



JCSU Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

Held on 24th February 2024, after the OGM, in the Coleridge Room.

Present

Adi Mishra, AM (President)
Kieran Leete, KL (Vice-President)
Dom Swift, DS (Treasurer)
Anna Putland, AP (Secretary)
George Dickenson, GD (Comms Officer)
Devavrat Verma, DV (International Officer)
Becca Juman, RJ (Ents Officer)
Sarah Marsh, SM (LGBTQ+ Officer)
Belle Richmond, BR (Female and Non-Binary Welfare Officer)
Sean Dimmock, SD (Male and Non-Binary Welfare Officer)
George Thomson (Mental Health and Disabilities Officer)
Edith Stewart, ES (Environmental and Ethical Affairs Officer)
Ewan Cornwall, EC (Freshers' Officer)
Muzammal Mushtaq, MM (Access Officer)
Leah Neves Gomes, LNG (Services Officer)
Abena Appiah, AA (Ents Officer)

Absent

Jenni Buss, JB (Freshers' Officer)
Shams Ullah, SU (Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer)
Tara Buxton, TB (Women's and Non-Binary Officer)

Quick Summary

- The Committee discussed:
 - the recent introduction plastic sandwich packaging in the Roost
 - the desirability of introducing a gown resale policy
- The Committee voted to:
 - disaffiliate Miniature Painting Society
 - disaffiliate Cheese and Wine Society
 - disaffiliate Yoga Society

Meeting opened at: 18: 37

Administrative Matters

75.0. Apologies

JB, TB, SU.

76.0 Progress on action points

<u>Action</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>
AP 2.4	<p>Create a timetable detailing the sporting events due to be streamed from J-Bar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — AM asked BJ & AA to finalise a list and circulate it to college members. He noted that if the events being streamed aren't publicised, then it is unlikely people will attend. — KL agreed and asked BJ & AA to create an Instagram post for the main JCSU account. — AA shared that she and BJ had created a draft post for Instagram, however they still needed to send this to the Bar Manager. AM suggested that they take this to him in person. 	AA & BJ
AP 18.1	<p>Further investigate the online budget viewing platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DS said that he was due to speak to a friend about this, and would report back. 	DS & GD
AP 27.4	<p>Start a document to keep track of what you have done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing 	All Committee Members
AP 36.1	<p>Speak to the Domestic Bursar about the feasibility of creating a separate opt-in link on JNet which displays the nutritional information of Caff meals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AM said he would do this next time he spoke to the Domestic Bursar. - AM said that he had spoken with the Domestic Bursar who had promised to look into it. - AM said that he would follow this up on Monday 26/02. 	AM
AP 45.1	<p>Follow up on the possible implementation of 'do not disturb' signs throughout college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — LNG said that she had spoken to the Domestic Bursar, however he had recommended that she contact Tutorial about the signs. She said she would do this and report back. — LNG said that she was yet to hear back, and would visit Tutorial in person. - This policy has been implemented. 	LNG
AP 49.1	<p>Think about reforming the JCSU Constitutional practices, and investigate other forms of democracy used in organisations similar to the JCSU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing 	AP
AP 53.1	<p>Investigate purchasing reusable bottle anti-spiking lids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing 	TB
AP 54.1	<p>Talk to the Manciple about changing the default option at formals from butter to olive oil and balsamic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ES said that she had emailed the Manciple twice and was waiting for him to reply. - AM said that this was not a priority. Given the Manciple was very busy, he advised ES to hold off. 	ES

AP 70.1	Organise the OGM for Saturday 24th February. - Completed	AP
AP 71.1	Implement the proposed action plan. - Completed	AM
AP 73.1	Consider the main points discussed at the Health and Safety Committee. Report back to the JCSU with recommendations. - AM said that he would arrange a Welfare Committee Meeting for next week where this would be discussed.	JCSU Officers with Welfare Responsibilities
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President

77.0 Check in

- Over the past few weeks, AM acknowledged that the Committee had been busy ‘putting out fires’, and therefore hadn’t been focused on what policies they wanted to promote. He thought that, going forwards, it was important for Committee members to take stock.
- (1) AM asked everyone to find a policy (big or small) which related to their JCSU responsibilities, and would benefit students. He explained that if in a more student-facing role, this could be a special event; if in a more policy-orientated role, this could be an internal JCSU or College issue in need of changing. ([AP 77.1](#))
- (2) AM said that he thought it was a good time for him to hold another round of one-on-one meetings with Committee members to discuss anything that they wished to.

78.0 Update on licensing/tenancy policy

- AM, after discussions with the Tutorial Manager, Services Officer and Treasurer clarified the Tutorial Department’s policy towards switching licences. He explained that second years were not able to change their licence agreement since it was technically possible for all second years to choose standard licence accommodation (though it might mean splitting up groups). First years, on the other hand, have been allowed to switch to a standard licence agreement. He added that the Tutorial Department will exercise their discretion with this, but it is expected that those towards the bottom of the ballot who are ‘forced’ into long-licence housing will be allowed to switch.
- The Tutorial Department says that this application of the discretionary policy remains unchanged from previous years.
- AM acknowledged that though it was reassuring that no student would be ‘forced’ into long-licence housing, there was still a restriction in choice, detrimental to students during a cost of living crisis. At a future meeting, it will be necessary to discuss how we might want to change things; after this a paper could be taken to the Student Affairs Committee.

Treasurer

79.0 Gown Resale

- DS said that the JCSU currently holds a few dozen undergraduate formal gowns in the JCR office, and that the MCR has offered to sell the JCSU a few more that they have acquired.
- He said that he thought it would be worthwhile investigating selling this stock back to the undergraduate population (particularly to incoming first years each year) as it would provide a cheaper alternative to those offered by College. He added that he thought the JCSU should consider expanding to a buyback scheme whereby existing students who no longer want their gowns are able to sell them back to the JCSU.
- AM was sceptical about implementation. Where both were being sold in separate sections on freshers' arrival day it may be unfair to visibly separate students into those who purchase second hand and those who purchase brand new gowns.
- KL was also concerned that the quality of the second-hand gowns was poor.
- AM said that it was good to have opened the discussion, but it didn't need to be closed yet. He asked DS to investigate the condition of the gowns and separate the better quality ones.
([AP 79.1](#))

Services Officer

80.0 Disaffiliation of Inactive Clubs and Societies

- LNG said that it appeared neither the Cheese and Wine Society nor the Yoga Society were active. She explained that she had tried to track them down through various means, but hadn't heard anything back. She said that it was the Committee's decision whether they should be disaffiliated.
- DS added that Miniature Painting Society could also be disaffiliated – it was budgeted for £75 which it did not intend to use.
- AM thought that it would be cleaner for these 3 societies to be disaffiliated.
- Given that they had no President or Treasurer, GD pointed out that if anyone wished to restart these societies, there would be no official handover or continuity anyway.
- LNG agreed. She highlighted that if they didn't produce a handover form, they would not be on the list of societies anyway.
- The Committee **voted** and **DISAFFILIATED** Miniature Painting Society **unanimously**.
- The Committee **voted** and **DISAFFILIATED** Cheese and Wine Society. (15 voted in favour of disaffiliation, 1 voted against)
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Green Officer

81.0 Plastic Packaging in the Roost

- ES said that it had recently come to her attention that the Roost Cafe has started to sell sandwiches in plastic packaging. She was unsure why this change had been made.
- AM explained that the Breakfast Chef in West Court previously made the Roost sandwiches. However, due to staff shortages, sandwiches were now being bought externally. He said that it would not be feasible to return to how things were previously done.
- BR said that her old school outsourced food, and had used plant-based biodegradable packaging.
- AM said that he was happy to speak with the Domestic Bursar to see if there is a possibility of using alternative packaging. ([AP 81.1](#))

82.0 Any Other Business [AOB]

- ES asked why Jesus College societies weren't being reposted on the JCSU Instagram page. GD said that he didn't see why this should be an issue, and would investigate joint posts.
- LNG thought that this may place too great a burden on GD.
- AM said, instead, that giving members access to the Instagram account was a better option. He thought that this would help make the JCSU Instagram page more active.
- DS suggested that the Committee should start to use the JCSU Instagram page more informally with the aim of boosting student engagement. AM said that he would discuss this further with GD and report back. ([AP 82.1](#))
- SM asked whether she would be able to do a post at the end of the Month along the lines of 'come with me to raise the Pride flag'. The Committee thought that this was a good idea.

Meeting closed at: 19:03

Action Points

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AP 82.0	Discuss ways to increase usage of the JCSU Instagram page & feed back to the Committee.	AM & GD
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