

## JCR Meeting 18.10.15 Minutes

### 1. Apologies

Isla Phillips (Welfare Exec), Tessa Lee (Green Officer) and Joe Binder (LGBT+ Officer) sent their apologies. Tom Dunn-Massey (Ents Officer) and Max Herinckx (Ents Officer) were also not present.

### 2. Freshers' Week Feedback

The week went very well. However it was very stressful and there were, inevitably, a few hiccups. The Ents team have suggested that we create a freshers week committee to help run events over the course of the week. It is likely that people would be keen and this would massively lighten the load on JCR members. We will ask for freshers reps in March – up to ten – and they will be in the complete control of the Ents team. College will likely support this endeavour as they were very pleased with this year's Freshers' Week.

FULS is a distinct issue. It is getting very stressful because it's getting so successful. We think FULS should still be run in the main by the JCR rather than the freshers committee. But we propose that there will be payment for those working the night. The current suggestion is £6 an hour, which looks as though it could be covered by Ents profits, but we'll have to look into this further. As for specific roles, Ents team should be the ones working the bar as it's their event. If someone has a particular aversion to smoking they can request to not be in the smoking area but otherwise it should be fine. Apart from the bar, roles should be drawn at random.

Also JCR cupboard is messy – MCR have said they'll tidy it at some point.

Side note: Room booking change has been approved so that if you require technical equipment you need to give seven days' notice but all other events only need five days' notice. Online booking is on its way.

Actions arising:

Ents team: Organise freshers' committee.

Alex: Look into payment for FULS staff.

### 3. Incentives for JCR Members

As a JCR, we are a lot more proactive than most colleges, whose JCRs aim to keep things ticking over rather than trying to make changes. This means we have a lot more work than other colleges' JCR members, therefore it seems fair that even though other colleges don't have incentives for JCR members, we should.

Current ideas:

- i. Guaranteed tickets in all superhalls with one guest ticket. JCR members would still have to pay so it would not cost College anything to let us do this. Priority entry on the night.
- ii. Priority in housing ballot. Obviously this would be tricky to organise, and we couldn't allow pulling up or the whole system would be skewed. But perhaps we could give JCR members the choice to *either* get priority in the ballot but not be allowed to pull up, *or* give up priority but retain the ability to pull up.
- iii. Stash. Make JCR stash free.
- iv. Free snacks/drinks in café. Perhaps we could arrange a system to allow JCR members a weekly free snack or drink in the café. This would cost the college something but still might be reasonable.
- v. Dinners. Maybe we could add one dinner – specifically a handover dinner as well as a 'welcome to office' dinner.

Actions arising:

Alex and Damiano: Look into incentives for JCR members.

Ents: Organise handover dinner?

#### 4. JCR Elections

JCR elections are coming up. Last year we had presidential elections first, then exec and then sub-comms. Is everyone happy with this structure? Yes. This process will start with presidential nominations opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November and closing on the 9<sup>th</sup>, with hustings and vote opening on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

In previous years there's been a ban on social media campaigning. The general consensus is that this ban should be lifted as it's a great way to create hype around the elections and also being a good social media campaigner is a useful skill for any JCR member, particularly Ents.

However we don't want a) people getting spammed and b) people with fewer Facebook friends to be at a disadvantage. So we'll restrict it to only posting on the freshers groups – no events allowed and no smear campaigns. If either of these rules get broken the candidate is banned from further social media campaigning. If this is breached they are disqualified.

Actions arising:

Alex: When the time comes make the social media campaigning rules clear.

#### 5. Fitzmas

To avoid the usual drama we will be implementing a ballot system for Fitzmas this year, although we will be naming it something else (Lottery?) because ballot = bad memories. Damiano will be in charge of this. People will enter the ballot using an online form, and can

ballot with one other person. If someone is on two entries, and gets drawn for both, their latter entry will be struck out.

Also, the Ethical Affairs team are organising charity karaoke after the Monday Fitzmas and there will be an optional £1 addition to Monday Fitzmas tickets for people who want to attend.

Actions arising:

Damiano: Organise Fitzmas ballot.

Aneeta: Ask Rob Clarke about adding optional £1 to Monday Fitzmas tickets.

## **6. Remaining JCR Budget**

We have already reached the limit of our budget despite many sub-comms (most worryingly Ents) not yet having claimed a number of things. Maximilian has a list of events that were not on the original budget.

Actions arising:

Maximilian: Sort out overspending.

## **7. Hoodie Reimbursement**

People who paid via bank transfer need to give Alex their bank details. People who paid by cash can be reimbursed by cash.

Actions arising:

All members: Seek the appropriate hoodie reimbursement.

## **8. Any Other Business**

John is retiring and we want to do something nice for him. We'll buy him a JCR hoodie. Tori is organising a scrapbook so encourage people to write in it! (Danni to help with this.) We'll also organise a retirement formal for him and get him a giant cupcake.

The JCR is in a really bad state with things being stolen and broken e.g. Cards Against Humanity. Broken stuff will only be replaced once more. Alex will try and track down the bookshelf and have a go at college for breaking the table football. Committee agrees the room shouldn't be used as a conference room.

Freshers' Week surveys: We'll be sending out a survey to freshers. Eleanor and Laura to add things.

Remind College that we're not a disciplinary body.



Investment Advisory Committee now has student representation. Should this just be a member from the JCR and one from the MCR? Yes.

Street lights: county council want to switch off streetlights between 12-6am. This will massively affect Fitz students and we think it's a very bad idea. We do need to figure out how the council can fund keeping them on. Damiano will pursue.

Library (and some blocks') wifi shit. Ask at GPC.

Drilling was really loud. Compensation?

Why didn't College warn us there'd be freshers in X and Y? The freshers requested it but still a) implications should have been made clear and b) College should have warned us.

Actions arising:

All JCR members: Encourage people to write for John's scrapbook. If you see someone damaging the JCR, call them a knob. Add things to the survey if necessary.

Danni: Help Tori make scrapbook digital.

Alex: Warn ugrads that broken things in JCR will only be replaced once more. Tell College off for breaking the table football. Look for bookshelf? Tell College we don't think there should be conferences in the JCR. Remind College that we're not a disciplinary body. Mention shit wifi at GPC. Ask about compensation for drilling? And tell College they should've warned us about freshers in X and Y?

Damiano: Pursue streetlights issue.