



## JCR Committee Meeting 2 - Minutes MT20, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

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### President's Business (Sanaa)

- Danson Room
  - Currently closed. Chris Conway was willing to open it for a social and/or study space.
    - may have changed because of new lockdown announcement.
  - MCR booking system is currently a sheet of paper on the door – time, who was there (same household).
    - Room open 9am to 9pm, cleaning products available.
    - John (Banbrook) suggested there might be a larger problem with JCR because demand will be higher
  - MW – we could use system like bar with checking households.
    - Difficult to physically check, MCR secretary takes photo of sheet and sends to lodge daily for records (T&T), but checking people are from the same household is harder. Other option is for lodge to keep the key and for it to be picked up – still difficult again to regulate who's actually in there.
  - Is this relevant with new lockdown?
    - It's another indoor space (quad has proved problematic).
- Vacation Residence
  - Suggestion that people will be able to leave their stuff at college.
    - Banbrook - If there are some people that leave and some that stay, it would be inconvenient for people to move rooms; there is also the issue of people being left alone without a support bubble (may be alone in accommodation).
    - Can we find a system for making new bubbles?
  - John Banbrook is slightly concerned about rooms being left as a mess.
    - Worcester has provided boxes for people to put their stuff in, and then the room can be cleaned around them, which is a feasible solution (especially if people need to move)
    - Maybe something for spending Danson money on?
  - MW – could there be some kind of ballot system for making new bubbles; probably will need a little bit of movement.
    - Depends how many people are staying. Some households are already fewer than 8, so they could take new people.
  - CG – required residence: you shouldn't have to be on the college/uni site. Doesn't seem every fair – you don't know whether you will have to stay in college and not go home for a long time, and if you go home you might not be able to come back.
    - College is very keen for people to have the flexibility.

- People will likely struggle to pay for residence. There are different allowances for finalists and non-finalists – there will be more demand because of international students and UK students that don't want to go home for a number of reasons.
  - Maybe the Danson Fund could be used for this – would need to know how many people want it, so it's difficult.
- ATM – don't think college will be on board because they were difficult last time around.
  - Grounds for asking may be stronger now – we are being forced to be here, and the college holds the responsibility for the financial burden.
  - ATM – college thinks people should go to the treasury, but people are often not keen on this strong a measure.
  - OW – also problematic to ask students to state that they deserve the funding (they might not feel deserving).
- CY – can we push back the deadline for vac res applications? SM – college can be difficult.
  - OW – pushing back the deadline is likely to mean that they have less last-minute applications.
- Showing Appreciation to the Staff
  - SM - John Banbrook wants a way of staff being recognised – burden is increased, and they are putting themselves at risk – a collective JCR initiative.
- Danson Fund
  - College are very keen for more ideas about what the money will be used for.
  - Jay – households could bid for money from Danson Fund for social things.
    - This gets hard in lockdown because people can't really go anywhere.
  - It's hard to use this because it was ear-marked for social measures.
    - OW – can we ask that this be switched to something else.
    - CW – don't need money for social events, especially with new lockdown measures.
  - Welfare pack for isolating students: RW – money now coming from welfare, not Entz (budget switching); pack of biscuits (vegan options), Lucozade, sweets (vegan), bubbles. Lots of this stuff was designed to be used for welfare events, but these obviously aren't going ahead.
    - The stock we have should be sufficient.
    - DT – negotiated increase in welfare budget, so there shouldn't be any financial issues.
    - DT - There might be a bit of leeway with the Danson Fund, but college would rather hold onto that – the £10k is not guaranteed unless there are actually thing to spend it on.
- Virtual Google Tour
  - Expanding tour on Uni website and embedding more videos. Guy who made it said it's possible to integrate videos but this has a cost (£125 initially and then £45 for each video). How many videos, showing what, and for what purpose.
    - RT – happy to speak to Hannah and Jesse to see if they have any money, but they'll probably want a more formulated plan.

- Maybe Danson Fund could be used as this is a corona-related need.
  - DT – Danson Fund is a good idea, hard to find a specific part of the budget it would come out of. Maybe we can split the payment with college.
- Rebecca to compile suggestions for video ideas.

### Treasurer's Business (Dilan)

- JCR budget
  - Had a conversation with college about allocations for different areas.
  - Can now tell JCR officers what resources they have available.
  - Keep receipts, fill in forms etc.

### Any Other Business

- Gym (Eve)
  - College sent email about gym closure without speaking to officers.
  - In terms of real lockdown, could the gym stay open for use by single households as not many people use it, it's good for welfare?
  - Eve to meet with college officers tomorrow to discuss.
  - OW – logistically easier to convince college to use cardio room (can create airflow etc.); moving things into that room may also be a good idea.
  - CG – weather will make outdoor exercise more difficult.
  - There was a lot of complaint about the decisions to close when we moved into tier 2.
  - SM – Banbrook and college officers are likely to be on board (he was not involved in the original decision to close it). Everyone will have the induction, and they should be trusted to use it well and clean all surfaces. Current cleaning equipment seems to be working well, but there may be a case for providing more.
- Fridges/ kitchen appliances (Orly)
  - This has been problematic; the biggest issue is that porters have been giving out the key to non-JCR members. A specific fridge has gone missing.
  - AL – Sanitary products have also been going missing.
  - SM – will talk to porters about not doing this in the future. On the specific case, solution is probably to reach out to the JCR community to try and swap it for the correct one.
  - SM – microwaves have not been provided and complaints are being made – college is being sketchy about it, saying there was no specific commitment to provide them. Justification for not allowing microwaves is that it is too difficult to change all smoke alarms to heat alarms.
  - SM – there should be an increased case for dinners at the weekend.

- Should have some success with Natalie; demand for hall food is very low. It may be necessary to provide cheaper food at a larger variety of times, especially with new restrictions coming in.
- Lockdown
  - CG – college will presumably send an email about what the next steps will be?
    - No information to pass along as of yet.
    - Hopefully libraries will stay open
- Freshers' rep
  - MW - When do they get elected?
    - Applications likely to go out in the next few weeks.
- College stance on isolating because of rule breaking
  - RW – there will be an issue if college takes a harsh stance on this – they may fail to isolate anyway.
  - Should not be excluded from receiving college support.