Minutes of an Ordinary General Meeting of the JCSU held at 7pm on Thursday 3rd May in The Brewery Room.

MINUTES

Present: the President (Edward Parker-Humphreys), the Treasurer (Hena McGhee), the Secretary (Natasha Pearson), the Services Officer (Sofia Clini), the Communications Officer (Fadle Arouna), the Access Officer (David Adeboye), 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 International Officer (Rica Lee), the LGBT+ Officer (Holly Bracewell), the Freshers Officer (Jess Tucker) and the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Omar Helmy).

Absent: the Vice-President (Toby Twentyman), the Green Officer (Ali Golby)

1. Executive reports of actions since last OGM

EPH: working with Callum and Nina for garden party. Working with HS to arrange gender neutral toilets. Sat on college council.

TT: absent.

HM: Reimbursements for society expenses. Budgets for new societies. Worked with ents and EPH on funding for garden party.

NP: Organised this meeting and committee meetings. Organised sports and societies photos for 13th May. Updated the Constitution to reflect the changes made in the last year, and with FA’s help published this on the JCSU website. Helping start new societies including Investment and Finance Society, Running Club and formalising the College Colours process.

SC: caff forum and implementation of findings. Half-price crepe deal. Sorting out room license signings.

FA: updated website. Talking to IT about wifi. Bulletins.

DA: helped organise gown donation for graduates. Meeting with access working party. Organising ambassador social

AG: absent.

CM/NL: planning garden party.

HS: working with EPH on gender neutral toilets. Gym regulations now in the college regulations. Porters are getting rape crisis trained. Bursary for people who need extra support after counselling service for survivors of sexual assault. Working on policy for student and staff sexual misconduct.


MF: organising weekly mental health bulletins. Talking with Paul Dominiak about trying to get more working groups for people with specific disabilities.

RL: spoke to Jess about extending external licenses for international students. Helped find visa info for freshers.

HB: organising easter term equivalent of queertines. Working with staff to tackle recent incidents of homophobia. Organising picnic.
JT: Found people to write subject guides for incoming freshers. Started planning freshers week.

OH: Set up ERM Facebook group and held first BME forum to discuss issues. Prepared motion.

2. Members’ questions to the Executive

n/a

3. Junior Treasurer report on JCSU Enterprise Account

HM: Nothing to report

4. Ordinary Motions

(a) Motion to update and improve the definition of the role for the JCSU ERM officer

OH: This deals with concerns that have been brought to me plus manifesto pledges. Current description doesn’t reflect welfare role sufficiently. ERM term is quite specific to Jesus, not well defined. Should be more clearly defined to reflect meaning. The proposed change shall make the role description read:

“The Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer shall be responsible for representing ethnic and religious minority students within the College on the JCSU Committee and other relevant College and university bodies, particularly students from ethnic and religious groups with historical experience of systemic discrimination and marginalisation.

They shall be responsible for protecting the welfare and addressing the concerns of ethnic and religious minority students within the College.

They shall be responsible for the facilitation of a confidential forum once a term for self-identifying ERM students, in order to give these students the opportunity to voice their concerns in a safe environment.

They shall also be responsible for promoting ethnic and religious equality throughout the College, liaising with students, Fellows, College staff and CUSU when necessary in order to fulfil this goal.”

Think this would help students feel more represented in college.

EPH: Questions or points in opposition, proposition or abstention?

No points in opposition or abstention.

Vote on motion:

10 in favour
0 in opposition
0 in abstention.

Motion passes unanimously. Needs to pass in one more OGM/AGM to be put in standing orders.

(b) Motion to create scholarships for future students at the University of Cambridge
EPH: Uni-wide campaign lobbying uni to provide system of scholarships for refugees. The campaign wants college JCRs to pass motions to prove student support. So this motion just expresses support for campaign and encouraging college council to endorse campaign. Any questions?

DP: is this organised by uni or cusu or just campaign by students?

EPH: mainly independently run by students. Any further points?

No further points in opposition or abstention.

10 in favour

0 in opposition

0 in abstention

Motion passes unanimously

5. Emergency motions
n/a

6. Any other business

EPH: remember to vote in local elections if you haven’t done so already.

The meeting closed at 19:20.