

JCR Committee Meeting

HTW6 19/02/23

Seminar Room 6



1. President's Business

- Had an email from John Banbrooke about transparency on rent negotiations. Happens in Trinity, and explains how Anne's calculates rent increases. Can forward the information on to anyone who is interested, essentially they use data to figure it out and then based on that they adjust (usually less). We can go through it properly next week after meetings with Banbrooke. Don't know how much it will go up this year.

2. Vice-President's Business

- None

3. Other Committee Business

a. Tom (alumni)

i. Community Week

- Tom → Anyone running any events in community week please send events to me so can send it out together.
 - Mia → college wants us to do some kind of sustainability stuff, so let me know if need like eco-friendly cups, or can work green stuff into some of the events.
 - Scaz → college have a lot of funding they want to use, don't use the jcr budget, but use the community week one. If there are any events they can fund let them know.

b. Alfie (domestic)

i. Vac Res Update

- Alfie → Have worked on a draft for the policy, please take a look at link sent on the group chat and let me know if there are any issues with it.
 - Going through the proposal in the welfare council with Tilly on the 21st, on the agenda already. Simon can bring it up in the general council the day after on the 22nd.
 - Fab has brought up that we might also want to negotiate lowering the cost of rent or eliminating paying completely if vac res is granted on welfare grounds, but it would be better to fight one battle at a time, maybe can work on this later down the line. For now, stick with just granting vac res in the first place.
- Ayesha → Will the doctors really give recommendations for vac res?

- Alfie → people who have experienced it say that they would be able to get the doctor to give the recommendation
- Beth → College just wants something in writing by a professional person. Just something to say they would be experiencing harm if they went home
- Ayesha → Could it not be from the Dean of welfare?
 - Alfie → No, they explicitly don't want that they don't want that.
- Ayesha → Issue could be that if you have to provide proof of tenancy to the college to show you haven't been living at home, they might just say they don't need to provide you accommodation because you could just live there.
 - Alfie → not necessarily. College would understand that college would be cheaper and more accessible to most students. Still think this is the best way

ii. Cyclox

- Alfie → Found a charity called sanctuary wheels which gives bikes to refugees. Mia and Beth could maybe advertise it as they take bik donations. Especially for third years! leaving in trinity, they might want to sell it but would also be a good donation if they can't find anyone to buy their bikes or if they are a bit mangled. Will email the info.

iii. New decorations

- Alfie → need to find people who can help with decorations for divali/lunar new year as don't want to be searching this stuff up, want it to be accurate and authentic. Want to spend the rest of budget for that, the next domestic rep can use them. Mbere please can you help.

c. Beth (charity)

i. Name the beaver

- Beth → Charity events are usually poorly attended so want to do something different. Want to do a guess the beaver event. What do people think? Only cost 50p or a quid to guess the name and whoever guesses it right gets to keep the toy beaver. Lot's of people ask about them so think there would be a good uptake.
 - Committee thinks it's a good idea, the beaver is cute.

d. Ellie (access)

i. Strikes

- Ellie → sent an open letter that me and Fab drafted about the UCU strikes to send to the Uni chancellor and vice chancellor in support of the strikes. Wanted to ask if everyone was happy with it, and whether we should have it as a general JCR motion first and then say its from the whole JCR, or just send it to college on behalf of the JCR committee.
 - Simon → send it on behalf of the JCR committee, having it in the GM and through the JCR as a whole wouldn't really be representative. Lots of people wouldn't agree even if it passes with simple majority.
 - Ellie → committee is probs best, the most official. Want to wait for the MCR to have a motion passed too. Will change the letter a bit anyways because of the strikes being paused, so will hold off for now.
- Ayesha → would be good to circulate to the student body as well so it's out there.

e. Teresa (secretary)

i. Newsletter

- Teresa → Please let me know if there are any events going on, send me an email by tonight so can add it to the newsletter