JCSU OGM, Friday 1st February, 18 00, Brewery Room

MINUTES

1. Executive reports of actions since last OGM

Sorcha: Met Master, Bursar, Manciple on number of occasions – chatted about aims for committee. Helped set up freshers' week, promoting Brewery Room use. Attended college and CUSU councils.

Liv: Been working on Halfway Hall, Stash catalogue, CUSU issues.

Callum: Starting rebates, meeting with finance office to sort out bop funding.

Joe and Adam: FNJ! Silent Disco will be fun, looking to increase social media presence.

Nabil: 3rd space last week (600 people at art exhibition). Fortnightly meetups with BME community in Jesus.

Jacob and Priya: Mental health and first aid training, welfare cake events, meeting with Paul Dominiak.

Emma: Organising International Women's Day formal and events in that week, speakers etc. Working with Jen to get gender neutral toilets, positive meeting with Domestic Bursar.

Zannah: Working to restructure environmental committee, working on provision of period products (environmental), running events, workshops. Divestment movement getting going with Angus' help.

Ivan: Working with Sejal on talking to international students about getting accommodation etc earlier. Organised swap for Bulgarian Society in Jesus. Spoke with Christ's officer about swaps at end of term.

Jen: Had meeting about bathrooms (went well). Working with MCR officer on diversity training in staff members, also met Geoff about this. Flew flag today, LGBT formal sorted.

Sejal: Refreshers week at start of term. Trying to do more intercollegiate events. Looking to update subject guides from last year based on feedback.

Astrid: Had training for bereavement support group, Campaign for living miserably. Running activities in JCR – general welfare.

2. Members' questions to the Executive

N/A

3. Ordinary Motions

(a) Motion Requiring the Access Officer to be part of the Jambassadors Scheme

Ed: Proposes – done by David (previous Access officer). In future they should be part of Jambassadors scheme – often the case anyway.

Sorcha: Any questions? Any opposition? (No) Passes! Will go into constitution.

(b) Motion Proposing Change in Titles of Welfare Officers

Jen: Gender specific currently – renaming would create clarity you can go for either role. CUSU LGBT+ survey saw 4 Jesuans not identify as cisgender. Non-binary currently forced towards binary role. Have two welfare officers, if first two elected of same gender, 3rd welfare officer of different self-defining gender is simultaneously elected.

Joe: Still vote for two officers? (Everyone in 1 category then put preference).

Jakub: Are current roles named Male and Female/ non-binary? (Yes)

Joe: He and Abi bounced well off each other.

Abi: Two of same gender then voting for another – having three officers doesn't make much sense because large team already. Some people would feel uncomfortable discussing issues with those not of their self-identifying gender. Would be ideal to transcend gender but currently society very gendered.

Joe: Maybe change name to Male and non-binary (as well as Female and non-binary). Welfare officers should emphasise more you can go to either for support regardless of gender.

Jen: People already have to go to officers not their self-identifying gender. Proposal is autonomy in choosing who to go to, not necessarily there right now. Should not stop at catering for majority when we can cater for everyone. Non-binary should not be named twice if you can go to everyone. No names could also mean more teamwork – Priya and Jacob head welfare stuff and others run events for own communities, need more open gendered names for these.

Joe: LGBT+ role also about gender identity – people can go there for support. Vast majority of people come down on one side at the time, important to acknowledge reality of situation in college.

Kendal: Wouldn't all identities be catered for in Jen's proposal?

Jen: This shows you can go to whoever more readily.

Ed: Supports essence of looking to remove gendered aspect, need to work out how best to do. We ask college for gender neutral toilets, why not do this too? Women's officer not currently part of welfare team – could join too? Has been enough diversity in the past that two of same gender would not be an issue (rather than having three). Not sure third officer election is best way to go about this.

Sorcha: Would not come in until next year's election.

Jen: Could delay and bring up again? Her conversations have shown there might not be one way it would definitely work – have to try something at some point.

Callum: Could change name now and then workout how to go about it later?

Sorcha: Vote on name now?

Ed: Proposes Amendment to vote now and work out how it can be done later.

Abi: Starting to come down on Jen's side, but not sure three is best way forward. Look to unify welfare team so having two of same gender not an issue.

Sorcha: Friendly Amendment? So, we don't have to vote. Name change comes into effect immediately in short-term. 32 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstain (MOTION PASSES)

(c) Motion for Divestment

Zannah: Kind of formality but will give power in convincing college. Her role is to negotiate with bursar, puts them in stronger position. Get MCR to do similar motion. Jesus invests in fossil fuels (in Paradise Papers). Pumping money into these companies does not fit college ethos. Other Green officers have not focused on these issues – it should be crucial part of role.

Jen: If we support as committee? Radicalisation an issue last year (this is just a formality saying support) but we are not planning demonstrations.

Francisco: Argument presented emotionally. I don't deny climate change. Fossil fuel companies make money and that is being used to pay for our education (doesn't know how it is used). Easy for us to give this away but future generations of students will suffer e.g. more expensive housing. Will not change anything, someone else will come along and buy BP's assets if we don't. This movement should be more generalised and deeper rather than uni selling its assets. Look what happened in France, electric cars not ready yet. We should tackle climate change but not right way to go about it.

Kendal: Small college level scale but collegiate system means uni campaign not that effective, must start with college. What about future generations of people? Jesus College alone will not stop it but we cannot just sit by.

Joe: Task of JCSU is to serve students, in LR climate change will cause disaster.

Angus: Big symbolic move if Jesus College divests, it puts pressure on others to, movement starts with the students.

Francisco: Understand the symbolism but doesn't think this is very productive. We will harm education of future people coming here. Pressure governments rather than university. Logical chain of events from uni divesting to worldwide rally is very tenuous indeed.

Posy: What does a change of the Green Officer's role mean? Is that title in terms of title or what?

Zannah: Green and ethical description is very vague. This would make sure stuff doesn't get lost in handover.

Sorcha: Changing title would have to go through another meeting.

Joe: If no practical change, why are companies bribing uni on this?

Zannah: Summarise motion – harming education of future, 80 unis and 2 colleges have already done it. We are third richest college. Focus on investing in renewables. Will probably benefit future students. Uni have seen UN report and knows how serious climate change could be. It does make companies concerned, we have power as a college. Symbolically very important as we are worldwide institution. Really important stance.

Sorcha: Vote! In Favour 32, Against 2, Abstain 2 - MOTION PASSES!! Will leave motion on JCR until next meeting as it will come into effect next term anyway.

(d) Motion Proposing Centralisation of Club Ticket Sales

Adam: Motion to centralise ticket sales and all cash channelled back into JCSU – more rigid and specific procedure.

Jakub: Does JCSU have power to do this? Individuals have contract with club right now.

Adam: We can't force but JCSU can encourage this, we have two reps on committee. Ticket duties go to ents officers.

Jen: Add amendment – need to think about people with long contact hours who cannot be on Google Doc at time on sale.

Adam: Do doc in evening to avoid contact hours – first however many names sign up get tickets and pick up at specific time.

Jen: Could do random ballot of people signing up in the window? Supos or sports clubs could be at that time.

Adam: Friend could put name down on ticket list. Same kind of system as formals.

Joe: Is time publicised and same every week?

Jamie: Need limit on number of people each person can add.

Liv: Regardless this is fairer than the current system.

Sorcha: This is more about actual policy of centralising.

Jakub: Agree with centralisation but doc won't work. Amendment to remove 'Google Doc' wording? (Friendly Amendment).

Sorcha: Vote? (Everyone in favour) MOTION PASSES!!

4. Emergency motions

N/A

5. AOB

Sorcha: JCSU constitution is under review.