

## JCR Meeting 5 Minutes

**PRESENT:** Ellie Brain (President) Emily Insanally (VP), George Richmond (Male Welfare), Alex Burns (LGBTQ), Becky Reilly (Ents), Cerian Craske (Womens), Ben Tudor (Ents), Priya Kaler (Womens), Daniel Ellis (Mental Health/Disabilities), EBT (Ents), Marc Foxhall (TandA) Daniel Carter (website), Alex Nikolin (Green), Irene Jessel (Food and Bev), Poppy Blackshaw (Academic Affairs/ Acting Secretary for Meeting 5), Justin Yu (late arrival) Du vessa Bandeen (late arrival)

### 1. Round the room:

Ellie – Will not do accountability checks at meeting, but have them in by Sunday (17/03/2019)

Daniel Carter – Room ballot was successful. Gathering content for website.

Marc – Schools Presentation Workshop. Ellie asks if we can post the Target Schools on the Class Act website.

Ents – started planning silent disco. Would like to do week zero. Film club starting next term. Not going to charge for this. Wants to set up ‘knit and knat’

Alex Nikolin – Meeting with bursar about divestment working group – looking for range of opinions for group. Part of team drafting investment guidelines. Ellie will send more information to Alex. Ask if college will pay for train tickets.

Irene – will look in to Gin (Rhubard and Ginger)

Dan Ellis – referral guide and access route for all in college. Du vessa organising exam talks for next term. Drink and draw, starting next term.

Priya and Cerian – IWD formal was success. Reclaim the night walking party also successful. In process of booking self-defence workshop. 2x16 people workshop.

George – Yoga finished for term. Stopped running welfare tea and biscuits half way through term (issue raised by VP). Emily thinks welfare tea and biscuits is good for exam term.

Emily Insanally – Housing ballot done and successful. Wants to remind people to sign room ballot. Breach of personal information – link on the Facebook page, will be put on the housing website next time. Will insert note that which room you choose will be made public unless you wish to opt out. Whole weekend given up to the Housing Ballot – whilst good to do in person, so maybe two people did this. If there are any suggestions on how it could be run in a more efficient way.

- Irene suggests that the shadow ballot should be in more detail next year i.e. people fill out the SPECIFIC room they want.
- Ellie will dedicate more time to this in Easter Term to discussing this.

Ellie – Fitz Society still haven’t got back to me. Looking for pro-scholars ballot speaker for referendum debate. Speaking with senior tutor re complaints to do with counselling service from Fitz survey. Collecting data from other colleges about the living wage – most realistic is getting zero hour contractors involved in bonus at the end of term. Disciplinary procedures –

governing body of college is split down the middle re changing to balance of probabilities, so issued a notice regarding this. CUSU council – accountability – Emily and Ellie’s voting record now online.

**2. Transparency Vote: This is a vote to decide whether from next term, each JCR members personal voting record will be put in the JCR minutes.**

Ellie made two suggestions, either: (1) complete transparency in voting or (2) transparency unless a JCR member asks for a secret ballot.

Rensa – concerns about people being linked to things online – perhaps these voting records should be raven protected, and only roles are used as opposed to individual names.

George – fear is getting people to ask for secret ballot, if the issue so controversial may feel uncomfortable asking in the first instance.

Alex Nikolin – concerned as to why we need a secret ballot. Will only be used on controversial issues, but surely people want to see how JCR members voted. Because controversial, there should be accountability.

Ben Tudor – If you do not want to express opinion, abstention option is there. Any record should not exist forever. So should limit availability up to 2 years.

Dan Ellis – Disagrees with Ben’s abstention point. When you abstain, it is because you do not agree or disagree not because you are scared to voice an opinion. Ellie is also worried about this, with Irene thinking this nullifies the point of voting.

Alex – Should not make secret ballot available because people may be uncomfortable to voice opinion. We should make the JCR an environment in which people feel comfortable voicing their opinions.

Ellie – Do we make not voting at all a possibility? On website, voting records tab which is only raven accessible. Only fitz students can access.

Daniel Carter – putting roles down instead of names is a good idea.

Marc – issue of using roles is that it becomes difficult to distinguish specific subcommittee members.

Ellie – disparity can be had between certain roles on request.

VOTING RESULT: Transparency of fitz JCR on grounds that records only accessible on JCR website, with raven access only.

For - 17

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

**3. Website**

Daniel Carter – almost there getting welfare pages up to date. A couple of things that need to be chased up: (i) online room booking. Ellie suggests a JCR app with links, calendar of events etc. Content is essentially completed. Discussion of redesigning and making it look nicer. Emily thinks that Fitz JCR website revamp needs to be a big priority.

Daniel asks that if you spot any links which do not work, he will try and fix them.

#### **4. GDPR**

Ellie – Fitz needs to draft their own GDPR document. Will also get Conor to draft JCR Code of Conduct.

Daniel - Google drive has a lot of data on it from years ago which has a lot of personal information that we should not have anymore. Will go through and delete stuff.

#### **5. Chapel Opening Times/Prayer Room**

Daniel Ellis – should the chapel be locked up or open 24 hours?

Ben – Reason they lock it is because they keep equipment.

Ellie – Downing have a prayer room. Senior Tutor contacting Downing Senior Tutor to explore this. Issue is that Fitz does not have a surplus of empty rooms.

Duversa – Problem is what room should we use. Ellie will chase this up this easter.

VOTING RESULT: Making Chapel 24 hours, and telling senior tutor this

For – 18

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

#### **6. AOB:**

Rensa - Events for college related things are spread across quite a lot of online pages – so very easy to miss what is going on in college. Hardly any of these events are equipped with access information – can be alienating.

- Marc - Can we put access information on the JCR website.
- Access Cambridge wiki
- People do not have enough information about exams – needs to be more information on this issue.

Chaplain notes complaints about his email but he feels that it is part of his role as Chaplain to advertise what events are taking place. Colleges choice to have a chaplain and as part of that he has to make these known.

- Ellie going to speak to senior tutor about opting out of these emails.

Duversa: DIVERSE – charity that will test for STIs. Shall she delay them coming until Michalemas or Exam term?

**Meeting adjourned: 18.01**