



## **JCSU Executive Committee Meeting**

*January 25th 2022 online on Zoom*

**In attendance (18)**: the President (Jezz Brown, *in the chair*), the Vice-President (Bella Manfredi), the Treasurer (Tom Brookes), the Secretary (Bella Rawson), the Freshers' Officers (Krish Nanavati and Mia Barnes), the Communications Officer (Lewis Westwood Flood), the International Students' Officer (Ines Shammah), the Services Officer (Florence Lazenby (until 19:42), the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Maddie Mitchell (from 19:09), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the Access Officer (Julio Bernucci), the Ents Officer (Billy Hughes (from 19:23), the LGBTQ+ Officer (Yuval Weiss), the Female Welfare Officer (Georgia King), the Male Welfare Officer (Jamie Newnham), Issy K

**Apologies (2)**: the Environmental and Ethical Affairs Officer (Kefeshe Bernard), the Women's and Non-Binary Officer (Izzy Despositos)

**Absent (1)**: the Ents Officer (Olly Doggett)

### **One Minute Summary**

- Halfway hall now available for all second year students as able to increase capacity
- The first and second year ballots will be happening soon, with students to receive communication on Friday 28th 2022
- Welfare week scheduling going well, with lots of events being discussed and considered including the botanical gardens, animal welfare, and formals.
- Welfare drop in sessions being planned in the JCSU office in the JCR - will be daily
- OGM scheduled for 8th February, Secretary to send out more information as soon as possible

***Please note:*** the following minutes aim to capture the spirit of what was said, as opposed to verbatim documentation.

## **Minutes**

*Meeting opened at 19:05*

### **1.0 – Approval of the [draft minutes from 18.01.2022](#)**

- **Lewis:** Apologies should have noticed earlier: "Won't be allowed inside college to staircases (breaking law), anything should be reported to the Porters" should note they are obv allowed on site just not to doorstep on site (smallest fix sorry!)

The Committee **APPROVED** the draft minutes as the official record, subject to the amendments as specified.

## 2.0 - Student Affairs and College Council Updates

*President*

- **Jezz:** discussed various proposed papers at Student Affairs Committee. Including drink spiking provisions and college bar staffed by students. In depth discussions were had, still communicating with college as neither proposal was accepted. Will continue to push and remain in close contact on these issues.

## 3.0 - Halfway Hall Updates

*Vice-President*

- **Bella M:** Photographer found - Fresher (£30). JCMS will do string quartet, but need to secure people doing it. College not doing anything about subsidising, up to JCSU to do it. Nothing we can do from our perspective, unless anyone has any ideas.
- **Yuval:** fundraising thing to do an informal subsidisation? People can then apply in trust for subsidisation.
- **Georgia:** how many people would we be trying to raise subsidies are? And are we able to rearrange our budget at this point?
- **Bella M:** not sure how many people as confidential information so usually dealt with by Tutorial. Not sure there's that many, so unsure why they won't fund it. Now 174 tickets means everyone can attend, but our drinks subsidisation has also risen. Not sure we could just move money around, but Tom may have more information.
- **Jamie:** Some people won't drink. Could use that to redistribute the money for subsidisation. Or could ask people to voluntarily do that.
- **Georgia:** is it people on a full bursary or anyone on a bursary AT ALL? Could be quite a wide threshold - could be quite difficult to plausibly subsidise. Just want an idea of numbers so we can figure out if it's realistic for us to do this.
- **Jezz:** if we say JCSU will directly subsidise, and make criteria bursary students, we have to expect anyone receiving a bursary will do that. Don't think it's something we can feasibly afford, no matter how we rearrange. Think it's fair to look into it with Tutorial, but can't say anything without having done it. Could we ask college if hardship funding would apply?
- **Georgia:** tricky thing is hardship funding is complicated process in terms of getting access to it. So probably impractical.
- **Jezz:** could look at writing something about individually subsidising students but have to be careful about where we draw the line. Bella, look into it but we won't resolve things specifically right now.

## 5.0 - Ballot Information

*Services Officer*

- **Flo:** Ballot is quite soon; because last year there were issues with website crashing, it's going to be a Teams meeting this year and you'll be let in via the waiting room to say your room. Also not sure how room swapping is going to work
- **Maddie:** not sure if it'll change in time, but it just seems so early.
- **Georgia:** It's normally like this, we got it pushed back because of Covid.
- **Jezz:** can we ask for an extension for 1st years? Just to give them more clarity and time to change friendship groups/houses.

#### 4.0 – Welfare Week and Welfare Drop Ins

*Male and NB Welfare Officer*

- **Jamie:** Meeting with assistant chaplain and discussed welfare week. On subject of training, priority goes to welfare team as Rachel is so busy. Regards to the talks, Eleanor gave contact at Mind to try to get a free talk. Welfare Week, going to collaborate with Ents officers, and Freshers Officers for movie night. Blue formal, cake decorating; Hoping to increase attendance that week, botanical gardens, and animals/Pippy. Drop ins more a question - have we got hours for manning the office? Can be more specific as a welfare team.
- **Jezz:** Most important that welfare officers are prioritised, can you guys look at finding the best daily time and we'll work around that.
- **Jamie:** 9 welfare team members, but 2 hour period of time not something many people can do. In the past, welfare drop in has just been an hour.
- **Georgia:** going everyday already massively increases welfare support, don't think we even need 2 hours a day. Don't want to make a big commitment and not be able to meet it.
- **Lewis:** ask about JCR itself. There might be people using the JCR during that slot, people may not want to discuss that when people are in the JCR.
- **Bella R:** yes. Can also carve out 1 hour daily slot to book the JCR ourselves. Keep timings as consistent as possible though.
- **Georgia:** welfare signposting now out there. If anyone comes to you, can advise them from that and send them in that direction. Pinned in the Facebook group, going to try and get it pinned on Instagram.

#### 6.0 – Dig In Box Contract Renewal

*Vice-President*

- **Bella M:** had Dig In boxes for our Freshers week. JCSU from 2016 signed a contract with Dig In for free of charge. Long standing part of Freshers week, Dig In has asked us if we want to continue the contract.
- **Ines:** there was a lot of wastage. Nice thing, but assortment of random things, and things thrown in bin.
- **Mia:** agree - came with alcohol, not great for people who don't drink.
- **Jamie:** further Ines' point and say people can take things they don't want out, and then people can take what they want from a pile. Recycling effort.
- **Bella M:** Mia and Krish if you are happy, we can write a response to Dig In.

#### 7.0 – Stash

*Vice-President*

- **Bella M:** JCSU jumpers arrived, collect from Jezz. Esther sorted the stash, temporarily went missing, now found. Spoke with VP of MCR, so will do a collection for the MCR, and I will do one for JCSU. Number of stash drops, Estelle was pressured to do 3 but seemed to be too much.
- **Jamie:** I think 2 a year makes sense, especially for Freshers.
- **Bella M:** Michaelmas and Lent?
- **Jamie:** yes, give people enough time at Michaelmas for people to decide on it.

## 8.0 – Girton/Homerton Project U Support

*Vice-President*

- **Bella M:** Girton VP has asked people to look at Project U about the University bus service; right now they're not going to Girton and Homerton. Didn't tell the JCRs why. If people are happy to support it, sign an official open letter asking why this has happened. Lots of accessibility issues.
- **Georgia:** as Lewis said, it does affect Jesus students, who might need to get to those colleges for any reason (e.g. suppo)
- **Lewis:** is there an option to offer our support in a council resolution (Cambridge SU). Also sign as 'JCSU Executive Committee', not 'the JCSU'
- **Bella M:** yes we can ask Girton VP about that

## 9.0 - OGM Scheduling

*Secretary*

*"That the JCSU Executive Committees **NOTES** the intent to hold the Lent Term Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 8th February at 18:00 in the Frankopan Hall."*

- **Lewis:** how does this affect meeting moved before?
- **Bella R:** will send poll, move meeting back to the weekend before.

The Committee agreed to **NOTE** the intention to hold an OGM.

## 10.0 - OGM Motions

*Secretary*

- **Bella R:** will send out a form soon. Any questions, let me know.

## 11.0 Societies Registration

*Secretary*

*9.1 "That the JCSU Executive Committee **RESOLVES** to associate with the Jesus College BAME Society as a Club or Society in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution."*

*Details for the society are listed in the first annex.*

- **Jamie:** can new societies have a budget breakdown?

- **Esther:** happy to delay this, if this is easier for funding
- **Bella R:** how specifics do we want? Can do a template?
- **Jezz:** can look at reallocation of funding, specifically through a JCSU snack pool
- **Tom:** could be good for disincentivising societies ordering too much
- **Georgia:** need to be careful what we get, allergies, food requirements
- **Lewis:** OGM agenda point that explains to people the issues with the budget and the kind of changes we need to make. If you want to discuss what we're doing with the budget, come to the OGM

## 12.0 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.*

- **Lewis:** Want to propose a motion:

*That the JCSU Executive Committee **RESOLVES** to formally express, in writing to the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, its complete disappointment and dissatisfaction with the position, attitude, and wording of certain College Officers at the Student Affairs Committee on the 24th January 2022, regarding anti-spiking provision. In particular:*

- 1. That while certain JCSU Officers were speaking, and in response to JCSU Officer's comments, there was clear disrespect shown by certain College Officers.*
- 2. That the reasonable request for ~£200 in additional funding from the College to purchase drink covers was rejected for reasons that don't align with the real and genuine concerns of students.*
- 3. That the point made by College Officers that the vast funding for the Boat Club and other societies be a reason the JCSU could "find" ~£200 completely ignores the tightness of the JCSU budget, and ignores the already made cuts to Society budgets to provide basic services*

### **Resolution adopted without opposition.**

- **Jamie:** Covid. Our manifesto talks about support system in place. Think we need to look at what JCSU can do.
- **Maddie:** last year, we tried, because they didn't want to disclose names of those with covid for confidentiality purposes.
- **Jamie:** send a message to whole student body saying contact us directly and speak to college to ensure they're doing all they can.
- **Tom:** JCSU bonding formal. Not strictly budgeted for, meant to come out of Presidents' budget. Worth putting this on a back burner given the situation?
- **Jezz:** didn't realise it wasn't formally budgeted for, move this to welfare.
- **Tom:** not loads left to reallocate. About £40. Before arrival, were any freshers aware of something called the DJ Society? Spoke with society lead, will bring up with more information.
- **Lewis:** if DJ soc wants to continue, we need a list of members and a constitution.

- **Jezz:** will formally make a decision next week on its existence.
- **Esther:** EDI Meeting - issue of prayer room been brought back up. Need to not think about current students, incoming ones too. Committee keen to look into it - main issue is we need a cleaning station. So room needs a sink.

Meeting closed 20:35