



JCSU Executive Committee Meeting

October 15th 2023 The Conference room

Present (11): the President (Nicole Ling Yan Lee), the Vice-President (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the Treasurer (Krish Nanavati), the Women's and Non-Binary officer (Helena Kondak), the Freshers officer (Kieran Leete), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities officer (Haajrah Ashraf), the Services officer (Jonathan Driver), the Communications and Computing officer (Dom Swift), the Mental Health and Disabilities officer (Alice Yu), the Access officer (Stephen Fajemilusi), the Ents officer (Lyra Christie).

Apologies (9): the Secretary (John Jessop), the Female and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Orchid Amira Balgobin), the Freshers officer (Lizzie Caird), the LGBTQ+ officer (Adam Fishlock), the Ents officer (Yuval Weiss), the Environmental and Ethical Affairs officer (Ezra Grosz), the International officer (Songhwi Yoon), the Male and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Tom Morgan), the Undergraduate council representative (Jezz Brown)

Absent (0):

Minutes

Meeting opened at 18:11

1.0 - Approval of

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

2.0 - Actions updates

The Secretary

- **Nicole** In terms of JCR updates, the lock for the Switch has been ordered, expected mid/late October to late November. Also a karaoke machine, the game monopoly deal and some posters. For decoration we are also looking at rugs.
- **Krish** I have created an open letter for Presidents and Captains to sign to request a bigger budget from College. Otherwise no updates for the budget.

3.0 - Kosher options at formal

The Mental health and Disability officer

- **Alice** Multiple people had no starter or dessert at matriculation dinner as well as no cutlery accessible to them as a result of dietary requirements that College didn't cater to. What can

College do? It's upsetting to sit through a meal without dessert as everybody around you does..

- **Esther** This was the same issue with halfway hall. The Manciple said it was too expensive and that the best balance was decent quality food but less courses. Should College's work together to have a bigger voice in this? This issue should be pressed more on College. Since we have a new chef he might be more receptive to improve.
- **Yuval** From a personal point of view Kosher can be tricky with restrictions so this is not necessarily College's fault
- **Esther** That might be true but College don't cook in house for kosher, they buy it pre packed and ship it in
- **Kieran** This should be funded, saying it's too expensive is not a good excuse from College.
- **Esther** On another note, the Manciple says that not all companies they procure meals from ship 3 courses. Again this isn't a good enough reason not to provide them.

4.0 - Brunch

The President

- **Nicole** Recently there's been a hubbub about the Brunch queues. Jo (Heaf of Front of House) is going on holiday for two weeks so there's a slight communication breakdown in the meantime. College says the main thing holding up the queue is the card machines, and encourage us to promote using Upay instead.
- **Haajrah** Historically there is bad cell reception in caff and this might lead to a card terminal taking so long to load.
- **Nicole** Unfortunately a 2nd card terminal isn't financially viable as College lose a higher proportion on card transactions versus Upay
- **Esther** Food is not for profit, this shouldn't be a hold up
- **Nicole** Another hold up is that some servers aren't well trained as there is a high turnover in new staff. To help this we could investigate bringing back self serve.

5.0 - Staffing issues from Domestic Bursar Stuart

The Vice-President

- **Esther** In an impromptu meeting with the Domestic Bursar Stuart he told me about the staffing issues College is currently faced and sought helpful ideas and feedback on them. There is a shortage of staff from 6th formers, he wondered if we could use ARU students (like other colleges). Stuart and other Domestic Bursars are trying to set up a student staff swapping system for working for other Colleges so that you could work but aren't serving your peers. Currently he's also looking at reducing formal nights from 5 to 4 days a week to

reduce staffing demand. With how formal attendance varies, there isn't a consistent day which is less free so there is no obvious day to cut. Attendance varies throughout the year and term as workload and such varies. He has suggested a day of more casual dress formal with self serve so that we could still have as many formal days but reduce staffing demand.

- **Helena** Churchill College also does this
- **Kieran** Presentation of food doesn't look as nice this way and this ruins the effect a little.
- **Nicole** What about opening formal bookings earlier so they can know in advance whether there is demand?
- **Esther** Yes but with the caveat of maybe cancelling a few days in advance without enough bookings so that staff demand can be managed
- **Esther** Stuart also suggested a theme night instead i.e no gown
- **Lyra** Caius do regular clothes and gowns formals so this would not be irregular
- **Esther** Maybe caff could run longer instead of a formal that evening
- **Nicole** Postgrads serve instead like they work in Jbar? This would work because they generally have more free time than undergrads? Too many willing to work at JBar so this is maybe a solution to that?
- **Esther** Some postgrads might have issues with this as a form of work
- **Nicole** College swaps is not an ideal solution
- **Lyra** Maybe an expression of interest form to get ideas for this to gauge student interest would be best
- **Esther** This is a potential access issue.
- **Nicole** If the food was better at formals people would be more willing to go and there wouldn't be such a shortage of people to go (and therefore an oversubscription of staff each evening)
- **Kieran** I don't agree with this, formal food is generally good quality.
- **Nicole**: On another note, Caff is generally poor quality and small portion sizes for too much money. This is something we can talk to College about.

6.0 - JBar Updates

The Fresher's Office (Kieran)

- **Kieran** Bar Manager Danny is very keen for improvements in Jbar, he wants JCSU and student opinions to take to Jesus.
- **Yuval** The idea of a glowing Jesus Bird themed decoration costs £900. If we go splits on it with College this could go on the Ents budget as there is some left.
- **Kieran** Danny has suggested Jesus Cocktail would be a good one to interest people maybe? Currently, bar prices are too expensive and that drives people away.
- **Lyra** Just yesterday people from Queens here for the swap left because of this
- **Kieran** It's a quality issue according to Danny, in that cutting cost will lead to cutting quality.
- **Esther** College compare JBar prices to other bars and not to other College bars which would be a fairer comparison.
- **Kieran** I will speak to Domestic Bursar about this.
- **Krish** Darwin does a promotion of £1 pints on Mondays to drive up student attendance.
- **Dom** Putting sports fixtures such as football and rugby in JBar and ran by JBar would be best to increase students coming to the bar .

- **Nicole** Always playing sport will eliminate the need for party permits on behalf of any individual student which is off putting for running events.
- **Lyra** Having the rugby on at the last bop helped with the atmosphere in the bar.
- **Yuval** The current plan is that the neon rooster sign will go there so this might not be an ideal solution

7.0 - Nicole's Notices

The President

- **Nicole** I've had a message from someone in a Malcolm Street house that hot water is only on between 7-10am and 5-9pm
- **Krish** There are also leaks in house rooms as well as shelves falling down. One of my friends' ceiling is falling down in their room.
- **Nicole:** Is this heating issue across all the houses? Anecdotally it is maybe not the case across the board but this is info from the porters.
- **Krish** Yes it doesn't seem to be universal regarding the hot water.
- **Alice** Sometimes hot water in North Court is variable in the middle of using it.
- **Nicole** Housing heating was mentioned in the rent negotiations and regulated to only turn on when needed. There are new smart systems in North Court to log times in and out so that heating doesn't have to be on at all times.
- **Esther** College need to be more clear on what they're doing with it so that students aren't left in the middle without access to hot water unexpectedly.

8.0 - 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.

- **Jonathan** Do we have a better idea for when the gym will open?
- **Dom** Domestic Bursar Stuart has said there was a steel supply issue that lead to a delay in starting construction. There is nothing we can do to fastrack this, it's the nature of projects like this.
- **Nicole** Would someone be able to speak to Tom about a Week 5 blues formal for Welfare?
- **Haajrah** I will do

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Action List [AP]

Haajrah to speak to Head Chef and Manciple regarding Kosher options

Jonathan to speak to the Manciple about brunch queues

Kieran speaks to Domestic Bursar about bar prices

Nicole speaks to Stuart regarding lack of hot water.

Need to make themed formal term card.