



## JCR Committee Meeting 9 – Minutes TT21, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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### President's Business (Sanaa):

- Formals:
  - It's looking like we will be able to host a few formals this term (making use of outdoor spaces)
  - We want formals for Freshers', Finalists and Halfway Hall
  - Sittings will be over a couple of days per event
  - Priority goes to Freshers' (who will need to know what a formal is like before they organize next year's Freshers' Formal) and Finalists (who are leaving)
    - Halfway Hall is probably going to be postponed until Michaelmas - **organized by Orly but supported by her successor**
  - Freshers' Formal: **Vivian to work with Sanaa to organize**
  - Finalists' Formal: **Sanaa to be assisted by Pippa and Orly**
  - **Sanaa to arrange a meeting with John about this (with Viv, Pippa and Orly sitting in)**
  
- Plans and ideas for 9<sup>th</sup> Week:
  - A lot of colleges are allowing a 9<sup>th</sup> week (and some 10<sup>th</sup> week – but this is highly unlikely for St Anne's due to clashes with deep room cleaning in preparation for conferences)
  - Some students still need accommodation anyway due to exams
    - We will organize quiet study spaces
  - We need to convince the governing body that 9<sup>th</sup> week will have a purpose (e.g., special events, a structured activity plan)
    - This can include BBQ's, movie screenings etc.
    - We need to make sure it doesn't look like we are hosting a big party – introduce 'educational' elements
    - **Ideas to be sent to Sanaa before next meeting, when we will come up with a full pitch to college.**
  - Current ideas:
    - EC – 9<sup>th</sup> week is 'Arts Week', could we expand upon this?
    - OW – could we do some of the giving week events (such as an in-person quiz). This would create a purpose and defiantly get development on our side but might clash with college's plans for next year.
      - **Sanaa to raise this in next development team meeting.**
    - MW - We could use it as a JCR Committee 'hand-over week'
  
- JCR Committee elections:
  - Hustings will take place during the next 3 JCR General Meetings (followed by elections the following week)

- Please prepare a small handover document to give to your successor by the end of term
- Please set up a drop-in session to advertise your role.
  - Organize this amongst yourselves (with the positions also being elected on that particular week)
- College COVID policies:
  - Visitors:
    - We want to allow students to bring friends from outside of college into our communal spaces (but this still has to be outdoors for now)
    - The governing body are concerned about too many people around college/ taking up the facilities of St Anne's students.
    - Current compromise suggestions:
      - Setting a cap for number of visitors per person
      - Signing all visitors in at the lodge.
    - OW – saving the facilities for only college students is a weak argument. Last term, our problem was not enough people using the bar.
      - Signing in is not going to lower the risk, it'll just make more people enter the lodge (an indoor space)
    - ATM – can we put the track and trace barcode (like the one outside the lodge) in the bar/ on the tables?
      - OW – college might not like this as they can't access the information on the app
    - PN – It's quite easy to see if there are too many people or if they are being too loud. There are usually enough bar staff around to monitor this.
    - RT – the bar takes bod card numbers before you sit down so they already have a record of which university members are using the facility.
  - Disciplinary action:
    - People are ignoring the warning emails sent by the Don
    - He is now threatening to kick repeat offenders off-sight
    - Sanaa and Ciaran have asked that they consult the student before removing them from college (to make sure their side of the story is heard)
      - If they are being very disruptive to other college members, then action needs to be taken. However, we need to look out for the welfare and education of that student as well.
    - If you have any ideas on how to encourage sticking to the rules, let Sanaa know
- Kahoot quizzes:
  - We will start our general meetings with Kahoot quizzes
  - Schedule of quiz makers:
    - Week 3: Hannah (16<sup>th</sup> May)
    - Week 5: Pippa (30<sup>th</sup> May)
    - Week 7: Amelia (13<sup>th</sup> June)

- Tortoises:
  - Rumour has it that a suitable tortoise has been found.
  - This is currently unconfirmed due to the absence of the rangers (we assume they were busy hunting down the tortoise in question through the undergrowth at the time of this meeting)
  - **Rangers to update committee on tortoise situation ASAP.**

### **Internationals Business (Amelia):**

- Update on the International Development Fund:
  - We now have 5 nominated charities (selected by the JCR) for the JCR to vote on
  - Please could everyone fill out the form and get their friends to do the same
  - Want to aim for a quorum of about a quarter of the students, but this may be a struggle.

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### **Any other business:**

- Visiting Students:
  - **Hana and Amelia to look into organizing an in-person event with the visiting students who are returning/ arriving to the college site.**
- Green Trashing (Emily):
  - Emily working on a poster giving recommendations for green(er) trashing
  - Didn't bother buying 'green' trashing materials to sell off to students as none of them were sufficiently sustainable and eco-friendly for their cost
- Self-defence classes (Amy):
  - Working with John to organize self-defence classes (especially for women and non-binary people)
  - Currently planned three one and a half hour sessions to take place on the same day during week five.
    - If you can't make one time, you sign up for another time on that day.
  - This will cost about £175 for the day
    - Not sure if college will be paying for this
    - If not, we have enough in the equalities budget to fund this.
    - We also have room to reshuffle budgets if necessary.
- Fridge-gate (Orly)
  - Someone's minifridge has gone missing from the JCR office.
  - We know this student's fridge made it to the office at the end of last term and a post-it with their name has been found (it most likely fell off at some point)
  - Someone probably took this fridge by accident as they all look identical
  - We are most likely one fridge short due to someone not taking it out their room (or a friend failing to get it to the office) at the end of last term

- College probably disposed of it or moved it.
  - No one is owning up to having lost their real fridge/ knows if they have this other student's fridge
  - The JCR is technically not liable for fridge loss, but we still don't want this innocent student to be fridge-less
  - MW – maybe we should introduce a fridge deposit fee to avoid this in future?
  - SM – If college moved it then college should be the ones to reimburse the student caught in the mix-up.
    - But we can't prove that college moved the fridge
    - Also, accommodation may take a while to respond to this situation
  - Only to email accommodation and see what they can do
    - If this doesn't work, we may owe this student a new fridge.
- Subsidising COVID Tests for International Students (Amelia)
  - All students returning to college from another country have to take two specialised COVID-19 tests
  - The cheapest cost £150, however these are usually out of stock, so most people have to pay £200+
  - Have asked college for a 50-25% subsidisation for international students, but they have refused
  - General consensus of committee: this extra cost ultimately disadvantages one group of students from another, and therefore we should try and close this gap
  - MW- they could be repaid with reduced vac res (e.g., to refund quarantine time)
  - Amelia, Sanaa and Dilan to discuss and bring up in next accommodation meeting
  - Amelia to gather more information, opinions and details from international students