

## JCR GENERAL MEETING 29/10/2023

### AGENDA

→ minutes by Sara Jupp

#### Motions -

- Poker Club Motion

#### General -

- Hustings for Visiting Students Rep, Freshers' Rep and Foundation Year Rep

### RESOLUTIONS

*Poker Club Motion - Motion Fails 13 / 11*

### MOTIONS

**Motion: "To set up and provide funding for a St Anne's Poker Club" - proposed by Mitchell Chew, Seconded by Ean Seng Chang**

- *This JCR notes that:*

- The Oxford Poker Society is located in the Oxford Botanical Gardens, a 25 minute walk from St Anne's
- There is a £10 membership fee to play in the Oxford Poker Society

- *This JCR believes that:*

- There is a significant interest by many Stanners to play poker for fun
- Poker is a great way to learn statistics and human behaviour
- Poker is a great bonding opportunity to chat and connect
- The distance and fees of the Oxford Poker Society are a barrier for Stanners interested in learning/playing poker
- Poker is fun

- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*

- Provide £120 in funding to set up a St Anne's Poker Society
- Use the funding allocated to purchase poker chips, mats, refreshments
- Organise weekly free/low-stakes poker sessions, with buy-ins of no more than £10

#### Discussion -

- Mitchell and Ean Seng: no additions

#### Questions -

Q: Gaspard - Gaspard: how many interested, do you have a bank acc, £120 may be a bit much for poker

- A: Patrick - we have about 15-20 interested, not yet but setting up (about ban account), does £80 sound good?

Amount settled: £70

Q: Helen - are you able to gamble in college?

- A: Respondents - we emailed John Banbrook and he didn't come back

Q: Aimee - how many women have registered interest?

- A: Respondents - about 3

Q: Hannah - what is the JCR motions budget usually used for?

- A: Krishh - St Annes history soc etc passed last meeting
- A: Gaspard - anything that passes from motions

#### Voting - 28 members present

- Against - 13
- Abstaining - 4
- For - 11

→ MOTION FAILS 13 / 11

### GENERAL

### HUSTINGS

## **Freshers Rep: Sebastian Page -**

### **Statement -**

- Seb, English Lit student in Rayne
- Looking forward to meeting people he doesn't yet know. Looking forward to being Freshers' voice for a year if it works out.
- Wants to be someone people can raise concerns to.
- At old school, was on a wellbeing advisory board, helping represent students to school. Peer mentoring with Mind UK to get training on how to deal with difficult scenarios w/ concerns.
- References manifesto

### **Questions -**

Q: Krishh - as freshers rep, doesn't require that much work-> but how do you plan to let all the freshers know you're in this role, and you can represent them

- A: Seb - both online and in physical points of contact, making sure people can raise concerns, showing up to JCR meetings, giving out email as much as possible. Generally good at checking email.

Q: Krishh - second year raised concerns over how to gauge fresher's general opinion and sentiment - can one person represent many?

- A: Seb- making sure people feel they can be heard, may bottle up- encouraging participation and discussion. Getting second and third years involved in advice, can prevent nerves and allow for information.

### **Hustings Challenge -**

Hold or make a plan for holding an event for first years (i.e in the Danson Room), doesn't need to be specifically done, then post a picture of the event or the plan

## **Foundation Year Rep: Riyad Ahmed -**

→ unable to make it

## **Foundation Year Rep: Nayab Nasir -**

### **Statement -**

- Nayab, in the foundation year- out of 4 students, doing Chemistry.
- 20 total foundation year students at Oxford
- New to students and the university, trying to help process
- Was Senior Prefect at old school, similar to the role running for here.

### **Questions -**

Q: Ruby- new to have a foundation year rep, what is the biggest struggle for foundation year students and how would you help

- A: Nayab- biggest issue would be knowing who to contact, ie talking to isabella(Access Rep) who can help direct her to the right resources on someone's behalf.

### **Hustings Challenge -**

Krishh- since you visit many different colleges for tutorials- try and take as many photos inside or outside a college as possible. Put the pictures on the facebook group afterwards.

## **Foundation Year Rep: Nargis Ahmadi -**

→ unable to make it

## **Visiting Students' Rep: Mitchell Chew -**

### **Statement -**

- Mitchell, visiting student from Columbia, third year now
- Applied to US unis and also Oxford, didn't get into Anne's first time but here now!
- Enjoy the community, cosy environment, integrating with people, setting up clubs
- Don't have other concrete ideas, but wants to be a liaison between the visiting students and rest of the jcr.

### Questions -

Q: Krishh - difficult for a lot of visiting students to integrate into the Annes culture, particularly because enter at later years- any ideas on helping integrate?

- A: Mitchell - currently people connect through tutorials and classes, but may be an issue at the end of Michaelmas, don't have concrete ideas right now but would want to hear any.

Q: Helen- some visiting students arrive in Hilary or Trinity- how would you help these people integrate?

- A: Mitchell- effectively contacting and showing them around, bringing them to events, ensuring other visiting students can 'act as a middle man' for helping integrate.

Q: Krishh- do you have a visiting students whatsapp group?

- A: Mitchell- yes!

### Hustings Challenge -

Take a selfie with as many visiting students as possible! Even a group selfie would work.