

JCR FULL COMMITTEE MINUTES
5th February 2017

Apologies Sent

- Becca Tomlinson
- Peter Winch
- Isabel Cocker
- Charlotte Coventon

Unapologetic

- Matt Hill

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

1. All receipts need to be sent to Millie ASAP (preferably hard copies) so that she can sort out refunds.
2. All outstanding website updates must be sent to Charlie ASAP

1. Exec/Officer Updates

Welfare

- Finished organising Valentine's day
- Sorting out Week 5 events
- Have complained to CUSU about pregnancy tests:
 - o They only give out five at a time, but Welfare gives people who request them two
 - o Therefore, they run out quickly
- LGBT formal is coming up and will have attendees from multiple colleges
 - o LGBT flags have also gone up

Communications

- Stash will be shipped on the 7th of February

Academic affairs

- Committee meeting on whether or not to include first and second year marks in the calculation of an overall tripos grade
 - o Currently in discussions stage
 - o Most fellows are currently against weightage
- Peer-to-peer review: CUSU program that trains people on how to listen up and sets up sessions to chat with peers who may need support
 - o Therefore, could extend peer-to-peer to encompass/replace the Samaritans idea (see last week's minutes)

Target & Access

- CUSU shadowing scheme has ended and was successful: lots of people have said that they want to apply to Fitz

- Admissions committee meeting next week to discuss what has been successful over the last year, and what'll happen over the next year
- Dan has a conference coming up with local state schools and is organising visits
- Andrew has begun the process of getting social services to approve visits to college
- *Actions to be taken:* Emily is to report back on this to Carl

Ethical Affairs

- Ramnik and Charlotte attended an environment meeting
 - o Fitz Off will be during the first two weeks of March: GBP100 extra for prize money
 - o Fairtrade formal on the 8th of March
 - o Film screenings
 - o Potential of having a community beehive
- Everyone should have a plastic card thermometer in their room; if they don't, they should put a helpdesk ticket in room
- Previous years have asked about whether we can have bins across the campus
 - o However, college is against this because people will be more inclined to throw the rubbish near the bin vs. in it
- Recycling
 - o Ramnik will look into whether we can recycle after ents

Treasurer

- Will be sorting out receipts Weeks 1, 4 and 8
- Actions to be taken
 - o **ALL JCR MEMBERS** should send receipts (preferably hard copies) to Millie ASAP

Ents

- Fitz Up went well: lots of alcohol left over, small non-significant loss
- Marriage formal will be next week, Halfway Hall is on the 15th

2. Housing Ballot

Process

- Will remain same as last year
- Tutorial cases: specific types of rooms are required → that selection of rooms will be done two weeks before corridor ballot

Scholar's Ballot

- At the moment, scholars are able to pull up half a corridor
- Katie suggested that scholars instead are able to either select one room or ballot in the normal system where they can pull up their friends

Year Abroad

- Abi raised the possibility of changing the way the ballot works for those on their year abroad, because it's difficult to do it by proxy
- However, we cannot allocate rooms a year in advance because we don't know if the housing ballot system will change
- Instead, it's advisable for people on year abroads to share corridors with other people on year abroads/or those going on for fourth year

Rent negotiations

- Last year, there was an increase of 2.7%
 - o 2.4% → basic increase in room rents
 - o 0.3% → IT costs collapsed into rent to increase IT costs
- Costs this year will be larger because of the costs of A-C staircases and higher inflation
- Suggested band – 3.5-7%
- **Internet**
 - o Can increase Internet, but will have to be taken into account into increases to a similar scale (0.3% on top of basic)
 - Will have to cap/start limiting bandwidth of people who abuse the internet at the top end because college still has to pay for data → that cost will have to be transferred to student if they abuse it
 - o However, only 50-60 people have significantly gone over the current limit, and for non-academic activities.
 - o We would rather the money went into making the internet better, as coverage is weak
 - Eduroam cuts out frequently the houses, some college rooms (ends of E block) are not covered by WiFi
 - Not many tickets are put in and therefore IT does not know the scale of the problem
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o Negotiate for rent increases to be kept at 4%
 - o Run a survey about Internet coverage, including items on where the coverage is lacking, how many maintenance tickets have been put in, and when they experience problems
 - On the basis of this, decide whether to negotiate for better Internet coverage instead of more data.

Kitchen Fixed Charge

- Currently GBP 166
- Looking at a 1% increase
- Can now be increased with inflation as the contract the JCR/MCR presidents had with college agreeing for a 10% increase over a 3 year period has now run out

3. Minimum Meals Charge

- People with strict dietary requirements (strict Kosher/coeliac) cannot eat in the buttry or café, and are still being made to pay the minimum meals charge
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o **Andrew** will feed back information to Katie about specific cases he is aware of
 - o **Katie** will bring it up at the Food & Beverage Working Group to see if either:
 - Minimum meals charges can be refunded; or
 - People with strict dietary requirements can pay a higher kitchen fixed charge and no minimum meals charge

4. Disabilities Officer Forum

- We do not currently have a disabilities officer
- CUSU is doing a policy workshop and looking for thirty people to help develop a future transport strategy for the university
- On the 13th of February, 5-7PM
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o If we have not received any volunteers, **Carl** will include a call for volunteers in his next president's email

5. Stewarding

- Carl has a meeting coming up with Rob, Chris and Steward to discuss stewarding
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o Carl will suggest keeping the ratio 1:25 for first 25 people; every subsequent group of people above 25 could be represented 1:40