

JCR Full Committee Meeting – Week 5 – 5 November 2017

Apologetic

- Emilia Morgan
- Katie Bryden
- Charlie Jonas
- Becca Tomlinson

1. Updates

Ethical Affairs

- Been in touch with housekeeping about having food waste bins in corridors, however they have rejected the proposition based on health and safety reasons
- The difference between having compost bins in houses and in college is that students are unable to easily take out compost bins themselves in college
 - o Housekeeping cannot take out food waste bins because of policy
 - o We wonder if it would be possible to get a big compost bin where the bins are
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - o **Katie** will raise the issue at the next Accommodation and Housekeeping Meeting

Charities

- Tom and Ramnik have begun the Christmas food bank appeal
 - o Students have been asked to fill a shoebox with food bank contributions and leave them in the JCR
 - o Tom will take them to the Cambridge City Foodbank at the end of term

Ents

- Fireworks Night was last night
 - o Despite buying 28 bottles of wine and 17 packs of 6x mince pies, they ran out
 - o The ents team recommends that next year, more money is allocated to Fireworks Night and less to other events
- Fitzmas Bop is the only event left

Vice-President

- The food and beverage committee meeting is coming up and Katie has sent out a feedback form
- Fitz's halal policy is an issue that may need to be raised
 - o The current statement on the website is vague and contradictory
 - o Most meat is halal, but the catering staff can't guarantee that it is, and if all meat is halal, some individuals may be unable to eat it
 - o Students can currently find out whether meat being served is halal by asking serving staff, or can email in advance

Environment

- The Fitz Green Impact Group has been set up, and the first meeting is tomorrow

Welfare

- Welfare massages are on Tuesday
- LGBT+ flag
 - o Last year, we were unable to get the flag raised because of the Flag Ordinance Policy, which lays out the rules about which flags can be flown on the Fitz flagpole

- The college received criticism in the student media for not putting up the flag, and displaying banners instead, particularly as many other colleges fly the flag
- Carl and welfare are currently in conversation with the Senior Tutor about whether or not we will be able to raise the flag this year

Target & Access

- The Shadowing Scheme is in two weeks, and 15 students will be coming
- Emily attended an Admissions Committee meeting
 - College is keen to increase access efforts to break down the North/South divide and increase diversity
- Andrew is in conversation with the lady who runs Realise, an organisation that aims to increase the number of care leavers joining university

Academic Affairs

- Nivvi has been running University Challenge trials and the team should be formed in a week

President

- Carl attended a Bursar's committee meeting and suggested putting into policy a document released at the end of July announcing any price increases to occur in Michaelmas so we can budget against it

2. Bop stewarding

- We need one more person to steward Fitzmas
 - **Danielle** is happy to help if no one else volunteers
- All JCR members get guaranteed Fitzmas tickets
- *Actions to be taken:*
 - **Katie M** will poll the JCR Facebook group regarding which formal they would like to attend after meeting with the Catering Manager to confirm Fitzmas dates and the mechanism to obtain tickets

3. CUSU

- Motion on increasing the number of CUSU council votes for liberation campaigns
 - Currently, each college has three votes
 - Each Sabb has one vote and represents a liberation campaign (of approximately 4000-10000 people)
 - Want to change it so that liberation campaigns have two votes
 - This won't really affect us
- Motion to support Cambridge rent campaigns
 - Priscilla Mensah (CUSU president, 2015) started rent workshops which occurred in Easter, after rent negotiations in most colleges had taken place
 - Amatey Doku (CUSU president, 2016) tried moving them forward, but they remained ineffective
 - Someone outside CUSU has suggested that CUSU should be mandated to endorse student-led rent campaigns through data collection etc and raise the issue of rent's effect on access and student quality of life in university-level meetings
 - We think this is a positive step forward

4. JCR/bar projector

- Carl has spoken with the Barmen and it has been suggested that we move the projector from the JCR to the bar so on occasion, we can play sports matches in the bar to increase student activity there
- What if people want to work?

- The bar is not explicitly a workspace and there are other spaces available
- Can we let people know when games are being shown?
 - This will depend on whether it will be run by the bar, or if students will have to email in advance to ask if they can screen particular games
 - Could also fall under Sports & Societies
- We should trial it and also promote the TV room
 - It needs to be cleaned up and should perhaps be decorated
- *Actions to be taken*
 - **Carl** will raise the possibility of moving the projector into the bar with the Bursars

5. Housing ballot

- Katie and Carl have decided to raise the housing ballot this term rather than leaving it to the next committee, and are meeting with the Senior Tutor and Accommodation Manager next week to discuss changes
- Main issue is filling up the houses
 - Katie suggests re-implementing a rule whereby freshers cannot fill up a whole corridor until all the houses have been filled
 - Second years going into third years cannot go into houses because college wants to foster a sense of community in third year
 - This will help reduce the uncertainty faced by unconfirmed fourth years, who will at least all be on site
 - Impractical to reserve a block for fourth years as we'd have to go into a room deficit and need to wait on tutorial cases for freshers and second years
 - We recommend keeping the sheet listing who is living where active until the fourth years have their ballot so they know who is in corridors before they make their final selections
- Scholar's Ballot
 - The education committee objected to getting rid of the scholar's ballot last year as they don't see it as an incentive, but a reward for working hard
 - It may be something to consider for the coming year (ie. this year's freshers)
 - Possibly change it so that scholars can only pull up one person rather than a whole corridor

6. JCR elections

- President elections – nominations are open and will close on Thursday at 9PM
 - Hustings are on Friday at 7:30, voting opens on Saturday and closes on Sunday
- Executive committee
 - Nominations open on the 13th, close on the 17th
 - Hustings are on the 18th and voting will be over the 19th and 20th
- Sub-committee
 - Nominations open on the 21st and close on the 25th
 - Hustings are on the 26th and voting is over the 27th and 28th

7. Fitz Winter Wonderland

- We have a budget more or less fixed – we will have at least GBP 1000 and if we can raise more, that would be excellent

- There probably won't be any permanent stewards and it will be more loosely stewarded than bops because of the time of day and the nature of the event
- *Actions to be taken*
 - o **Carl** will put a sign-up link for volunteers on the JCR Facebook page

8. AOB – Lights

- The stairs opposite Q block are currently very badly lit, as are the stairs from the library to the café
- It may be worth asking for more lights, and perhaps reviving the Lighting Working Group Committee after winter.
 - o **Carl** will raise this at the next Bursars' committee meeting