

## JCR Meeting 25.04.15 Minutes

### 1. Apologies

Sophie Keating (Target and Access Exec) sent her apologies; Sammi Tarling (Target and Access Officer), Tom Dunn-Massey (Ents Officer), Joe Binder (LGBT+ Officer), Sebastian Borgeaud (International Officer) and Buki Sule (Ethnic Minorities Officer) also did not attend.

### 2. Cambridge Big Survey

Fitz normally has a big response to the Cambridge Big Survey – last year we had the third highest percentage of undergraduates responding – which is really helpful for the JCR committee as it gives us lots of feedback on welfare and academic provisions etc. so everyone should fill it in and encourage others to do so.

Actions arising:

All committee members: Respond to Cambridge Big Survey and encourage others to do so too.

### 3. Freshers' Week

The plans for Freshers' Week are going well; the main issue is that the Ents team would like to move FULS to the Saturday but this will likely prove impossible due to a clash with an MCR event. The team are also planning to add a game of 'assassins', a tea crawl (visit to numerous tea houses in Cambridge) and potentially bowling to the itinerary, although bowling as an alternative to pool and pub crawl has not worked well in the past as it ends up being so badly attended (similar with college family picnic). They're scrapping the trip to PAV, although freshers will be told about Clare Ents so they can go if they want. Now we just need other sub-comms (i.e. Welfare) to add to the Freshers' Week itinerary e.g. Laura (women's officer) and Joe (LGBT+ officer) should organise consent workshops; Sebastian (international officer) should have put together an international freshers' week and can add to the main one. Welfare have already contributed a film night. As for FULS, we're going to look into a) getting a photo booth and b) getting the MCR involved. Finally, Damiano (vice president) is trying to sort out a bike proficiency session which we agree should be on the first weekend. This will have to be booked by freshers before they arrive so we'll send out information with the freshers' packs – hopefully parents will then encourage freshers to sign up.

In other news, there's going to be some restructuring of Huntingdon Road – we'll probably have more info as time goes on – and Alex (president) will have a word with the porters about keeping the gate by the fellows' bikes open for longer.

Actions arising:

Ents team: Add 'assassins' and tea crawl to Freshers' Week itinerary; maybe don't add bowling/family picnic as traditionally not well-attended. Encourage Welfare to add events to Freshers' itinerary (see below). Look into getting a photo booth for FULS. Pursue MCR involvement in FULS.

Welfare team: Organise and add consent workshops (Laura and Joe) and international events (Sebastian) to the Freshers' Week itinerary, working with Ents (see above).

Damiano: Finalise plans for bike proficiency course, which we have agreed will be on the first weekend and info about which will go out with the freshers' packs.

Alex: Ask about getting the gate by the fellows' bikes to be kept open for longer.

### 4. Term Card

Isla and Eleanor have already contributed to the term card – we've got most of the details so will try and get it sent out by Monday.

Damiano: Give Zoe finalised details for term card.

Zoe: Get finalised details for term card from Damiano and put together prettily.

### **5. JCR Facilities**

Most things are done e.g. we have a foosball table and the vending machine is in the JCR now; the projector has been bought and is on its way. Do people think the pool table should be free? General consensus is yes, although it'll be expensive as we're currently renting it (which covers upkeep). What about getting a barbecue? Again sounds good (although Isla worries about wear and tear). Will the gardener definitely let us? Look into this. Definitely a worthwhile investment. As for the missing balls and screws from the foosball table, Alex is 'well vexed'.

Actions arising:

Alex: Continue to push for free pool table. Continue to pursue barbecue idea, making sure the gardener would be okay with us using it on the Grove.

### **6. Current Vacancies**

We have people running for both vacant positions (Charities Officer and Disabilities Officer). Hustings for these positions, and Publications Officer, will take place on Monday.

### **7. Catering Meeting**

There is a catering meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The freshers have a lot to say on the matter; Damiano will voice these complaints at the meeting. Zoe and Tessa to attend as Vegetarian and Green reps respectively.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Voice feedback from JCR meeting at catering meeting.

Zoe: Attend catering meeting as Vegetarian rep.

Tessa: Attend catering meeting as Green rep.

### **8. Housing Ballot Report**

Damiano will send a separate email about the results of this report and our discussion at this JCR meeting.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Send housing ballot report (including results of JCR discussion).

### **9. Any Other Business**

Can we get a cash machine in college? Yes, actually – we're in talks about getting one in Churchill.

Can we do anything about the noise from the new gym? Update: Andy (Domestic Bursar) says most of the work is over now, and there's a good dialogue with affected residents.

Will anyone help with the sexual consent workshop? Millie agreed and Fenella will help if necessary.