

JCR Meeting 07.03.15 Minutes

1. Apologies

Tessa Lee (Green Officer) and Eleanor Costello (Academic Affairs) sent their apologies. Joe Binder (LGBT+ Officer) was also absent.

2. Housing Ballot (This was discussed after end of term review)

The ballot seems to have been broadly successful – the rules didn't seem to be unfair and feedback has generally been positive. We are concerned about the freshers though. It would also be better if third years with a confirmed fourth year balloted with second years, as some of them are effectively second years etc. The ballot order was out of our control this year, but it's something to discuss with college. We will send around a survey after the ballot to get a more general feel for how it's gone.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Send around a survey after the ballot.

3. Positive Investment

Cait (Ethical Affairs Exec) has met with the bursar to discuss a positive investment strategy but she needs evidence that the students support this movement. The JCR committee support it!

Actions arising:

Cait: Collect evidence that students are behind positive investment.

4. Communications Committee Feedback

The main thing of interest to the JCR was the discussion of the new website. College were unhappy about us putting up our own pictures of the accommodation but ultimately they can't stop us.

5. International Storage

Sebastian held a meeting to discuss international storage and of the six people who showed up, all agreed that it should be free. He wants to get the JCR committee to sign a petition supporting this.

Actions arising:

Sebastian: Put international storage petition on Facebook.

All committee members: Read international storage petition and comment if you object.

6. Fitz Shadowing Scheme

Sophie now has a quote for room costs. To finish budget she needs Aemilia to cost meals, which should happen shortly. It is though likely that we'll get some funding from alumni, but before we can do this we need a complete budget.

Actions arising:

Sophie: Once you have a full budget for the Shadowing Scheme, look into asking alumni for funding.

7. Room Bookings

Better forms and shorter booking times are in the pipeline; hopefully we'll be able to book online in the next few months.

Actions arising:

Alex: Make sure room booking changes continue to progress.

8. JCR Cupboard

This will happen Tuesday/ Wednesday of next week. Fenella has emailed the MCR for help but they haven't yet replied; she will also ask the JCR committee for help.

Actions arising:

Fenella: Put together a schedule for tidying the JCR cupboard.

All committee members: Let Fenella know if and when you can help with the JCR cupboard.

9. Vacation Bursary Scheme

This requires a detailed report (showing that it wouldn't overlap with other bursary schemes, would be used etc.), which Alex and Damiano will try and sort out over the holidays.

Actions arising:

Alex: With Damiano, put together a report on the Vacation Bursary Scheme.

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10. JCR Renovations (discussed before vacation bursary scheme)

The Sky subscription is done and we'll get the projector when the cupboard is sorted; we will sort out the foosball table with Helen and the Fitzwilliam Society in May.

11. Library Book Recall Period (not discussed as Eleanor was unable to attend)

12. Camp Beds and Linen

Damiano has asked around about the Freshers' Linen Service and while the committee are very much against it a number of individuals disagree. He will send out a survey. The question of camp beds will be dealt with in due course.

Also, Damiano has heard back from a few companies about a cycling scheme, with three levels of proficiency, which the committee thinks is a good idea and should happen in week two.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Send out a survey about the Freshers' Linen Service. Ask about getting new camp beds. Continue looking into cycling scheme.

13. End of Term Review

There's been a lot of good work but there's a big discrepancy in the time commitments of different people. We are all busy but we've chosen to be on this committee, so we need to

find time for it. If anyone thinks this might be a problem moving forward, they should speak to Alex.

Actions arising:

All committee members: If you feel like the time commitment demanded by the JCR committee is or might become too great, speak to Alex about it.

14. Any Other Business

There's a move to set up an emotional health support group for anyone feeling down or lonely or just needing someone to talk to. It would be run separately from the JCR but the committee agree that it could use some of our Welfare budget. We need to look into whether other colleges have a similar thing, how they're set up, and what the protocol is for confidentiality etc.

The Good Night Out Campaign is university-wide rather than something that can be done in individual colleges, as it's about training bar staff etc. to prevent harassment.