

JCR Committee Meeting 4 – Minutes

MT20, Sunday 29th November



1. General Announcements:

- PN - Reminder about the disabilities talk. Please bump up the numbers by attending, it's a great opportunity.
- CY – Library textbook feedback:
 - Library does ask for a list, but tutors often don't give it to them.
 - Clare is eager for a message to be sent to students asking if they were missing any key texts this term (so this can be amended for future year groups)

2. President's Business:

- The Danson Room
 - Use for students over the Christmas vacation (currently 17/18 students staying for all or part of vac)
 - Manageable number of people so maybe a good time to 'trail run' this space, potentially looking to open it again next term.
 - If it goes well we can review TV subscriptions (currently paying £90 for a Sky subscription – could replace with a college Netflix account or equivalent streaming service)
 - Dilan will send out a survey to gather subscription opinions from the JCR closer to the time.
- Update on Lateral Flow Test
 - Successful, 168 people taking tests (figures as of Sunday)
 - Hopefully next term the lateral flow tests will be running throughout the term.
 - More frequent/available testing hopefully means that college can be more liberal with the rules (as we can catch cases earlier)
 - Will also lower isolation time for households (as results are back faster)
- Thoughts on next term:
 - Library hours – will try and review cleaning times.
 - A survey will be sent out to determine the most convenient timings. (Maybe mid-day instead of the morning).
 - We don't know what the situation will like in Hillary
 - Hopefully we can have the bar open as we did at the start of term. As long as people turn up. It could also be a space for social events. Opens to the floor for discussion:
 - HH –seconds opening the bar. Better than the cold and wet marquee for events. If we have the venue, people are more likely to turn up and set up events for themselves.
 - RW – Will college be happy with us opening the Danson Room as well as the bar? Is the current situation too unpredictable to

bother (i.e. if we have to lock them both back up only a few days after opening them)

- SM- Danson room for one household and the bar for socially distanced, multi-bubble events.
 - SM- John and Natalie did try and keep the bar open when we went into tier two. The reason it was shut was that no one was using it.
 - MW -Is there a way to structure the bar for socially distanced events?
 - SM- Bilal knows more about this but there are several layout options that we planned out early in the term.
- Next term we should aim for a more structured social timetable. Try and brainstorm ideas over the vac. We need to be less sporadic and give people to look forward to in advance.

3. Treasurer & International Business:

- Spending the international development fund.
 - The development fund is gathered through the levy (around £7000)
 - Found the money in 2013 – The JCR has not done anything with it since.
 - We have to give college an idea by Christmas (then take the next steps to complete it after)
 - We either use the money to impact a single international student (like a scholarship) or use it to aid the whole international community.
 - AM- leaning towards something for the whole community (seconded by Saana)
 - Ideas include:
 - Subsidising vac residents' cost
 - Subsidising tests (private tests cost £150 - an unavoidable but unseen cost for many international students).
 - Redoing the international storage unit (e.g. new shelving; insulation to reduce the damp; better lighting and providing storage boxes to be rented out)
 - College may not agree with these ideas. They want a more concrete thing they can put their name too (like the scholarship).
 - OW – would be happy to help convince college about using the money for financial subsidisation. Will engage in an email battle if necessary.
 - SM – have you taken this to John Ford?
 - AM- emailed Ford and Banbrook along with some other questions but they did not respond to that part of the email.
 - SM- to bring it up in the next meeting with Ford and Banbrook.
 - DT – float the idea of money used for everyone first (get college to agree to that first step) and then bring in the test subsidisation or renovation idea.
 - AM – asked Maria (last years' rep) what they were planning on doing with the money. Apparently, they were exploring the expertise and connections of Tom Ilube.

- SM – He is doing an event next week so maybe she can get in contact with him.
- SM- This levy must have originally had some kind of aim. There must have been a motion that has been lost over time.
 - OW – no paperwork on motions in the JCR office, mostly finance related documents.
 - SM – maybe we need to amend the constitution to state that all motions need to be archived/ printed as a hard copy so that this doesn't happen again.

4. Any Other Business

- PN – asks for an equalization update (answered by SM)
 - Extended to this Wednesday
 - Not sure what the current uptake is (meeting with college tomorrow)
 - Some students seem not to have read the email.
 - MW – 'kicked out' was not clear for the Freshers. Maybe another post to explain this better and try and prompt a response.
 - Most people on the list are Freshers (who don't know Oxford very well yet)