

Minutes – Exec Meeting – 26th February 2017

Apologies sent:

- Katie Bryden
- Ramnik Uppal

1. Budget discussion

- The JCR budget was rejected for being too high – it was GBP700 more than last year
 - o Out of this, GBP400 is a result of the JCR needing to now pay for bar extensions whenever a bop or event is held (GBP20.65/hour)
 - o We are GBP175 over the acceptable threshold
- We have currently projected for 13 bops, however this may be too many. 10 is likely a better estimate.
 - o Bops include family superhall, Halloween, fitzmas, halfway hall, college marriage, refreshers and freshers. Ents also plans to have a bop after Fairtrade Formal, however not many tickets for the formal have been sold, likely because it's the day after Women's Dinner
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o **Millie** will revise the budget to reduce the number of bops from 13 to 10.

2. Steward discussion

- Carl has spoken to the Head Porter, who is happy to reduce the number of stewards at bops to 3 or 4, on the condition that the JCR will always be able to operate and steward effectively, even if the bop is at full capacity
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o **Carl** will convince the Bar Manager and the Catering Manager that this is an appropriate course of action

3. Feedback on the ballot

- Katie has released ballot information this week
- Freshers are mildly confused about the ballot
 - o If you ballot for a house, can you then decide to go for a corridor?
 - If you ballot for a house and are successful, then you cannot re-enter the ballot for a corridor
 - If you don't get a house, you may ballot for a corridor
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o **Katie** will:
 - Email and post on the Facebook group tonight about returning housing ballot forms to the Accommodation and Housekeeping Manager
 - Make a flow diagram that simplifies the housing ballot process

4. Rent prices

- A, B, and C will be going up by GBP7.50, an increase of approximately 5.5% compared to the average college-wide increase of 4.2%

- Incoming freshers will have the chance to choose between A, B and C (more expensive), or E, F and M (less expensive)
- There could be issues if the less expensive accommodation is oversubscribed and students who cannot afford to pay for more expensive accommodation are put into A, B and C blocks
- Decided that though this could occur, it is up to the individual student to raise the issue

5. Bursar's Committee

- Carl has a Bursar's Committee meeting on Thursday
- Freezers:
 - o Not standard in houses nor in college
 - o There is not enough space for freezers in college, and freezers must be de-iced often, which may pose a burden for housekeeping
 - o College is looking at phasing in freezers gradually
- International storage for Scotland/Wales
 - o Carl has previously raised this with the bursars, and they have argued that there is not enough space
 - o *Actions to be taken*
 - **Tom** needs to build up evidence to strongly back up the case for international storage for Scotland/Wales to be introduced

6. General Purposes Committee

- Carl has GPC tomorrow night
- No one has anything that they would like raised

7. Women's Hours

- There have been instances where men have been in the gym during women's hours and have refused to leave, despite being asked
- This is an issue for gym committee, however if someone is disobeying the women's hours rules, the porters should be notified and they will deal with the situation