



## **JCSU Non-Quorate Executive Committee Meeting**

*November 5th 2021 in JBar*

Present (8): the President (Jacob Powell, *in the Chair*), the Treasurer (Matthew Chan), the Secretary (Lewis Westwood Flood), the Female Welfare Officer (Eva Timlin), the Environmental & Ethical Affairs Officer (Ellie Doran), the Freshers' Officer (Bella Manfredi), the Services Officer (Will Zeng), and the Communications Officer (Victoria Adjei).

Apologies & Absent (11): the Vice-President (Estelle Cho Lin Wing), the Women's and Non-Binary Officer (Mojola Akinyemi), the Male Welfare Officer (Angus Harron), the Mental Health & Disabilities Officer (Katherine Harris), the Ents Officers (Cian Fielden & Ben Millard), the LGBT+ Officer (Jack Ward), the Freshers' Officer (Maddie Mitchell), the Access Officer (Robyn Briggs), the International Students' Officer (Tara Khanna), and the Ethnic & Religious Minorities Officer (Imran Mulla).

### **Minutes**

*Non-quorate meeting opened at 20:12.*

#### **1.0 - Approval of the [Draft Minutes from the 21st October 2021](#)**

The Committee **was not able** to approve the draft minutes as the official record due to a lack of quorum.

#### **2.0 - Library Committee**

- Ellie: I have library committee with Lewis in a couple of weeks, but it's so cold and I want us to raise it formally so we can not freeze while studying.
- Jacob: Maybe a sort of unofficial Facebook poll?

#### **3.0 - Gas and Electricity Consumption**

See [this spreadsheet from Ellie](#).

- Ellie: Was at the Environmental Committee on Wed, and we got given this spreadsheet which outline which houses are using too much/more than the average gas and electricity. They want us to contact over-users and ask them to cut down.
- Jacob, Matthew, Ellie: I really don't think it's our job to contact individually. The JCSU can spread a general message but it's not our job to just target people. We aren't the landlords.

#### **4.0 - CSU Council**

- Jacob: Big drama basically, over the strikes. The UCU have voted to strike, and that's happening at Cambridge, over pension and other pay issues. Cambridge SU have said they

will support the strikes, but lots of JCRs are angry, and there's been provisions on teaching. I abstained last week on a motion as we hadn't discussed it, but I really believe that the CSU needs to support Cambridge students first and foremost, especially over picket lines and teaching provisions.

- Eva: I like the point about teaching provision, because I really didn't have any in the last round.
- Discussions held over examinable content, picket lines, and so on. General feeling was that the Cambridge SU needs to strike a balance, but it is a *Student* Union. Support for promotion of mitigation efforts. Point made that barely anyone knows what the CSU is doing about this, and communication with students is lacking.
- Satisfaction with CSU and our fees to them (over £5,000 every year). Discussion of bringing up disaffiliation.

## 5.0 - Alcohol Policy

See [this policy document from Matthew](#).

- Matthew: On the document, I gave a few suggestions. Societies can do what they want, but we did have rules on drinking societies, and limits or even bans. I recommend that we bring in a policy that sets a percentage or monetary cap for alcohol on JCSU budget, whichever is lower. Say 10% or £100 a year, whichever is lower sort of thing. Doesn't get rid of the support, but focuses on other contributions to the student body. Also a stipulation on non-alcoholic drinks.

## 6.0 - CULP Subsidy

See [this policy document from Matthew](#).

- Matthew: Realised over summer holidays I knew nothing about it, and found out that the College offers a small subsidy which leaves fees at £210, which lots of other colleges beat. Lots of interest for funding it, including increasing funding to 50%.
- Jacob: MCR also ran a survey on this, so we should bring their stats into it as well. I'll send it over, and then we can combine it. Then we can send to senior tutor. From £75 to £145 is a big and positive change.

## 7.0 - Cultural Awareness Week Pitch

*Lewis passing on Tara's pitch.*

From Tara:

- ethnic formal/bop - everyone comes in outfits reflecting their heritage/background
- potluck event - kind of like Jesus' version of the international food festival
- some kind of talks - will need to look into this one more, see who we can get
- languages cafe - forum to speak and practice languages you're learning or you grew up speaking

## 8.0 - Any other business [AOB]

*Any business not raised before the meeting may be raised by an Officer under this agenda point for a lengthier discussion. Points raised during the meeting may also be deferred to this point by the Secretary or President.*

### 8.1 - Student Affairs

- Jacob: KFC stuff passed, so goes through two more committees for final approval. £120 less for undergrads less per year, simplified meal charges for everyone. No rise in caff prices, rise in formal prices. The committee brought forward a change in the *Student Behaviour Document* which would cover students sharing “confidential information” about college, ie banning confidential information sharing. I brought up concerns over charity law, but felt very strange and forced through.
- Ellie and Eva: But when are our meetings confidential? Not totally clear.
- Jacob: More obvious on stuff like Council, but not sure on others.
- Ellie: How would this be enforced?
- Jacob: The standard deaning process.
- Jacob: Then brought up the bar, working between the JCR and MCR on this. Chatted it over with Ben and Cian, next term FNJ will be every night, JCR/MCR taking turns, but it will be fun regardless - and undergrads and postgrads both get to go. And drinks under £3. Redecorating the Brewery Room.

*Non-quorate meeting closed at 20:50.*

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