JCSU Committee Meeting

Sunday, 20.01.2019

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
Sejal Karmarkar, Freshers
Ivan Ivanov, International
Low Chuen Leik, Communications

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Reminder about JCSU bonding session.
2. Feedback on FNJ and JCSU Instagram.
3. Centralisation of club ticket sales.

New Business

4. Role of JCSU in promoting voter registration.
5. Reform of JCSU constitution.
7. Provision of period products.
8. Equality and Diversity Committee (+prevent).
9. OGM.
11. Changing to slack-general communication.

**Minutes**

Sorcha: Everyone looked at agenda? (Yes)
Jen: What is role of Insta account? (Concerned about anonymity).
Sorcha: Hardly used last year - underused and shows that we are actually holding events. Put pics on JCSU chat.
Astrid: Friends concerned about what FNJ supposed to be?
Sejal: Everyone loved it.
Callum: Need to make clear about what events are happening (change each week).
Joe: Name is about advertising and branding.
Sorcha: Hard to book same event in college every week - need non-alcoholic focused events. Club ticket sales - Ents officers at other colleges post google doc at set time every week. Can't have it that members save tickets for their friends. Adam, Joe and Sejal coordinate.
Jen: Circle payment might be easiest way to go.
Sorcha: Policy could be put through OGM meeting?
Callum: Try to get James Burgess to hand over Cindies duties.
Liv: Spreadsheet needs to be name change proof.
Adam: Google form avoids this.
Sorcha: Received email about encouraging students to vote. Suggestion was door to door volunteers attempt to register voters - done at Ruskin. Or he visits college for drop in
session for registration. Controversial issue students can register in town where they don’t live - JCSU shouldn’t be too involved with political issues.

Astrid: Problematic.

Priya: Asking people to vote is not same as telling them who to vote for.

Adam: Flyers in pigeons instead.

Callum: Don’t think we should be allowed to vote here.

Joe: About education, not telling people what to do - their decision.

Sorcha: Thinks flyers good idea.

Liv: We can’t be completely apolitical.

Priya: Council affects us, regardless of how long we live here for.

Nabil: We don’t know nuances of the system and need to inform everyone about them.

Sorcha: Door to door out (unanimous).

Zannah: Drop in good idea - people will just ignore flyers.

Liv: Shifts responsibility away from us.

Callum: Flyers would be useful as well (gets people to look at them) - people won’t go to the session.

Sorcha: Put it in the bulletin?

Jen: Is bulletin meant to be about general advertising? (yes, not JCSU endorsed).

Liv: Need to fill out form about CUSU votes on striking.

Sorcha: Time for 5 year constitution review. Set up working party to properly review it. We should go through it and find any areas we want to adjust. (Jen and Nabil want their roles’ names changed). Good to know the constitution in preparation for OGMs and AGMs. College Council, law fellows etc need to approve changes - disengages people from JCSU’s work. Her, Liv, Callum and Theo on review committee as roles defined in constitution. Astrid also wants to be involved.

Callum: How long is it?

Sorcha: Theo has template agenda.

Emma: Women’s day formal - 8th March. College have said yes but cannot publicise on Upay. Get people to share link to make it clear.

Sorcha: Use JCSU Freshers group to invite people to events.

Emma: Provision of period products - comes out of her small budget atm. Paul wants college to pay for it too. Could spending come out of reserves in meantime?
Callum: Could come out of JCR fund? Needs to ask Paul. could also move some cash from feminist society.

Sorcha: Can we put some in library as well as JCR? College will probs be willing to pay, can bring it up in Student Affairs.

Zannah: Paul says some of her spending could come out of JCSU contingency. Limit of £30 per person for reimbursements? Difficult to gauge demand at this point. Anonymous payment (account number etc) preferred.

Callum: Seeing Paul on Tuesday and can bring this up. (Can discuss next Sunday).

Sorcha: New Equality and Diversity Committee set up - related to Equality Act. We need to decide someone to be on Committee.

Nabil: He and Jamie could get involved - planning BME open day.

Jen: Picking LGBT, women's etc looks like we are favouring particular groups.

Sorcha: Access officer would be best (agreement). OGM - poorly attended in the past (committee members having to leave) - need people to show up for mandated decisions. Issue is Tash has sent the budget. Free water bottles and coffee cups?

Joe: Priority on club tickets if you attend?

Ivan: Sell club tickets at OGM.

Jen: We shouldn't use club tickets as incentive. Brunch OGM?

Adam: Maybe on a Friday before FNJ? 1st Feb? (silent disco).

Zannah: We don't want people turning up drunk.

Sorcha: Set up of meetings makes them inaccessible - hard to get things done. Freshers could be intimidated in raising motions.

Liv: Could help people write motions.

Sorcha: Need one soon to get through our good ideas - formal so we can pass policy.

Nabil: Pre-meetings for him, Jen etc beforehand with certain people so they feel more comfortable raising ideas.

Sorcha: Dates? Friday 5 or 6? 1st Feb (agreement).

Jen: Can you come halfway through (difficult as hard to tell how long motions will take).

Sorcha: Prevent - last year committee abstained from prevent training.

Nabil: It is counter-terrorism programme - public sector workers must warn of perceived radicalisation. Heavily targeted at Muslims - 0.39% are classified as extremists. Institutional racism for students - issues like talking about Palestine in supervisions. Omar did not do
online prevent training (also signed letter against it in 2018). CUSU have openly said they are against it. Of the opinion it is nonsense and we shouldn’t do it.

Astrid: At CUSU Conference, suggested they want JCRs to coordinate and be actively opposed to prevent (by signing letter).

Sorcha: Can discuss at OGMs.

Ivan: Not many people know what it is - need to inform them before they vote on it.

Astrid: Most colleges are opposed - info has to be given out by law.

Sorcha: Creation of Jesus Varsity Society - easier to get money for it if own budget. People who couldn’t afford to go will be able to. (No objections). Change to slack communication? (App for streamlined communication with lots of channels). Ed didn't like using it.

Liv: Facebook can be a bit bombarding.

Priya: From experience slack is v good - stuff gets lost on our chat.

Sorcha: Everyone download it this week for phone/laptop.

Chuen: Can release guide.

Sorcha: Balloting - on day a few committee members need to be in balloting room (can be very stressful day).

Annabel: Will do Doodle poll about availability. Will also publish quick guide to the ballot this week.

Sorcha: Need welfare support at time of balloting. Easier to have conversations when people have chosen their rooms.

Chuen: IT issues with email - forwarding, receiving etc. We are in process of upgrading system. Let him know if any issues. Don’t have to use Thunderbird.

Priya: Welfare budget - who does it cover? They need some more money/ could they split up the budget by role?

Sorcha: There’s a lot of money - don’t worry too much about overspending. Her and Callum are in control of next budget.

Liv: Issue of big spending (£250+) - we should be able to talk about it.

Adam: Silent Disco will cost £310. Does he have access to money made from ticket sales?

Sorcha: We may need to charge people £1 for it.

Callum: Budget is more of a guideline.
**Action Items**

- Sorcha - get back to vote registration enquirer saying we are ok with flyers and potential drop-in visit but not door visits.
- Liv - Doodle poll for JCSU bonding times.
- Callum - talk to Paul about whether provision of period products can come out of JCR fund, possible rethink of distribution of welfare budget.
- Annabel - Doodle poll about availability on ballot day.
- Chuen - release guide on setting up Slack.
- Sorcha, Liv, Callum, Astrid, Theo - review JCSU constitution.
- EVERYONE - set up Slack on phone and laptop ASAP.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Combined Jesus College Open Day and Offer Holders Event & expanding the ambassadors and mentoring scheme

Welfare Roles, life drawing

SK: Slack, Meeting with Domestic Bursar, Rent, Meeting with Geoff Parks, Student Affairs Committee, CUSU Council update, OGM, Cambridge Sleepout

Treasurer update

Divestment