

JCR Committee Meeting

HTW8 05/03/23

Seminar Room 6



1. President's Business

- Shadowing procedure for the new exec committee just elected. Start to give them information about meetings and the role so that they know how the job works. They can come to one of the meetings, you can pick any of them from next term and they can shadow you during it.
 - Ayesha → last year it was just the execs, but we can do it with the other committee members as well when they get elected
 - Teresa → will try and stagger when they get elected, should mean that if they come to a meeting to shadow it won't be too busy. Will try and do the first round of elections in the first meeting, so will ask people to hand in manifestos during Week 1.

2. Vice-President's Business

- JCR feedback form that was set up last week. Will share all of the comments in the meetings, and then Teresa can send them out in the newsletter.
 - Big one is if we can start uploading the minutes from this term on the websites. Will make sure they are up (Sam). Teresa will make sure to edit minutes faster as well.
 - Praising the equalities events
 - Good feedback from welfare tea - another one?
 - Asked for puppy petting - but that's happening tomorrow for community week
 - Fix the piano and new guitar strings. Ayesha will speak to Music Society and see if anyone knows how/where or if they can maybe help us out.
 - Rubbish in the Danson Room - will speak to college about getting bigger/more bins so that people don't leave McDonalds everywhere, bins get full.

3. Other Committee Business

a. Fab (equalities)

i. Equalities week summary

Turn out got better as the week went on, just thought would update everyone with that. Events at the start weren't as popular but overall pretty successful.

b. Alfie (domestic)

i. Vac Res

- Alfie → John liked the Vac Res policy, just wanted to add a clause about room availability.
- Ellie → In the meeting they also said adding something about granting vac res being subject to the dean of welfare's approval, but we were quite against it because the issue with the first vac res policy was that they didn't want subjectivity in the first place.
- Alfie → essentially the policy would be you need the proof of having lived somewhere before coming to college, or having a GP approved note to get welfare. Would also need something about having welfare provision (hence dean of welfare) so that when college is shut during specific times of the year, the people with vac res who are already more likely to be vulnerable have someone there.
 - Ellie → don't want there to be no support for them at all
- Alfie → have drafted a version without this, but John wants it in. Need to bring it up with Rachel and see what she says as she was the one suggesting less subjectivity in the first place*. Need to work on it together as it needs her approval.

c. Tom (alumni)

i. Community week

- Community week this coming week, please take photos and then put them on the instagram nad twitter because we want everything out there, aim is to raise money as well. Instagram take overs are coming up.
 - Ellie → good feedback on instagram from Helen King so far!
- Ayesha → Take overs a good, but make sure there aren't any repeats of subjects. Next term only do one a week max. Good to have a few for community week but not this many during regular term time.
- Alfie → might be good for engagement to do a Get To Know Your New Exec Team for next year.
- Tom → in terms of passwords, so far the takeovers have just been people on committee, but when we share it to other students to do them, we will change them every time and make sure Jay knows about it. Also thinking of changing role (alumni officer) to make it more communications related. That way next year there is someone who is assigned the actual instagram account rather than it just being whoever volunteers... happened this year but might not necessarily happen in the future.

d. Teresa (sec)

i. Call for Newsletter

- MGA match and rowing updates, Holly will send over.

4. Any Other Business

a. Eco Trashing

- Mia → trashing in itself is quite controversial and not allowed according to the uni, but ecotrash is a company that provides eco-friendly trashing material seeing as people normally do it anyways. Used the JCR budget last year but now can use the environments budget for it. Just need to put in a clause saying that it is not the college's responsibility.
 - Last year they spent 270 pounds on 30 packs. This year will try and bulk buy with other colleges to get it cheaper.

b. Diagnosis

- Alfie → got a DM, is there any way that JCR can help with getting diagnosis for ADHD or similar?
 - Daniel → same questions have come up with welfare. Is there a chance that a nurse can maybe do something?
 - Ayesha → Not really, can't be funded by the JCR. They can go to the disability advisory service without a diagnosis and get special considerations for exams. Central services are really helpful, even with speeding up diagnosis waiting times, but we can't really help people. Can't even pay for people's prescriptions, just don't have the money for that. Would build up.

c. Budgeting

- Sawyer → going to have the meeting with Jackie about next year's budgeting this week. Ayesha can come, Wednesday 4.30pm. Just wanted to let everyone know. If you have had issues with budgeting this year please message Sawyer and can sort it out. Need to make sure it's reasonable because otherwise they won't be likely to say yes. Have to negotiate how much reserves we have. Can negotiate to use more at the meeting.

*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 in case of any mischaracterisation of her insights here as her own views.