinners and often they stay in really late to get their work done, with no overtime pay.
- **Nicole** Please all encourage people to go to the information evening today
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4.0 - Caff/Formals

The Comms officer

- **Dom** For three days last week they closed the hall entirely to set up for formal whilst caf was happening, and caf started late. This caused a fair bit of chaos because there's just not enough space in the upper hall for everyone to eat up there.
- **Esther** Yeah I noticed that as well
- **Nicole** It was suggested that people who have complaints should put it in JNET themselves so the Manciple form can see the scale of the issue

5.0 - Long vacation storage

The Comms officer

- **Dom** I've recently been enquiring about storage over the long vacation and it seems like the storage space has been reduced, and that the storage rooms in North Court aren't being used.
- **Nicoel** There should be more space under chapel court where the wine cellars used to be now or soon
- **Jonathan** I'll talk to student rooms about it [\[AP\]](#)
- **Dom** Yeah thank you that'd be good

6.0 - Any Other Business [AOB]

Any business not raised before the meeting may be raised by an Officer under this agenda point for a lengthier discussion. Points raised during the meeting may also be deferred to this point by the Secretary or President.

Meeting closed at 19:15

Action List [AP]

1. Talk about storage rooms over the long vacation with student rooms (the Services Officer)