

JCR Committee Meeting

TTW4 14/05/23

Seminar Room 6



1. President's Business

- Well done for arts week! Thanks for banding together last minute, very much appreciated
- Update on rent negotiations:
 - Things have been agreed upon for next year. We now pay Oxford living wage to everyone who works in the college. Going to increase the hardship fund by at least 25%.
 - VNI (Van Norden Index - inflation measurement specifically for Oxford Colleges) was 13% this year, rent at Anne's is increasing by only 8%. Most colleges doing 13-15%.
 - Ellie → bursaries are also increasing
 - Alfie → college is also increasing food prices by 7%, has stayed the same for a while
- Going to change from fob to bodcard access around college

2. Vice-President's Business

- Update on JCR feedback form:
 - Please more POC/BAME events
 - STEM friendly times for welfare week stuff?
 - Making sure that the menu is on the website, preferably Friday so people can meal plan for the week
 - Can you ask people to stop talking/whispering in the library - not our job as the JCR though
 - Meeting minutes (have done that :/)
 - Complaining about freshers and the student body dampens the college spirit :(
- Do we need to get a switch?
 - Yes pls!
 - 200 left in the Danson budget. Could use that but need more... will work with Sawyer to try and find money
 - Keep trying to put up lights and stuff but worried people will steal it.
- Everyone start preparing handover docs for the next committee pls

3. Other Committee Business

a. Ellie (Access): Foundation Year

- Put in a motion for the foundation year students. You can apply for the program Astrophoria if you are from a state school and have had disruptive education. It is starting this year across the uni at a few colleges (was previously just trialed at LMH). 4 students starting at Anne's next year, and we want to add in to the constitution that they are part of the JCR, don't want them to be excluded. We want to elect a foundation year rep as well which we can do at the same time as visiting student and freshers rep.
 - Simon → LMH have said that it was very helpful to have a rep. The motion from the GM is pretty much identical. The plan is to start with 4 but the program will expand so will be very useful
 - Ellie → their induction is a week before freshers week, there were issues with visiting students this year about not being included. So we want to make sure that they are this year, will talk to Shanon about it as well and see what we can plan.
 - Simon → will be joining freshers sometime for freshers week festivities and inductions and stuff. Will definitely try and make it a priority.
 - Ellie → will keep it in the handover doc and CC Ayesha and Krishh in any of the emails with Shanon about it doesn't slip through the cracks

b. Tilly (Welfare): Vac Res Update

- Passed the motion with the MCR last GM to confirm any people with vac res are allowed to go to welfare events during the vac, we said yes to funding them. The way this will work is that the welfare reps phone numbers will be on the MCR chat and then we can pass on the information to students with vac res. Also want to clarify what the deal with the college is about vac res
 - Simon → New policy (on estranged students) has a 1 year trial period
 - Tilly → want to make sure it stops being a 1 year trial and they make it a full addition, doesn't slip through the cracks
 - Ellie → Did they send out the new version? There were some issues on the application form for vac res as estrangement was an option for reasons to request vac res (Alfie v sad)
 - Simon → Craig was going to reword it now though with the new vac res policy. Policy won't change in the bi-laws yet because it is still a trial, will just be included in the form and the vetting process.
 - Ayesha → check if can post on social media and advertise the trial? Put on the whatsapp chats so people know about it.
 - Simon → College might not want to publicise though so probably best not to do the instagram for now, but the whatsapp chat is a good idea
- Daniel → Rachel Busby was worried about us misrepresenting her views in previous meetings about vac res, wants to make sure that what she told us is made explicitly clear to be an insight rather than her views. We should put a note in the previous minutes
 - Teresa → will do that (Done). Statement is as follows:
 - The JCR would like to clarify that any comments made by Rachel Busby about vacation residence do not represent her own views but insights into the process of amending the college's vacation residence's policy- the JCR would like to apologise for mischaracterising her insights here as her own views

c. Alfie (Domestic):

- SU is going to send in a motion about supporting sit ins as a right to protest for students. Can work with Gus about that as SU rep. Impacts rent strikes as well, we have made it clear that we don't want to strike, but other colleges are planning on it so just keep that in mind.

4. Any Other Business

- Mbere → what to put in handover document?
 - Ayesha → official roles, and other little tidbits, tips. Any contacts. Up to your discretion, can just chat with them as well.
 - Simon → good to bring the next committee into the meetings so they know what is going on. Please remember to invite them!
- Teresa → do we want to do a committee handover crewdate/rounders game? Some kind of unofficial ceremony
 - Yes will plan something
- Beth → doing a foodbank drive near the end of term (W6ish), competition with cambridge. Someone from Merton is organising it. There will be a meeting next week to confirm, but just wanted to make everyone aware so we can get as much engagement as possible
 - Teresa → would be good to advertise on the instagram, and keep updating it with leaderboard standing.
- Mia → In the GM there will be a motion about CLOC (Climate League for Oxford and Cambridge). If you have any questions, please ask.