

JCSU COMMITTEE 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the JCSU Committee held at 18:00 on 15/02/18 in the Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: the President (Edward Parker-Humphreys), the Vice-President (Toby Twentyman), the Treasurer (Hena McGhee), the Secretary (Natasha Pearson), the Green Officer (Ali Golby), the Ents Officers (Callum Moran and Nina Luckmann), the Women's Officer (Holly Scott), the Welfare Officers (Abby Watson and Joe Smallman), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Maisie Keany-Frost), the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell), the Freshers Officer (Jess Tucker) and the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Omar Helmy).

Absent: the Services Officer (Sofia Clini), the Communications Officer (Fadle Arouna), the International Officer (Rica Lee), the Access Officer (David Adeboye)

Committee reports of actions since last meeting:

EPH: Halal fridge and freezer issue resolved. Discussions on Prevent training. Meetings regarding rent – unsuccessful in lobbying bursar.

TT: Halfway Hall. Stash.

HM: Paying expenses.

NP: Meetings and bar quizzes.

AG: Aiming for gold and platinum award. Has met with various members of college to discuss this.

CM/NL: Halfway hall bop.

HS: meeting about provision for sexual assault. Progress with harassment policy for staff and students.

AW/JS: Welfare cake. Drop-ins and messaging service. Sexual health working group. Events for Wellness Week.

MF: mental health drop in with tori. Compiling page of learning resources to go on jnet.

HB: Queertines. LGBT+ month events and badges.

JT: Got offer-holders email draft to Jenny. Written law subject guide which will go out as example to other freshers to get them to write similar.

OH: halal fridge and freezer issue. Prevent meeting.

1. Matters arising

(a) Prison Writing Project

- EPH: received email to see if JCSU can support this initiative. Wants college to commit financially and wants us on side. Until now there was some funding but on ad hoc basis. They basically want JCSU on board for more permanent support. Maisie knows more about this...
- MF: Scheme through institute of criminology. Courses with half cam students half prisoners. Several hours of learning together in the prison. Writing together is a creative writing branch of this. Currently only advertised to English students, now planning more permanent and ongoing thing.
- EPH: seems like a good thing. They want us on side to promote it and help get people involved.

(b) Text-a-tea

- AW: when I went to welfare forum at CUSU she was recommended this by Pembroke welfare officer. Idea is that welfare team will advertise when they are available in the week, and people can message you and you decide where to meet on their terms. Would anyone else like to get involved with it? E.g. David, Holly...
- MF: would be useful to have a budget for this
- AW: this can come out of welfare budget.

(c) Women's hour and related issues

- HS: at start of term there was a group of people who kept using gym in women's hour who weren't SI women. Received lots of complaints from different people. Became quite an issue, Geoff Parks sent email specifying disciplinary procedure for violating terms. Wider conversation has come out of this about a toxic masculinity in college and certain groups of people who are quite intimidating. So we need a signal to college community that this isn't ok but in an informal way. Don't want to relate this explicitly to the gym, just make it clear that JCSU does not find it acceptable. Not sure how to go about this.
- EPH: one idea for this might be having a workshop similar to the consent workshop. I completely agree that this is an issue, but also an issue that is limited to a minority of people. We don't want to sour the atmosphere in college, but want to ensure that the attitude doesn't spread. Mostly need a signal that it is on the agenda, and that people are included in the conversation.
- JT: think giving information would be useful.
- AW: lots of people aren't aware that it is a problem, so making a statement is important.
- HS: you don't want people to think they are being accused and get defensive. Workshops should not discuss 'toxic masculinity' as such but rather broader questions of gender.
- MF: this workshop could also encompass questions of access etc to avoid it becoming an issue of gender
- EPH: general workshop on issues in Cambridge.
- AW: could be useful to collaborate with MCR who also use shared spaces such as gym
- HS: ultimate aim is to be self-reflective and aware. Need to think about structure that this will take. Talking to CUSU will be useful.
- MF: positive that sexual consent workshops are run by older years, to show that people in college care. Should do the same
- CM: a lot of the issues come from people thinking they are being accused of stuff. So going forward we need to show that it is just making it clear our approach rather than being accusatory.
- EPH: worth communicating that when people encounter these things they should report it right away. i.e. in gym they should go straight to porters. Will continue to look at this over next couple of months.

(d) Prevent Training

- EPH: attended Prevent meeting and said that it should be formally taken off the training plan. College said that now it is on the agenda it would look bad to take it off. But actually they are not going to make us to do it. Ed will not request that we do it, and there is no legal requirement. As students it is not our job to monitor radicalism. So we won't do it but Ed and Omar will also work to check

(e) Sports Pitches

- NP: Simon Hawkey has prevented the lacrosse team from playing on the hockey pitch as he is worried it will break bar windows. Paul continues to prevent lacrosse from playing on rugby pitch or football pitch as it ruins the ground. Lacrosse therefore often left with nowhere to play. Please can EPH bring this up at student affairs committee to find a permanent solution. Basically what we need is to convince Simon Hawkey that there is no chance of it breaking bar windows.
- EPH: Richard Dennis has always been very keen that sports be played on the hockey pitch when I spoke to him. Also what happened with the missing goal?

- NP: Paid from the lacrosse budget but now no lacrosse have no budget left for other expenses. Could it come out of JCSU reserves?
- HM: Will talk to Richard Dennis.

(f) JCSU Punt

- EPH: MCR have a punt that members can take out. We could do the same.
- HS: where would it live?
- EPH: I don't know. Would anyone be willing to look into the feasibility of this?
- TT: could by college subscription to Granta rats. It is £50 subscription. So we could get 3 subscriptions or so.
- HS: this would be better as think about maintenance of owning a punt. How would it work? Having a sign-up form?
- TT: would all be filled out through the Granta rats.
- EPH: TT please work out the specifics of this.
- TT: Ok.

2. Any other business

(a) Halfway Hall

- EPH: invitations have been printed – please can people help put them in pidges? Also please remind people it is black tie. Bop after in brewery room – is this all under control?
- NL: Yes all fine.
- EPH: We have a snapchat filter for the night!

(b) JCSU social

- Potentially Tuesday 6th March bowling

(c) Team use of gyms

- JT: Could we have use of a spreadsheet for teams to indicate when they will be there so people can check if it will be busy.
- EPH: Speak to gym rep about this.

(d) JCR cleanliness

- AW: it is often left in a very bad state. Make it clear to people that they need to clean up
- EPH: I will include this in my next President's bulletin.

EPH thanked the members of the Committee for a very helpful and successful meeting.

The meeting closed at 18:55