

JCR Meeting 1 – January 20th 2019 (JCR Copy)

Present

Ellie Brain (President), Andrew Salkeld, Alex Burns, Becky Reilly, Yaron Bernstein, Finn Manders, Leon Reason, Connor Dwyer, Iona Mac, Marc Foxhall, Rob Watts, Henry Sainsbury, Harriet Bradnock, Alexandra Nikolin, Ben Bristow, Poppy Blackshaw, Irene Jessel, Cerian Craske, Ben Tudor, Priya Kaler, Du vessa Bandeen, Daniel Ellis, Dmitry Bashtanov, George Richmond, Justin Yu (not present for CUSU voting)

Apologies

Emily Insanally (Vice President), Emily Baker-Thurston, Zayn Richards, Caolan McConnaughie, Daniel Carter

Note: The President made all points recorded in these minutes, except for those stated otherwise.

1. JCR Crash Course

Chessboard Analogy for JCR relationship to college leadership;

- Master is like a King
- Bursar is like the Queen
- Domestic Bursar is like a Knight
- JMA Treasurer is like a Rook

Our relationship to the JMA:

They hold the overall budget.

Important meetings take place with them, and from the JCR, the President, Treasurer and Sports and Societies representative attend.

CUSU Council:

Every 2 weeks is CUSU Council. Anyone can propose a motion or statement to the Council. Motions on the agenda for CUSU Council will be debated and voted on by the JCR. The President and Vice President vote at the meeting on the JCR's behalf. If a motion is too important for just the JCR to debate, it can go to a wider vote of students.

Executives:

Must go to meetings, and report back to JCR, and also report to President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Funding:

If there isn't enough money available from the JCR Treasurer, there are lots of other sources of funding to be found, or the Treasurer can assist in finding (eg. Fitzwilliam Society).

2. Round The Room

Ents Exec (Henry) – No loss made over Refreshers Week except for FULS (loss as an event of £340). There is at least £250 worth of drinks assets remaining from the event, however, so this helps our finances.

Henry and the Ents team thank all stewards throughout the week for their support. Wish to submit a proposal to the General Purpose Committee (hereby GPC), requesting workers/stewards are paid (though this could be via EPOS).

Jukebox – Ents have had talks with staff over how to use it in the bar. Currently the plan is provisionally for staff to control it in order for quicker instalment. Need to think about how to ensure only appropriate music is played once students can select.

We still have money for a hockey table still left over from the last JCR.

Looking to get a computer in the JCR for streaming; we already have the Sky Box in there now.

Target and Access (Finn) – Looking to integrate Hill College access teams, and having social media presence for this. There has been integration in the past.

Improving Deleagoats database to include information about people's backgrounds to tailor their work.

Shadowing Scheme is coming up and will take place for 2 weeks at Fitz. Will be looking to collaborate with Hill Colleges for a better experience.

Looking towards an online suggestions box, external school visits and collating information on bursaries.

Welfare (Du vessa) – Intend to start updating the welfare section of the website.

(Men's Welfare – George) Meeting with Senior Tutor relating to student's thoughts on the Tutorial system; there will now be a survey of students on this. (Du vessa) It would be helpful for tutors to show opportunities available to students, rather than students having to present it to tutors.

Looking to CUSU to help provide sexual health products in college.

Buy baskets for sanitary products so more can be distributed.

First aid kits for at least every staircase.

Ethical Affairs (Harriet) – Vegan Potluck is tomorrow (21st January, 6pm).

University-wide Green Week is next week.

Recycling bins for crisp/biscuit wrappers now in the JCR, with some for toothbrushes etc coming soon.

FitzOff Challenge coming back at the end of January.

(Alexandra) Compost bin collections; opt-in for compost bins in staircases as it is up to students to empty them.

(Alexandra) Meeting with housekeeping about getting washing up bowls in kitchens.

(Alexandra) Need poster of where certain types of bins are around college.

Gym (Yaron) – Inductions took place on Saturday.

Sub-committee coming up soon.

Air-Conditioning issues and lighting issues to be looked into.

LGBT (Alex) – The rainbow flag will fly for at least one day this year, though we want more than this. To be taken up with the GPC. Also plan on flying the Trans flag when one is bought.

LGBT Drinks event is on Tuesday (22nd January) and LGBT Bop is on 5th February.

Looking for a way to talk to Trans and NB students anonymously.

Goat Post (Leon) – Working on design currently. Looking for money for Adobe Publishing.

Apparently the Goat Post has a separate budget, so this needs to be investigated.

We have 6 potential contributors at the moment, and need more!

Social media success – JCR now has over 200 followers.

International (Justin) – International Cooking session coming up: buying groceries and in need of pots and pans.

Looking to link with other International Officers and looking into an International families scheme.

BME (Iona) – BME Mixer Event; went really good and feedback is that more BME events are wanted.

University wide BME Officer meeting is tomorrow (21st January) looking at PREVENT. (NB Senior Tutor is the PREVENT representative for the college).

Charities (Ben) – Ethical Formal is on 30th January with Cambridge Carbon Footprint and sustainably sourced food. Charity quiz is to be confirmed.

Education (Poppy) – People have contacted over study groups – difficult to organise but can get people together who want them, and arrange a room to study and talk in.

In week 5, will host drop-in sessions in the café.

(Du vessa/Dan) Exam preparation sessions? Ways to see the exam season in a more positive way.

Women (Cerian) – Period Poverty FemSoc event coming up.

Trying to organise formal with speaker for International Women’s Day (we have support from the Master).

Reclaim The Night – will be participating, with a FemSoc the night before.

Mental Health (Dan) – Looking into making the buttery more friendly for people who wish to go alone instead of in groups.

Weekly ‘Drink and Draw’ sessions to start, as well as weekly drop-in sessions.

Make leaflet for step-by-step guide to referrals, and the signs to look for in a friend who may be struggling.

(George/Du vessa) Male specific mental health survey. Weekly Welfare Socials to begin, Thursdays 5-6pm.

Food and Beverages (Irene) – 12th February meeting with Buttery staff. If anyone wishes to complain about menus, let Irene know in no uncertain terms!

Questionnaire for service improvements, mainly focused on people who do not use the buttery regularly or at all.

(Du vessa) Work with International Officers to make theme nights less Anglicised.

(Ellie) Master has said she would like to see a fruit and veg stall for students to buy very cheap fruit and veg in college.

Technical (Dmitry) – Please keep the JMA cupboard clean, and please inform Dmitry if you need his help well in advance, not the day before.

3. Treasury Time – Budget (Andrew)

£3,827 total expenditure.

Must reach £3,200, so cuts may need to be made by Execs. Putting in gown sales to the budget helps this.

JCR Jumpers - £483 on the budget. Vote on them: **21 For, 3 Abstain, 0 Against (PASSED)**

Reimbursements – if you have small purchases needed before the budget is approved, please buy it and get it reimbursed. We want reimbursement speeding up, but this is difficult. Please use Andrew’s credit card if you cannot afford to wait for reimbursement.

GDPR – we need GDPR sessions for people who will deal with data and information from students (Comms, Welfare, Education, T&A and Sports/Societies)

4. 150 Years of Fitzwilliam

Development Office are dealing with this, and are focusing on alumni. There are currently no plans for undergraduates.

Ellie's manifesto pledged to host June Event and looking to Fitzwilliam Society for this. Asking if possible to be match-funded by the JMA. Looking for a small committee to help with this, once funding is secured.

(Iona/Finn) 150 students past and present from non-traditional Cambridge backgrounds to be profiled and photographed to show diversity and progress in the college.

Also 40 Years of Fitz, and Development Office are keen to support. Maybe after matriculation pictures, the stage and photographer are kept, and female students, staff and alumni are brought together for a photograph.

(Leon) Girton display pictures of alumni from non-traditional backgrounds who have been successful around the college. We could perhaps do this.

Time capsule to be buried for 150 year celebration.

5. Living Wage

Postponed to the next meeting

6. Voting on CUSU Council Motions

24 possible total votes, all those present.

1 motion carried unanimously, 2 more passed, 2 failed, and one amendment to an existing motion carried unanimously.

Motion 1 – Motion to Support St Edmunds College JCR On The Matter Of The Toby Jackson Newton Trust JRF

For – 23

Against – 0

Abstain – 1

Motion 2 – Fair Pay and Equal Pay For Staff: Motion to support Upcoming Industrial Action

For – 0

Against – 14

Abstain – 8

The JCR propose an amendment to the motion as it is written in the CUSU documents. We wish to see CUSU prioritise students during industrial action, should it happen, and thus stand in solidarity with staff, but equally do not wish for students to be detrimentally affected by strike action as previously experienced. Voting on creating an amendment to this extent:

For – 24

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion 3 – Motion To Fund A Portion Of CUSU Ethical Affairs' University Green Week

For – 24

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion 4 – Motion To Change Standing Orders For Elections

For – 0

Against – 20

Abstain – 4

The JCR would like clarification on this motion, due to no clear understanding of the documents in question and thus the implications of the changes proposed. The JCR raised concerns that the moving of the standing orders may be to make them easier to remove entirely, something we are against.

Motion 5 – Motion To Support Student Campaigns And Movements Working Towards The Demilitarisation Of The University

For – 12

Against – 7

Abstain – 4

7. AOB

We have a quiz machine in the JCR – we should look into whether this works, and if we feel it appropriate to have gambling enabled in the JCR (for future discussion)

Meeting Adjourned at 19:10