

JCR Committee Meeting

MTW2 16/10/22

Seminar Room 6



1. President's Business

- Talk about budget at the end

2. Vice-President's Business

- Welfare teas aren't well attended, we want to change the name. Will talk about it more when Mathilda and Daniel get better from covid.
- Going to decorate and make the danson room better, more lights, decorations, board games, pretty big budget from last year so open to taking any ideas. Fix white board and more activity focused.
 - Alfie: photo wall, ask people to submit in pictures. Kind of like in the bar.
 - Sam: ask Will for spreadsheet, he had info with ideas and prices
 - Rosie: better storage maybe, so it keeps tidy. Sections for specific things would be good.
- Another airbed is missing. Need to hunt it down. Booking form sent out... need to also figure out about the fold up bed and how it's supposed to work
- Claire Paly beds, making them double yes or no?
 - *General consensus was accom has said no*
- What does the roast motion actually mean for the GM?
 - Alfie: catering has said they will trial it for now and then next term they might bring it back depending on how popular
 - Teresa: if it passes, just means that we can say 'The JCR thinks...' instead of 'some people think...'

3. Other Committee Business

a. Finn - LGBT

i. Formal charity selected

- Finn: LGBT charity formal, picked Mermaids which is a charity for trans kids. There is stuff on the media, but have searched it up. Give binders and give advice to hormone taking teenagers. There is controversy but we haven't ignored it, done research. One of the ex trustees attended a fundraiser about people who are sexually attracted to children, they missed it on the background check but the charity has addressed this and he is no longer affiliated. The charity does not support it, the charity commissioner has

pulled funding which is why it's important that we support it. If there are any problems we can go through it with you.

- Beth: formal increased in price for 2 pounds, and it's all sent off to charity. Mermaids has given them their bank account. Being investigated at the moment, we want the JCR to be aware of it. Second for charity of the year voting form so far, if everyone is ok with it
- Finn: formal is 5th week. 200 people. Plan is to just have LGBT guests. Sent out a form last term asking who's interested and how many guests would you bring, lots of feedback. Confident will hit the target/threshold.
- Teresa: Maybe raise Mermaid issue with Helen. As long as everyone is fine with it here in JCR.
- Finn: just wanted to raise it with the JCR so it didn't seem like we were keeping secrets. Otherwise it causes conflict for no reason.
- Ayesha & Simon say should be fine.

b. Beth - Charities

i. Second hand sale with JCR Office Stuff

- Beth: are we definitely allowed to do it? Deadline has passed to pick things up, things from 2005 so it should be fine.
 - Ayesha: clear it with college, it's possible that people might complain. Email John Banbrooke. What is happening with money?
 - Beth: not sure yet. Want to do 50% charity, 50% JCR because it is a charity anyways. Will be added to any other budget, because JCR could use the money. Not given much thought yet
 - Mia: they have a room to do a jumble sale in Worcester so we can add to it, don't know how it would work. Filled with random things from random people, if there is stuff left over could do it there. Event is on 4th Nov, would need to know by then
 - Alfie: like the way we sell stash, do it in the Danson room maybe first and then what is left give it to Worcester. With things like the fridges/drinks fridge, it's been in there for years. We can put it in the danson room and put soft drinks and things. Most of the rest of stuff is lost property and clothes, lost property from the bar. Some nice coats. Things will be sold for a few quid, kitchen plates and things.
 - Beth: will be a big time commitment. Peter Burden does a donation to the Heart Foundation, could always do that, get them to come and pick everything up. Will talk to John Banbrooke.

ii. Movember, plan events and get people involved

- Beth: running ideas on behalf of Daniel. He wanted to be the movember rep. Not sure when but sponsored mustache growing, rude biscuit decorating (testicular cancer, maybe ball cookies but could be a lot of work, link in with the welfare tea), contacting alumni about doing a men's health lecture with Jason Fiddman. Event at St Anne's boat club, Daniel said he spoke to Hazel about this? Don't know what it is.
 - Ayesha: giving Daniel leeway to plan what he wants and bring it back to us on the 30th (next meeting) because it is so far away. Logistics he can deal with.
 - Beth: Oxford movember page, Daniel needs to create a page on that. Having a meeting with Daniel soon about that anyways to sort out.

iii. Charity payments on stash

- Beth → motion passed on it already:
 - Sam: [link to motion](#)
 - TLDR stash must be fairtrade/ethically sourced, otherwise charity payment premium (10%) added on top of that. Non-clothing items must be ethically sourced too.

iv. Default charity payment on formals

- Beth: what new charity things can you do? Thought about putting a default on the formal ticketing price. Last time on pink formal made 500 pounds because no one unticked it. With rising cost of living, don't know.
 - Simon: not sure, college is not big on changing formals and how they are run. Already quite expensive.
 - Beth: fair, will keep thinking

c. Gus - SU

i. Updating website

- Gus: on the SU website you have a list of common room members and jcr members, it hasn't been updated. Secretary needs to email them with an updated list.
- Teresa: noted, will do

ii. SU Council Meetings

- Gus: rep com meetings this week, please go. Everybody here has to go to at least 1 student council meeting in the year according to SU, thinking of setting up a roster where everyone can put in their availability. Important to go so can understand how SU works. Will send out like a newsletter or speak with Teresa about putting updates out on that so that all students are kept in the loop.
 - Only 3 people with voting rights with the whole JCR. Normally it is Pres, VP and SU rep but people who attend the meetings can give a board outline. If its for elections manifestos will be on the page, can decide what our official stance is and then go with that. Other people going there are just witnesses. Hybrid system this year so voting online but discussion in in-person meeting
 - Simon: big vote stuff will need to be updated to the JCR committee so everyone is kept in the loop.

d. Sawyer - Treasurer

i. Budget

Note: sensitive info so has been redacted/edited

- Sawyer: trying to optimally spread it. Sorry to women's for having to cut the budget.
 - Rosie: trying to get menstrual cups but we can use environments budget for that. Now have a bit more leeway.
- Sawyer: besides that I hope that everyone is satisfied. Most of the levies we can't touch. Goes straight through the bank account and we have no say. The college grant is what

we split up. Budgeting structure is from Kane and didn't really touch it much, a few tweaks. Been using this structure for a few years already.

- Simon: subscriptions? Take up a lot of money
- Sawyer: newspapers. Got invoice another day. Kane started to cancel, no one knows where they are from. Some student newspapers
- Ayesha: shouldn't the library pay for it
- Mia: could always send a form? Otherwise its paper subscriptions, waste of paper. See if people are actually reading it.
- Sawyer: See which are mandatory and then see what we can cut out, will speak to Kane. Jackie the treasurer might now, will get a list of everything.
- Sawyer: want to discuss about the pizza fund, don't mind keeping it but its a lot of money and could potentially move it somewhere else.
 - Ayesha: need some kind of incentive for meetings
 - Alfie: oven pizza?
 - Ellie: they used to have a deal with the local pizza deal in jericho. Try and talk about deals.
- Sawyer: Is everyone ok with how budgeting is right now? How are we going to manage domestic affairs, usually comes out of the entz budget and what is left. Hard to sort when we don't have money, will need to discuss how we can meet in the middle and squeeze in halfway hall at a later date
 - Ayesha: if everyone is fine that's great, but like you need to have a solution, not just say if you have an issue and complain. Don't want to rip people off but would be great if you could make a profit from certain events so less tight

ii. Raising levies

- Sawyer: if you just add a pound or 2 we would have an extra 600 pounds or something like that just have more flexibility in the budget. People can opt out of it anyways but will help us a lot in the long run
 - Simon: if we push it as an equalities thing it might work. Can pitch it as a welfare equalities thing
 - Sam: need higher number to pass as a motion
 - Ayesha: need 10% of the undergrads present in the meeting with 100% consensus to pass a motion to increase in levies. Need 100% yeses otherwise it wouldn't work. Something to consider but might need more time to discuss

4. Any Other Business

a. Fresher's Week Complaints (Entz)

- Tom F: looking in to the complaints from Fresher's. Ice skating, looking at tickets and group discounts. Yes we've seen the oxfess and it doesn't look the best, but will do non-drinking events.
- Scarlett: doing a trick or treat non-drinking event with the other Saints colleges on halloween. Daniel/Teresa pumpkin carving idea.

b. Alumni Speech at LGBT Formal (Finn)

- Alfie: speech with Finn at the start of the LGBT formal, speaking with Tom W about getting an alumni to speak.

- Tom: made a form. Will send off to Jason tomorrow so he can send it off in the newsletter to alumni. Should be done by 10th of November.
- Beth: might want to think about who is on high table, said in the past need to do it through booking system yourself.
- Alfie: will speak to Natalie about it.

c. Festivities Menu in Hall (Mbere)

- Mbere: we had an equalities meeting recently and we were discussing the idea of having menu in the dining hall specific to some specific festivities, going to email catering.
 - Alfie: already done that, got a list of special religious and cultural events and they have said yes about that. Including Divali.
 - Mbere: want to run it by putting a form on the JCR fb page so students can decide what they want to celebrate, ask someone who can give advice to the chefs so it's accurate and sensitive.

d. Use of Whatsapp Chat (Alfie)

- Alfie: people need to be careful with using the whatsapp chat. Being way over used, overwhelming the first year chat maybe chill out. Maybe send less notices otherwise its too much. Not a first year chat, just a message board nad people will not check it. Lower engagement.
 - Simon → maybe it's just first week, think it's fine