

JCR Meeting 07.02.15 Minutes

1. Apologies

Apologies: Leona Hayhoe (Target and Access Officer), Sammi Tarling (Target and Access Officer), Clinton Teh (Publications Officer), Isla Phillips (Welfare Exec), Max Herinckx (Ents Officer)

Also absent: Tessa Lee (Green Officer), Allan Hennessey (Charities Officer), Buki Sule (Ethnic Minorities)

2. Fitz Up Look Sharp

Fenella would like to thank everyone for their work – most people were very helpful (although less so at 09:00 on Saturday). We covered our costs so that's pretty awesome! Although there is a lost key and a lost prized black wrench to be located.

Actions arising:

Ents Sub-Committee: Locate/ replace prized black wrench and lost key.

3. Library Committee Suggestions

Eleanor passed round the current list of items sold in the library, and the general consensus was that they were all good, although Damiano had an issue with the expense of squared paper compared to lined (over the course of the meeting he did some research and his findings supported his outrage), so this could be inquired into but let's be honest it's not a big deal. Apart from that we would just like the same items also sold at the Porters' Lodge, and to make everyone aware of what's sold. Additionally, Eleanor will try to get DoSs to send the library reading lists at the beginning of terms, and it was asked if she could request that the book recall period is shortened to two days. It's difficult to reinforce this without fining (currently we are only fined for vacation borrowing) but no one wants fines to be introduced.

Actions arising:

Eleanor: At Library Committee Meeting, ask about stocking items at Plodge, shortening book recall period, and generally look into getting DoSs to send their reading lists to the library ahead of time. You could ask about the expensive of the squared paper too, if you felt like it.

Tom: Put list of items stocked in library on website.

4. CUSU

It was agreed that there should be a vote on whether there should be a disaffiliation vote at the open meeting. Sophie asks if we could have a pro-CUSU JCR president at the meeting as well, something that was raised at a recent Access Forum. Also it looks like Varsity actually read these minutes, which is super exciting as this minuter previously believed that her words of wisdom were lost in the aether forever. She only hopes that readers are able to spot banter and distinguish it from seriousness, and will perhaps be more careful to make this difference obvious in the future.

Actions arising:

Alex: Invite a pro-CUSU JCR president to the open meeting as well, and announce that there will be a vote after the meeting.

5. Spare Bedding

The camp beds available for guests are of terrible quality – short and creaky and uncomfortable. It certainly doesn't encourage people to give up their rooms for the Shadowing Scheme. Also the booking times are really inconvenient: would it be possible to do this online? Maybe not but email ought to be fine – it's probably already possible to do it by email, anyway.

Also let's not forget the ridiculousness of the freshers' linen service, and also because Damiano can't stick to an agenda let's not forget that pulling up into corridors might be possible in the housing ballot, although this is yet to be confirmed.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Ask about getting better camp beds (and making it possible to book them online/by email); ask about abolishing the linen service; confirm whether or not pulling up into corridors is a thing.

6. Rent Negotiations

The discussion here was rather hectic, with lots of thoughts and ideas batted about, but its conclusions and outcome will be sent by Alex in a Rent Negotiations report to be put on the JCR website in due course.

Actions arising:

Alex and Damiano: Convey these answers to college.

7. Any Other Business

Is there anything Sophie should raise at Admissions Committee? Establish what's going on with Fitz Shadowing Scheme, and let them know that with regards to accommodation there is a role for the Fitz JCR website to play if they'll let us!

Actions arising:

Sophie: At Admissions Committee establish what's going on with Fitz Shadowing Scheme and let them know that there's a role for the JCR website to play in helping the image of our accommodation if they'll let us!