

General Meeting Agenda - 18/01/20

Present - Andrew Salkeld, Apriya Millan, Ben Tudor, Beth Brown, Jack Bailey, Kesavan Sivanesan, Tom Noden, Leona Kuame, Tami Briggs, Alexandra Nikolin, Tolu Mustapha, Ayan Addow, Dana Skotarenko, Priya Kaler, Joanna Neve, Daniel Carter, Alex Jarvis, Etien Jasonson, Ellie Fox, Tomas Andre, Elizabeth Torley

Apologies - Mayuran Visakan, Cerian Craske, Daisy Green, Kirstie Goodchild, Stefan Vintila, Maise Mathews, Hassan Akhter, Craig Stewart, Hebe Robinson

Agenda Points:

1. Rent and accommodation 2020/21 (will be covered last)

Housing - Where people go? (Run by Apriya)

Rent - How much rent goes up by + Kitchen Fixed Charge etc.

See powerpoint (to be uploaded)

~~2. Budget~~

3. Welfare Bake Sale

TN - booked space outside buttry 11:30-1:30 on Sat 8th Feb. Master to judge and crown Star Baker.

BB - try to push mental health benefits of baking together and socialising for Time to Talk Day.

AN - Bake or buy cakes to bring.

TN - allergy list needed so disclose ingredients.

4. Anti-racism Training

TM - emailed Senior Tutor who said they have discussed funding it and has been approved. Porters will be trained on this. Fellows potentially too. Meeting with Domestic Bursar to suggest what to train on so open to suggestions. Supervisors too but PC says there are over 1000 supervisors so logistical difficulty and not a Fitz issue. Fitz trying to systemise so those that contact Fitz students are trained on this and whether they would have it on Fitz level.

DC - many are PhDs

TM - not just one-off, need retraining

LK - some colleges have made it compulsory (Sidney Sussex?)

5. Opening a prayer room

LK - Senior tutor says opening chapel is the option. Some people may not want to use that for religious reasons. Trying to find spare rooms for Ramadan etc. Contact college reps for different societies.

AS - Chapel meant to be all religions but obviously isn't.

6. Halal and Kosher meat options

EJ- one halal serving of beef per term to see how it goes, wasn't easy to get. Try to get more halal lamb and chicken. Strict pricing schedule that may make this difficult.

AS - bring up at student reps with domestic bursar. Formals should be easier to set up.

EJ- Already do kosher at formals. Cannot at buttry as not kosher kitchen. Need to publicise it.

7. GDPR and advertising

KS - keep any data from surveys for a certain amount of time. KS putting together a summarised document that will be sent to everyone.

AS - sensitive data stuff, we could get Nic from Comms to do a college form for us.

KS - Treat Official Fitz as we do emails. Don't over-advertise, gets annoying and people stop listening. Don't post really far in advance because nobody remembers.

8. CUSU Council Agenda

Unanimous approval of 6A

Unanimous approval of 6B

Discussion of 7A

AS - short-sighted as they support Engineering research on sustainability

AN - should support it, demands and resolutions are unachievable short-term so should be end goal. The harm they do outweighs the good that comes from their funding. Should be at forefront.

EF - need to pull out. Profit from marginalising and furthering fossil fuel extraction.

Need to be proactive about it. Hypocritical to continue to benefit from it.

EJ- research offsets industry to some degree but won't stop it. Uni has global responsibility.

AN - ticking time bomb. Research funded will not help. Stopping the industry will and this is the way to start.

BT - research says that by the time extraction is unprofitable it is too late to reverse damage. If profit motive exists in green tech, why not have investment from green tech firms? No point in the research if used by the people causing the problem.

TA - would like to know how much funding Shell etc. give. November Shell gave £6M to research extraction.

EJ- research is not magic. What do we expect to be researched over the next 5 years that will help. Can make a more technical problem if you want but don't need to. cost-benefit analysis doesn't seem to work.

AS - research would be wind turbines, improved solar tech,

Vote -

For: Apriya Millan, Ben Tudor, Beth Brown, Jack Ashli-Stuart Bailey, Kesavan Sivanesan, Tom Noden, Leona Kuame, Tami Briggs, Alexandra Nikolin, Tolu Mustapha, Ayan Addow, Dana Skotarenko, Priya Kaler, Joanna Neve, Daniel Carter, Alex Jarvis, Etien Jasonson, Ellie Fox, Tomas Andre, Elizabeth Torley

Against: Andrew Salkeld

Abstain: Dana and Alex

7B - Kashmir motion

AS - support abstention

EJ- support as it is harmless

Vote - Unanimous support

8A - The art of being present funding

Vote -

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Abstain: Daniel Carter

8B - Fund Decolonise magazine

AS - do more copies of Goat Post and this is uni-wide

EJ- amend to scale up

JN - maybe small number of copies for digital

Vote - unanimous support

8C - BME constitution

Vote - unanimous approval

9. Puffer Jackets

AS - email sent to set up

BB - maybe have as alternative to jumper, option to have writing.

AM - have Cambridge on it too as it looks like secondary school otherwise

THEY'RE COMING!!!

10. Opening up stewarding to all JCR members

AS - standard events not too bad. Can run your own bop as long as stewarded. Not for FULS, nobody would do it and not for right reasons.

BT - please come to stewarding events. Not unreasonable expectation as not v long time and doesn't involve much effort

BB - JCR is position of responsibility in college and this is made clear

AS - if we didn't do it, they wouldn't happen.

BT - cannot directly pay.

AM - fresher reps committee to alleviate stewarding issues.

11. AOB

TB - idea of 1 access officer and 1 social media rep

JB - not keen on losing access officer and thinks should have a dedicated role if we need it.

TB - wants student perspective on page and not just SLO.

AA - happy to help on social media.

JB - get T&A access to it so we can co-ordinate

AA - during applications people look a lot so it should be student friendly.

AM - will collaborate on this

TB - CUSU conference mentioned the regular mentioned

DC - JCR twitter account exists

KS - do posts on JCR page and get the college to share it.

AM - make snapchat account.

AS - Accessibility workshops next Saturday and Sunday 12-1, Walker Room 11 above Plodge.

BB - Champions; above and beyond tutorial system to be reflective of liberation campaigns in the fellows. Also meeting with PC 3x a term. Equality and diversity committee that they want to get a JCR seat on. Michaelmas will have a cooking skills workshop.

AN - hedgehog meeting went well. Want to do Billy Day-like event. Everyone can find hedgehog after sunset. Gardeners back it.

Fitz Up

- BB - move to week where people haven't just arrived and done mocks. Some deadline pressures etc can make returning stressful which may contribute to excesses at FULS. Week 2?

- BT - need ents to be in college solidly for 2 days. Harder when term has started. Inevitable that people go mad
- AS - open an hour later?
- AA - stick with theme a bit more?
- Issue of males not allowed alone with drunks but females were?
 - BB - would have been inappropriate in many scenarios to have opposite sex involved at many times.
 - AS to get clearer guidance on males looking after people needing help
- CC - quiet space went well, have it again.
 - BB - more we have it, the more it will be used
 - Better publicity of it
- EF - charity donations with the contactless?
 - BT - fees for using the card machine
- EJ- extend the night?
 - AS - can look into it if we can start later. Stewarding may be difficult.
 - BT - it was as late as it has ever been allowed to run before. Cannot imagine it will be allowed to go later.
- AM - why no ticket sales on door?
 - BT - because last time there was security issues upstairs. People in without buying. Inefficient for stewarding etc. Sold too many tickets anyway so not a problem.
- AS - marquees to leave stuff in Easter term at the moment. Will push harder for later check out. Lent Term checkout will be almost always be extended to 12 and if not, definitely 10. Vac storage for home students will be open for those on A and B contracts. Looser in winter term as not used so much, only works if not abused. Make known that if overused we will lose it. Spring vac - international storage for internationals only but extenuating circumstances will allow A contracts only. Summer vac - all internationals and exceptional circumstances for home students.
 - AM - is it now overseas so it includes Ireland and Northern Ireland.
 - LK - refurb blocks don't have lockable kitchen cupboards. Issues with people taking things. Everyone can access kitchen so hard to know who it is too.
 - EJ- every room should have lockable storage of decent size. Will take up with housekeeping. AS said build into renovation plans.
 - AS - other potentials: societies room to store things in, JCR (no), De Smyth (no), trunk room (safety not guaranteed). Arts store already full of winter ball stuff and artist trying to gEJit ready so don't use it. Old gym under buttry maybe used
 - AS - cupboard in JCR to be used for audio stuff?
 - EJ- drum room maybe used?Incr
- EF - Green Week 20/2 -26/2
- BME taster Day last week of Sept
- DC - do your bios!
- TN - access to forms to apply for Fitz Society funding.
- EJ- catering want to know that JCR back what he is taking.
- AS - is aluminium cans or plastic bottles more ethical. AN says both unethical, CO2 wise they are similar but plastic has more waste.