

Minutes- Executive Meeting, 18th February 2013

Present

President- Cameron Brooks (CB)

Vice-President- Tim Kitching (TK)

Treasurer – Ryo Harada (RH)

Secretary – James Davey (JD)

Services Officer – Kieran Wilson (KW)

Communications Officer – Adam Smith (AS)

Access Officer – Billy Haslam (BH)

Male Welfare Officer – Lloyd Hilton (LH)

Female Welfare Officer – Sarah Gales (SG)

Green Officer – Matt Williams (MW)

Disabilities and Mental Health Officer – Katie Heath (KH)

International and Racial Equalities Officer – Jantien Van Renterghem (JVR)

LGBT Officer – Alistair Bolger (AB)

Apologies for Absences

Ents Officers – Johnny Staunton Sykes (JSS) and Oli Shale (OS)

Meeting Starts

President

CB: Attended the Student Affairs Committee, at which two particular issues were raised: the results of the mental health provisions survey and room pricing for the upcoming ballot.

SG: Having viewed the results of the mental health provisions survey, the College Council favours the appointment of a college counsellor. However, they envisage a system in which Tutorial Advisers remain the first point of contact and refer students to the college counsellor, whereas SG would rather have a college counsellor acting in a similar way to the college nurse, keeping regular office hours.

KH: Agrees that by retaining the Tutorial Advisers as the first point of contact the problem of people feeling uncomfortable discussing personal issues with Tutorial Advisers remains.

RH: Asks why the college is favouring this model.

SG: It would be cheaper, and at the University Counselling Service it often proves difficult to get an appointment.

BH: Asks what the difference is between discussing personal issues with a Tutorial Adviser and a college counsellor.

TK: The college counsellor at least wouldn't be a fellow who a student is likely to see walking around Jesus College.

KH: This problem wouldn't be as significant if students retained one Tutorial Adviser throughout their degree.

KW: However, the pool of Tutorial Advisers used at Jesus does at least allow for greater choice, and you can request to just see one particular adviser.

CB: Prompts KW to move onto the second issue raised at the Student Affairs Committee.

KW: Revised rents for next year have been passed, and an email sent to college to inform people. Last year the JCSU conceded its jurisdiction over setting rents on accommodation in exchange for the promise of each room having an individual price, but this has not happened. Instead standard tenancies in external housing have been made cheaper, but the cost of long tenancies and in-college accommodation has increased. This is not, therefore, seen as a conclusion to the JCSU's attempts to address problems in the system of rents and accommodation, but as a stepping-stone to a better system.

KH: Asks what has happened with the rooms in Chapel Court, the prices of which this year did not reflect the variations in their size and quality.

KW: The smaller rooms have been moved to a lower pricing band, so that the situation is no longer unreasonable, but is still far from ideal. Any room under twelve square metres in area is now in Band D, while over twelve square metres is Band E.

Vice President:

TK: Halfway Hall was a big success, offers his thanks to KH for taking photographs, AB and SG for fire stewarding and helping with the clean-up, and KH and CB for helping set up. With Halfway Hall over, TK's primary responsibility is to act as Returning Officer for the CUSU elections. The JCSU will need to man a voting box on a day in the week beginning 4th March.

CB: While he remembers, mentions that an OGM needs to be organised, and proposes the date of the 3rd March.

Treasurer:

CB: RH will have to compile a report detailing the new, redefined role of the treasurer for the Student Affairs Committee, and his new responsibilities might require an amendment to the constitution.

RH: Needs to pay college for Halfway Hall.

Secretary:

JD: Was going to bring up the issue of an OGM, but since CB has recommended a date, JD will look into booking the Coleridge Room for that date.

Communications:

AS: Nothing to report.

Access:

BH: Is U-turning over his idea of a weekly access bulletin, as there isn't really enough to put in it for it to be worthwhile. Still planning on setting up an alternative prospectus committee 'soon'.

CB: There is an Outreach meeting on Thursday (21st February), so it would be helpful if the committee had been set up by then.

BH: Improving the JCSU website should be an immediate priority, in its current state it is detrimental to access work.

Green:

MW: Jesus doing better in the Switch-Off table, but its position can be improved if more people took the very short quiz sent around by email. Now that the survey results have come in he can email the Senior Bursar about his flagship food bin policy and improving recycling in Malcolm Street with some statistics to back him up.

Welfare:

LH: A welfare mailing list has been set up, with the new Peer 2 Peer officers added to it. There is a lunch with these officers tomorrow (Tuesday 19th February).

CB: The choir is planning on a charitable cake sale on the 27th February to raise funds for their trip to India.

KH: Questions the extent to which this holiday funding can be described as charity.

CB: Qualifies that the college pays for the choir's trip, while the money raised at the cake sale will go to verifiably good and charitable causes in India.

SG: Mental Health Week had a successful launch night. The idea of renting a bouncy castle in exam term was raised at the Student Affairs Committee.

KW: Had assumed they were joking.

RH: Asks if CB can remember the approximate cost of the bouncy castle hired the previous Suicide Sunday.

CB: Ventures a figure of around £500.

KH: Declares her support for a welfare bouncy castle in exam term.

SG: Causes brief panic by announcing that brunch is to be cancelled in the near future, only to qualify that actually it is being moved to the Sunday on two weekends because of graduate events taking place in the hall on the Saturday.

Disabilities and Mental Health:

KH: Nothing of note.

International and Racial Equalities:

JVR: Ran an international film night the Friday before last. Five people attended. She would prefer in the future to hold film nights in K10, as demand for use of the Marshall Room is quite high on Friday nights. International swap took place last week, and there is a swap with Corpus this coming Sunday.

LGBT

AB: Swap at Robinson tomorrow (Tuesday 19th February), nine people attending.

TK: Adds that nominations for the CUSU elections open next Monday, and that hustings will be taking place in Jesus Bar on a night of the week beginning the 4th March.

KW: Reminds the JCSU that the room ballot for current second- and third-years takes place on Thursday (21st February).