



## JCSU Executive Committee Meeting

*February 8th 2023 in The Bain room*

Present (12): the President (Nicole Ling Yan Lee), the Vice-President (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the Treasurer (Krish Nanavati), the Secretary (John Jessop), the Male and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Tom Morgan), the Women's and Non-Binary officer (Helena Kondak), the Freshers officer (Kieran Leete), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities officer (Haajrah Ashraf), the Access officer (Stephen Fajemilusi), the Services officer (Jonathan Driver), the Communications and Computing officer (Dom Swift), the Ents officer (Lyra Christie),

Apologies (8): the Female and Non-Binary Welfare officer (Orchid Amira Balgobin), the Mental Health and Disabilities officer (Alice Yu), the International officer (Songhwi Yoon), the Freshers officer (Lizzie Caird), the LGBTQ+ officer (Patryk Wisniewski), the Environmental and Ethical Affairs officer (Ezra Grosz), the Ents officer (Yuval Weiss), the Undergraduate council representative (Issy Kaufman)

Absent (0):

### Minutes

*Meeting opened at 20:14*

#### 1.0 - Approval of Draft Minutes (3/2/2023)

The Committee **APPROVED** the draft minutes as the official record

#### 2.0 - Actions updates

The Secretary

1. Get photos of committee for the JCSU board ASAP [2.0] (The Comms officer)
  - **Dom** This has been done now
  - **Nicole** The board is now looking populated we just need CRSIDs along with the photos so people are easy to contact **[AP]**
2. Print out and finish welfare posters and boards ASAP [2.0] (The Male and Non-Binary Welfare officer)
  - **Nicole** Thank you to Helena for putting up posters in toilets
3. Start putting together a budget increase proposal [4.0] (the President, the Treasurer)
  - **Krish** I have had contact from the Bursar saying that there is scope to get a budget increase for next year. The main road block to the previously has been a general underspend all of which got put in a pot and that grew each year. Eventually this got to be about the size of a whole year's budget so college wanted us to spend it all rather than give us a general increase

- **Krish** Currently the budget is £51,820 this comes from College and JCCU. Basically we want to ask college for more money, our major argument for this was going to be that court booking fees have risen and so the society's expenses have risen. However I've been in contact with the uni sport centre and they haven't increased prices and Kelsey Kerridge have only increased theirs a little bit, so we might have to look for a new basis for the argument
  - **Esther** I've spoken to a lot of people at council and a lot of them get a lot less than the JCSU, on the order of half. But they're also really confused as to why we fund the boat club as no other college JCR/SU does this
  - **Krish** I had a meeting with Emily and we spoke about the boat club budgeting. My specific questions are: why do they get so much money from us, why don't they have to show receipts for expenses and why JC has a credit card. I'll probably have to set up a meeting with the boat club and Emily to discuss this further, specifically James Crockford (boat club senior treasurer) and Matthew Foyer (the junior treasurer) so we can discuss the finances with them directly **[AP]**
  - **Nicole** The priority now is not increasing the JCSU budget but decreasing the boat club's cut. The reason we fund it at all is because it's free for students to join whilst other colleges charge fees
4. Set up a food freecycle facebook group [5.0] (????)
    - **Nicole** Ezra has done this, but it's a page not a group currently. This puts it back to how it used to be. The next steps might be to make it a group and not a page? And aggressively publicising it so everyone in college knows about it and how it works **[AP]**
  5. Print off and circulate FNJ and formal term cards [6.0] (The Ents officers)
    - **Nicole** I did that and they're up now on the boards
  6. Start planning what to do to improve student spaces [7.0] (The relevant officers)
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  7. Ask boat club about getting an oar for the brewery room [7.0] (The secretary)
    - **John** I asked Dom (the boat club president) about this and he said we already have blades in the roost which could be moved but he didn't how we could organise to get more
    - **Lyra** Yeah when we spoke to Jo she made it sound like it would be possible to get another one

### 3.0 - Jesus community fridge

The President

- **Nicole** Already covered

### 4.0 - Report on meeting with the manciple

The Services officer

- **Jonathan** I met with the manciple yesterday, we talked about allergies as a chief concern, and he explained that there are a lot of new staff since COVID who aren't sure of the correct procedure, or maybe don't treat it as carefully as they should. This is being remedied by making sure everyone completes a training course. On the topic of the boards being correct

they are now telling senior cooks to check the boards in caff periodically each meal to ensure that they're correct. So that's some good progress.

- On kosher food he told me that a trial happened last year where people could prebook kosher food, but no one did it the whole trial. He said he'd be happy to restart the trail if there is the demand for kosher food. I'd like to work with Dom and Haajrah to try and drum up the support for this because it's there, we just need to get people talking about it to the mangle so he can see it [AP]
- **Haajrah** Yeah I think that'd be a good idea
- **Esther** As I remember it the previous trial was in exam term which is a period where people are less likely to go to caff anyway
- **Nicole** It's about equality as well why should people who eat kosher need to book ahead when other people don't
- **Esther** I think if he needs to do it pre booked due to cost the demand might be more there for Formals, as this is a request I've heard a few times
- **Jonathan** I've had a few people ask about getting more vegan options on Formal menus rather than just meat and veggie. This is apparently an issue with the chef as they can't get him to cook 3 separate meals each Formal. The current chef is leaving soon though, and a new one is coming in so this might change
- With brunch tea and coffee, they can't figure out a way to do it as there's not enough space in the serving area but they maintain they need to charge for it
- **Dom** Did you talk about toast?
- **Jonathan** Again that's something which could be quick fix

## 5.0 - Report on meeting with Jo about brewery room

The Ents officers

- **Lyra** Yuval and I met with Jo yesterday, as previously indicated she is very on board for decorating and making it nicer in the brewery room. They had already had the idea for a blackboard with prices and are already on it! They're getting a big board in a week or so, and in the meantime they're going to put up paper menus. Jo's big idea is to get a huge neon sign of either the Jesus logo or a Jesus chicken which is awesome and we fully support, for the near future me and Yuval can spend some of our budget on posters and that so we'll go and get some new ones [AP]
- **Lyra** Jo's other suggestion was to get a small neon sign that says "cheers" or something which will just look nice with the lights dimmed. She's also going to talk to the BC about getting another oar, the main issue in the past has been attaching it as the ceiling is noise cancelling for the roost, but she thinks she knows a way to fit it
- **Lyra** With the brewery room things take a while to get approved because they have to go through Simon and Clare and Jo and it's just a bit of a long chain
- **Nicole** If you have an event in the Brewery Room you should be applying for approval as early as possible - don't leave it to last minute. If you're waiting for Dean's approval for an event you can go to bar manager and porters to talk through possibilities before just cancelling it.
- **Kieran** - Yeah Simon can help get things through quickly if you need to

## 6.0 - Reconsideration of the squash budget

The treasurer

- **Krish** Luca the captain of the squash club has asked for £40 for an unexpected expense. I'm not entirely sure of the constitutional backing of giving more money, but as far as I can see it's up to our discretion. The only thing to keep in mind is that we need to be careful about setting a precedent with regards to giving increases. The unexpected expense is cuppers fees, as last year this didn't run so they didn't factor it into their budget for this year. But now it is running so they need to pay fees to enter. Luca has sent me a spreadsheet detailing their expenses so far against their budget which is really good but it's got some errors I need him to fix. Once he's fixed them I'm leaning towards saying ok for the increase as it is a genuine unexpected and necessary expense and we have the budget to cover it as it is such a small amount. Does anyone disagree with this for any reason?
- **Nicole** I think that's alright. I think having the spreadsheet of expenses was really good, it sets a good precedent for giving full details of what the soc has spent money on which is good for future requests
- **Krish** Yeah I'm going to make sure everyone asking for a budget increase has to send me one so we can see how they've spent their money so far

## 7.0 - Six nations showings

The Male and Non-Binary welfare officer

- **Tom** The brewery room did showings of the world cup when it was on does anyone know if this is happening with the six nations
- **Esther** If you ask I imagine they will do it
- **Lyra** They have played love island and eurovision in the past so I imagine they will
- **Nicole** I think the first port of call is probably Daniel in the bar because he's really keen for everything
- **Helena** The email on JNET is not his actual email it's not up to date I will circulate it

## 8.0 - Any Other Business [AOB]

- **Nicole** I'm not sure we gain much from publishing the minutes summaries to the JCSU facebook group, and given the opportunity for mistakes I'm not sure it's worth the effort
- **Nicole** I had my meeting with Paul, he wants to know if there's anything he could be doing better. I told him that the Tutorial office could be more approachable, I suggested a Pauls Picnic similar to the meet the porters event in freshers. The important messaging from the Tutorial office is that **ANY** students struggling with funding for any reason can go and see them for help. The connotations of 'hardship fund' make it sound like you have to be in extensive hardship to reach out, but this is not the case. In terms of making the application more human, he suggested making it so you have to talk to a real person rather than just a form online with the option of an in-person meeting?
- **Esther** I think forcing people into meetings might not be the best strategy as it can be really really scary
- **Nicole** Yeah, we need to do some brainstorming first, we also spoke about intermission - I told him students should be able to visit college to see friends and use college facilities such as the library and mental health nurse and he had arguments against using the library and the mental health nurse but said students are welcome at any time to visit
- **Esther** As I heard it that wasn't the vibe last year

- **Dom** Yeah that's not what I got
- **Nicole** With Paul as Senior Tutor this might change as he agreed students have a support system of friends in college and that students are still members of college during intermission. In terms of library it's his view that people should be recovering and not working
- **Dom** I'm not sure that's a great argument, most people will have stuff to do whilst intermitting like keeping a baseline knowledge and just general life admin and the library is a great place to work, there's also the light reading collection
- **Nicole** We can definitely campaign about library usage more. I also mentioned that people feel really really rushed to get medical supporting evidence for intermission
- **Dom** Yeah I was given 3 weeks to get this organised and not having the college mental health nurse for that was tough. Getting an NHS psychiatrist in 3 weeks is not easy
- **Nicole** This is unfortunately a uni requirement not a college one
- **Esther** CSU is doing a review on intermission so this might change!
  
- **Nicole** Also from Paul was that the welfare inductions need improvements, I think this is something for the freshers reps to think about
- **Krish** Last year we tried to make that 3 hour session better, but it was still 3 hours and college were keen to keep it that way
- **Nicole** That's not actually the session I mean. I think it's best to break up the introductions to the welfare system into a series of shorter sessions, maybe even run by JCSU officers, to make it more personable and manageable for freshers
- **Kieran** Me and Lizzie have already spoken about making welfare come across as less of an abstract concept and more personal, by making it more about meeting all the welfare staff and having real conversations with them rather than just a powerpoint presentation
- **Nicole** Based on our conversations I think Paul would be really up for that, just talk to him about it [\[AP\]](#)
- **Nicole** He also suggested that Dom's bulletin could be used to advertise the travel grants and bursaries available to everyone in college
  
- **Esther** I know Paul is keen to extend the freshers period by a few days so it's less dense and there's more time to settle in
- **Kieran** Yeah that is something else Lizzie and I are keen to work on, we have sent an email to Rachel in admissions about setting up a whatsapp for offer holders soon for the new freshers
  
- **John** I'm going to organise an OGM on the 21st [\[AP\]](#)
  
- **Nicole** I finally heard about the JCR painting, and even though they said it would be done before term it's not been done yet. I've been offered two options: either it's painted in term time and out of use for 2-3 days, or during the vacation. Let's go with during the vacation
- **Nicole** I've also been told that the promised outdoor furniture is on the way. I asked the domestic bursar about floodlights for football, he said that previously they had been sceptical about that kind of thing but he will talk about it

- **Helena** There will soon be menstrual products around college paid for by college and not us. This will initially be a trial period to see whether they get used. They arrive next week. I also found out we're a part of the ask for Angela campaign which I found a bit surprising since it's not really advertised anywhere. So we're going to get more posters to put up in plodge and the bar etc. so people are aware, I've also spoken to the bar manager and he's going to brief all the staff so they know about it and what to do if anyone needs help
- **Nicole** For week 5 Alice and I are going to run "Thursday treats" - we're gonna set up a donut table outside plodge. Downing chapel does weekly free donuts for students so we're going for that type of vibe. If anyone wants to help let me know
- **Lyra** For decorations for themed formals we have budget so I'd be happy to help with that, I'm not sure we could put anything up ourselves but I'm happy to help
- **Nicole** The next wednesday formal is Jalentines so we could do heart shaped balloons or that kind of thing
- **Dom** I'm going to buy some darts for the JCR games room, so the darts board is usable
- **Esther** The bar has done a few themed drinks recently and they've been really good we need to get more if we can
- **Lyra** Daniel is so keen to do it, but not amazing at publicising it or putting up what is in them both of which we can help with with some forewarning
- **Nicole** I think if he lets you know in advance you can spread the word around college and get people down there
- **Nicole** Jonathan please get a report to me about your meeting with the manciple so we can spread it around but send it to me first so I can check it over **[AP]**

*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.*

*Meeting closed 20:59*

### **Action List [AP]**

1. Put up CRSIDs on the JCSU photo board [2.0] (The Comms officer)
2. Set up a meeting with the boat club treasurer to discuss finances [2.0] (The Treasurer)
3. Publicise "Jesus Community Fridge" [2.0] (The Comms officer)
4. Jonathan, Dom and Haajrah, meet to discuss finding out full support for kosher food at caff [4.0] (The Services officer, the ERM officer, the Comms officer)
5. Purchase posters to decorate the brewery room [5.0] (The Ents officers)
6. Contact Paul Dominiak regarding the extension of freshers residence next year [8.0] (The freshers reps)
7. Organise and publicise the OGM this term [8.0] (The Secretary)

8. Write a report on outcomes of meeting with the maniple about caff for circulation to the student body [8.0] (The services officer)