

JCR Meeting 21.02.15 Minutes

1. Apologies

Isla Phillips (Welfare Exec), Fenella Keevil (Ents Exec), Laura Hallahan (Women's Officer), Leona Hayhoe (Target and Access Officer) and Sammi Tarling (Target and Access Officer), Joe Binder (LGBT+ Officer), Oliver Prior (Disabilities Officer) and Eleanor Costello (Academic Affairs Exec) sent their apologies.

Maximilian Croci (Treasurer), Allan Hennessey (Charities Officer), Bukie Sule (Ethnic Minorities Officer), Millie Paine (Ents Exec), Max Herinckx (Ents Exec) and Tom Dunn-Massey (Ents Exec) were also not present.

2. Room Bookings

The current system for room bookings is very poor. Susan Park (IT Manager) says the department are working on an online booking system for fellows; a student version will follow in the coming months. For now though, it would be great if we could reduce the notice required for room bookings to at least a week – ideally it should be possible to book rooms up until the time you want to use them.

Sophie is also having trouble getting a quote for rooms for the Fitz Shadowing Scheme: Alex advises she speak to Andy Milne (Domestic Bursar).

Actions arising:

Alex: Find out if we can reduce the required notice for room bookings to at most a week, preferably less (up until time of use).

Sophie: Ask Andy Milne about using rooms for Fitz Shadowing Scheme.

3. Voter Registration

An independent initiative has asked CUSU whether they can come to colleges and sit outside the buttry and try to encourage people to vote. The committee agrees that this is a good idea.

Actions arising:

Alex: Okay the initiative to encourage students to vote.

4. Feedback from Admissions Committee

It was made clear that Fitz Shadowing Scheme is entirely up to us (or Sophie) to organise. It might be possible to get money for it from the Access Fund and from alumni. The main thing is that Sophie needs to put together a budget, which she cannot do until she has been given a quote by Domestic (see above). CUSU will help: Helena (CUSU Access and Funding Officer) helped to set up the Homerton Shadowing Scheme and will help Sophie with our one. Currently the plan is to have it on the last weekend of November.

There was also a discussion of Fitz's media presence, which, it was agreed, is currently very poor. The College website is being redone with more information about accommodation, and the person who'll be filming the Master's video is also going to film some students' rooms. The committee was positive about improving the link between the College website and the

JCR website, which is good news. On the JCR website we need more photos to make us look current; we want to launch the new website by Housing Ballot Weekend, so need the photos by then.

Actions arising:

Sophie: Once Domestic have given you a room quote, put together a budget for the Shadowing Scheme.

Tom: Ask JCR committee members to source photos of each block/house and put them on the website. Be prepared to launch website in time for HBW.

5. Any Other Business

The housing ballot (this was discussed at the beginning of the meeting):

It's been pointed out that Saturday lectures make the shortening of the ballot problematic. The matter was put to the vote and it was decided that the ballot will now be drawn on the Friday afternoon.

It was also pointed out that certain students have special room requirements; their rooms need to be assigned before the ballot: we need to obtain this information from College. There is also a problem of determining what counts as a corridor, as in New Court this shouldn't really be done by block. These problems will both be sorted out by obtaining the floorplans.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Let people know about the change in ballot timings. Get information about disabled students' room requirements from college. Obtain floorplans for all rooms available in ballot (and thus determine what counts as a corridor, particularly in New Court).