

Minutes from Open Meeting regarding Rent Negotiations

In attendance

JCR: Fenella Keevil, Oli Taylor, Katie McCoshan, Ilona Szabo, Carl Martin, Helen Fishwick, Hana Gudelis

Open: Charlotte Coventon, Helen Taylor

Apologies: Nivedetha Yalamarathi, Becca Tomlinson

Unapologetic: Viktor Kewenig, Sandeepa Welgama

Minutes

Thanks to Ents team and those who worked FULS

Open weekend: last year tried to do an open weekend but didn't really work. Try to make it bigger, set day or weekend – where people can come in and out. Encourage people to put pros and cons sticky note on door: eg “nice view, room nice, bit noisy, but good value for money” – do that successfully in Sidney

2.4% reasonable for this year and future years – lower % this year = higher for next.

KFC definition on website. Covers some costs of overhead of kitchen and corridor kitchens; President 2 years ago agreed 3 year set amount, so nothing we can do.

If unhappy with size of room, query and will be sorted – good idea

Shrink/expand band gap – prefer shrinking, not fair to put burden of money on 3rd years who are pressured into paying for higher accommodation

Questions resulting (president to ask at rent negotiations)

Does SF only change for new people? Do maintenance loans increase for 2nd years by 2.4% as new applicants to SF or not?

How many people don't spend MMC?

Can there be an opt out for vegan/kosher etc?

Don't want to increase price of KFC to opt out of MMC

Can we increase MMC and decrease KFC?