



JCR Committee Meeting 5 – Minutes HT21, Sunday 24th January

General Announcements:

- A thank you to everyone who is working so hard for the JCR and getting involved in new initiatives
 - An announcement from Dilan (relayed by Sanaa) about spending:
 - If you need money to run an event related to your role (such as Zoe's Drink & Draw) then that's fine, just let him know and maybe run it by the rest of the committee.
 - If it's less directly to do with your role, you can propose a motion in the JCR general meeting.
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President's Business (Sanaa):

- **SU and Visiting Student's Rep elections:**
 - SU Rep:
 - Almost all other JCR's in Oxford have this position in their Committee
 - We want to maintain a healthy relationship with SU as they can lobby for us.
 - St Anne's is entitled to three votes (the number of votes are proportionate to college size), we should use them.
 - We would elect the position at the same time as the Freshers' and Visiting Students' Reps.
 - Visiting Student's Rep:
 - Yet to be elected this year
 - We currently don't know how many/if we have any visiting students. Waiting on Shannon McKeller for this information
 - BA – 5 joined this term, this is the minimum.
 - We will organize and announce this election ASAP.
- **Thoughts on pushing back Committee elections:**
 - Do we think the Fresher's have got a good enough taste of the JCR to apply for Committee roles yet?
 - A couple of other JCR presidents share these concerns.
 - Addressing the problem of Zoom hustings:
 - Lower participation
 - ATM – last Trinity, the hustings were over-long. Suggests putting a timer on screen to stop candidates running over.
 - Hard for people in different time zones to participate. We can solve this by potentially recording the hustings (with permission from the speaker), and/or

- allowing international students to pre-record their speech if they can't attend the meeting.
 - General consensus:
 - Go ahead with the usual 6 elections this term (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Entz and Welfare)
 - Separate the Trinity elections into three groups instead of two.
- **Accommodation and Bev Road renovations Updates:**
 - Estates Committee is moving towards revoking the 3-year live-in guarantee.
 - This is due to three main factors:
 - The fast-upcoming Bev Road accommodation renovations
 - The overflow of Freshers'
 - The accommodation shortfalls we experience every year.
 - Bev Road renovation update:
 - Pre-planning permission has been granted
 - Construction set to start Summer 2022
 - How can we make this transition as fair as possible?
 - Down to us and the next committee to make this change as accommodating to the JCR as possible (once construction starts, there is no going back)
 - OW – Will this affect this year's room ballot decision for students with longer courses?
 - We are not sure. College has said that it won't affect this cohort too much. It will, however, affect the next batch of Freshers
 - OW – We should let people know ASAP as living out takes a lot of financial planning.
 - Sanaa to bring this up at the next Estates' Committee meeting and then warn the JCR (even though the details will not be finalised)
 - We want this to be fair on the MCR as well (we can't just kick them out of college accommodation)
- **Ideas on how we can help the Freshers:**
 - Concerned about Fresher engagement during the virtual term
 - Sanaa to discuss this further with Vivian
 - We have plenty of events scheduled but concerned about low attendance.
 - ZH: on reinstating Drink & Draw sessions:
 - These sessions were successful last term, but would be more successful if it were not virtual
 - Is it worth putting funds towards it? The Arts' Fund should priorities Fine Arts' students who can't access Ruskin art supplies/equipment this term.
 - SM – Which fund did you use to buy equipment for last term's sessions?
 - The Arts Fund.
 - We can't expect students to go out and buy their own equipment for the sessions (most art shops are not classed as essential)
 - We also can't order to people's doors.
 - We could reimburse but this will be harder to organize.
 - Sanaa, Zoe and Dilan to discuss this further.

- SM – Maybe revise the sessions so that they only use very basic mediums (like a pencil)?
- PM – We could change it to more of a bring your own craft session (e.g. bring any art project you are working on or use any bits of stray material/recycling you have around)
- If money is left over from this term, we can put it towards more exciting projects and sessions next term.
- Other ideas for Fresher’s engagement:
 - Advertising with Facebook events appears to create more hype
 - MW – Suggests some kind of friend match up. A way of helping Freshers’ connect with people outside their bubble.
 - BA – Suggested a valentines/palentines day match.
 - Maybe Ed could set up a google form for this?
- **Lockdown initiatives:**
 - Windows
 - Save for a Community Week one-off as it may require too much work for a weekly job.
 - Zoom library
 - Basically, you sit on Zoom in silence. This can encourage people to work.
 - Could run this every weekday with a rota of Committee Member’s hosting.
 - MW – Suggests using Discord instead, but also recognizes that more people prefer/ know about Zoom.
 - Sanaa on Discord:
 - Some JCR’s are using it
 - You don’t have to set up a link (no need for us to sit in)
 - But it may put some people off joining if they unfamiliar with Discord
 - OW – it is possible to set up an accessible link, as in without the host being present, on Zoom (as the boat club has done for their workout sessions). However, the this is then the only thing that the host’s account could be used for.
 - Ciaran has volunteered to organize this.
 - We will vote on the best course of action later this week.
- **Community week (5th week):**
 - Sanaa, Caroline and James have met with Helen Nicholson and come up with a few events:
 - Student vs. Alumnae University Challenge (Sanaa)
 - Chocolate tasting event (College-run)
 - The annual quiz (Caroline)
 - A Strava type challenge. Can we run the distance between St Anne’s and Tyne Bridge? (James)
 - If you have any extra ideas, or wish to run an event (e.g. the window swap) let Sanaa know and shell get in touch with Helen, who will provide the necessary funds.
 - CG – When do we want to start advertising and should we phrase these events as mandatory (e.g. ‘you must sign up to at least one event’)?
 - ET – Maybe not say it’s mandatory, but use persuasive language and suggest a minimum number of sign-ups.

- Advertising to start during 3rd Week.
- **Development meeting ideas**
 - Sanaa meeting with the development team on Wednesday.
 - Any new ideas on how to spend the Danson Fund?
 - ET – a Headspace subscription (see below)

Sport's Business (Eve)

- **Headspace subscription update:**
 - Access to a meditation app would be very beneficial for the undergraduate
 - Some colleges already have subscriptions.
 - At Brasenose it's funded by the Welfare budget, however ours currently can't stretch to this.
 - The idea is generally supported by the JCR Committee
- **BRIT 2021 Challenge:**
 - A 2,021-mile team challenge to be completed between now and 24th May 2021
 - Raises money for mental health awareness week
 - Sign-up deadline: 4th March 2021
 - Could bring the whole college (JCR, MCR, Staff, tutors, etc.) together for a shared goal:
 - If we all contributed, we could reach the goal with only traveling 2k each.
 - If we all donated £1, we would raise around £2,000
 - We could potentially combine this with Community Week.
 - Committee is in favour of this.
- **Further Sports' Updates**
 - Our *Student Stretch* subscription has been renewed. Looking into making more sessions available.
 - A range of competitions are in the works
 - SM – has the new gym equipment arrived?
 - Not yet, but hopefully it will have by the end of the month
 - If you, or anyone you know, is in college and wants to hire gym equipment, just let Eve know.

Any Other Business

- **Half-Way Hall (Orly):**
 - Instinct says that a Zoom half-way hall would be very underwhelming (to say the least)
 - We could postpone it until Trinity Term; however, it would still be heavily restricted or have to be on Zoom anyway. We can't second guess the situation next term.

- We can still do the nominations, however the dressing up and photographer would be lost.
 - It may not be worth the money we put into it.
 - RT- We could do something on the quad (as the ball committee is currently planning on doing)
 - SM – Hopefully Trinity will have conditions similar to Michaelmas, in which case we may be able to use similar set-ups to Freshers’ Week.
 - Another option is to do it like the BAME dinner (picking up food from hall). At least you would be in your college household and can choose to dress up together.
 - EC- Agrees that the celebration would be better during Trinity, however we should still commemorate the half-way point on the actual day.
 - Will help motivate us to keep working
 - It could be as simple as a speech, or a collection of photos
 - Would not require extra money
 - Maybe create a poll to see what the second years would prefer.
 - Orly to join meeting with John Banbrook to discuss this further.
- **Internationals Fund update (Amelia):**
 - Essentially, we’ve misunderstood its purpose. It turns out it’s actually a charity fund to be donated to an international development charity of our choice.
 - Still searching for the minutes of the meeting in which the original motion was passed.
 - Floor open to charity suggestions:
 - OW – Suggest the charity *Choose Love*
 - To be put to the JCR to make suggestions/ vote
 - SM – do we have to give the whole amount to one charity, or can we do multiple donations?
 - Unknown at this time.
 - **Alternative Prospectus Update:**
 - Rebecca just waiting to hear back from Jay, then it’s ready to launch!
 - A huge thank you and congratulations to Rebecca, and everyone who has contributed to the project.
 - Hoping to keep up a running update