

JCR General Meeting 1 - Minutes

MT21, Sunday 10th October 2021

There were no motions this week

JCR Committee Re-elections

Secretary:

- **Speech (Connor Craig)**
 - Loves St Anne's, and believes that being a part of the community means being involved in activities in college
 - Wants to make people aware of the things going on to let them do this
 - Newsletters are important as they increase awareness for events, making people able to attend
 - Wants to use the newsletter to increase the feeling of community within college
 - Another important role of the secretary is keeping things in order during meetings, and making sure that all the info divulged in meetings is made available to the JCR
 - Everybody deserves to know what happens in the meetings
- **Speech (Alexandra Turner)**
 - St Anne's is a very welcoming place, and wants to be a part of and give back to the college community
 - Believes she will be a good secretary as she has good relationships with a lot of members of the JCR and the JCR committee
 - Believes it is important to make sure that everybody in college has the right information and that nobody is being misled
 - Wants to make sure that everybody has the correct information through newsletters and minutes
- **Questions**
 - Do you think you have the time management skills to ensure that you can keep up with the demanding role of being secretary for the JCR?
 - CC: Yes
 - Ran the after-school newspaper
 - Was able to organise other events and things around school at the same time as this
 - Good at working with other people
 - Able to keep things in order
 - Generally thinks he's good at keeping to schedules
 - AT: Yes
 - Feature writer for local paper
 - Was previously involved in student council at school – was involved in keeping people updated on current happenings
 - Good organisation shown by ability to split time between many social activities and work in first year of university
 - Is there anything that worries you about taking on the responsibility of being Secretary?
 - CC: Actually being able to hear people – recently having troubles with hearing

- AT: Hard to keep up with pace of meetings – doesn't want to miss anything
- **Hustings challenge (Proshanto Chanda):**
 - Write a newsletter for the first week of term – links on the newsletter do not need to work or lead to anything, as only a screenshot is expected to be posted onto the St Anne's JCR Facebook page. However, you will have to get in touch with different members of the committee yourself in order to find out all of the different events going on throughout the week, and decide for yourself which events should take priority over others on the newsletter.

Domestic Affairs Officer:

- **Joshua Longmore officially forfeited from the election, leaving Kate Patrick as the only nominee**
- **Speech (Kate Patrick)**
 - Likes to have a plan for things
 - Has three main things that she would like to focus on during the year:
 - Reworking the room ballot system – ballot ordering seems very arbitrary for first years, e.g. she had a massive room during first year but still got a high ballot number
 - Would be better to know in advance more details, such as how rooms look and how things will run on the day so that things can be coordinated better
 - Oxmas – would be nice to be able to do something big for the season this year
 - Waste fruit and vegetables in the college – Would like to work with the environments rep and the college on organising a composting system this year, as it seems silly to not use the waste as composting given how many gardens there are around college
- **Questions**
 - Are you okay with the responsibility of running the halfway hall?
 - Yes, as she is good at making lists and keeping things organised
- **Hustings Challenge (Proshanto Chanda):**
 - As Domestic Affairs Officer, one of the major events you will run during the year will be halfway hall. Can you come up with a rough idea for the theme of halfway hall and an explanation for the theme to go onto the St Anne's JCR Facebook page?

Vice President:

- **Speech (William Allfrey)**
 - Thinks that Holly [Boyle] has done a great job and simply wants to continue on the work that she has done/started
 - Believes that he can handle the workload on top of his degree as he has the skillset to organise and manage people and timetables
 - Believes that there should be a better way for people to put forward ideas on how to change the JCR, rather than the current system which goes through the site – feels that this might feel too formal, and too much like a place for just complaints, rather than any ideas
 - Updates must be made to the constitution, for example, the college tortoise is quite important to the college constitutionally, and so amendments must be made to account for the tortoise's absence
- **Questions**
 - The VP is often required to attend meetings in the place of Viv, the president, and being civil with college admin staff. Do you feel suited for this role?
 - Yes, believes that he can be very formal and professional in the way that he presents his opinions
- **Hustings Challenge (Vivian Abrokwah):**

- Challenge idea to design a new item of stash was presented, but dismissed since WA is already the college's stash rep, thus this would be redundant
- First challenge is to write a poem to St Anne's College
- Second challenge is to come up with a rough theme idea for a St Anne's Ball or large bop which may happen this year

General Announcements

- The Welfare and Women's Reps are currently working on a statement regarding the pro-life stall that was present at this year's Freshers' Fayre. We will be getting general votes from the JCR (method TBA) about their feelings on the statement, and it will then go onto the Facebook page and potentially the college's website, with permission from college admin staff