

JCR COMMITTEE MEETING 12/11/2023

AGENDA

President's business -

- Introduce new reps
- Reminder about council meetings and general governing body

Vice President's Business -

- JCR office
- Collecting freshers' thoughts on the accommodation situation

General -

- An update on the GM Online Voting - Angela
- College welfare meeting - Daisy
- Discussion about Charities Formals - Helen
- EDI training and college staff - Sara
- Advertising the staff v students netball match - Benaiah
- Movember games night - Shalina
- Christmas megabop

RESOLUTIONS

JCR office - Krishh will set up a poll to gather availability and volunteers to help clean up the JCR office

Fresher's thoughts on accommodation - collected freshers' thoughts and worries. Krishh highlights we are waiting for more emails from Craig with updated numbers, in the meantime everyone should be reminded of the deadlines for equalisation and RSH, and if there is anything else the JCR can help with Seb should let us know.

An update to online voting - Krishh and Helen will be taught how to use the online system in case Angela is absent. If there are technical difficulties we will revert back to counting heads.

College Welfare Meeting - people

GENERAL

President's Business -

Introducing new reps

Invites the new reps (Nayab, Mitchell and Seb) to introduce themselves and their roles.

Nayab -

- Highlights there are only 4 foundation year reps

Mitchell -

- There are 40 visiting students
- His job is "to visit"

Seb -

- Jokes that there are a couple more freshers,
- Says his role is feeding back from them what they have to say

Ruby - says it is nice to have new faces, and that they will get a feel of how meetings are run as we go on but they are generally quite chill.

- We discuss the agenda points first and then at the end there is an opportunity to bring up other points in the meeting
- Ideally these points will be sent to be Amy first if there is anything to be discussed

Krishh - highlights that meetings usually aren't that long, mostly 10/15 minutes

Ruby - there is not always pizza, we only have pizza this time as there is no GM

Krishh - the budget was allocated anyway and as we didn't get any motions for the GM we decided to have pizza here.

Reminder about council meetings -

- The last council and governing body meetings are happening
- Encourages us to think of it as a tier system. With the JCR, whose first point of call is the council, and then the people above them (the people we need to pass big amendments) is the governing body
- It is a filter system - items are taken to the next level up when they passed.
- If anyone wants anything big passed in college then send it to Ruby
 - "Big things" - ie. constitutional amendments
 - Does make the point that we are redoing the constitution at the end of the year so there is little need for a constitutional amendment at this stage

Vice President's Business -

JCR office -

→ Krishh was unwell last week and was unable to see the office but he saw the things put in the Committee Whatsapp Groupchat.

- Clarification for the new committee members - the JCR office is a storage room for the JCR in ATB. It has been a "really big mess" but we are trying to sort it out now
- In the last committee meeting we decided some committee members would go up there and clean it (Ruby, Georgia, the Entz reps etc)

should contact Daisy before Tuesday with their suggestions

Charity formals - to be discussed when more members of committee are present, potentially in a separate equalities meeting

EDI Training and College Staff - John Banbrook and Helen King have been made aware of the situation discussed

Advertising the staff v. students netball match - committee have been asked to send an infographic and invitation to the members of college that they liaise with in their roles as well as their tutors. Shalina and Benaiah will discuss whether to make this event a charity event or not.

Movember Games Night - Shalina asks committee to bring any board games they have to the games night on Wednesday

Christmas Megabop -

- Need more volunteers to help set up and clean up for the bop - message Entz
- There will be welfare angels for the bop - message Daisy if interested
- Medical provisions for the bop - idea will be considered
- Need to sell a lot more tickets for the megabop, especially out of college tickets - asks everyone to invite their friends in other colleges and for Seb to push this message to the freshers

- People saw things specific to their role, they cleaned up the room a bit and made it a bit more organised
- Gathering from that, maybe we should have another visit to the JCR office to act on the points Ruby highlighted that especially need tidying. Asks for any volunteers for this week.
 - Ruby - highlights she only went for an hour and made so much progress in that hour, suggests members can go in twos or threes
 - Krishh - he is free every evening (except Tuesday) so he can head down any time, he can set up a poll on the Committee Whatsapp Groupchat and see when people are free to move this issue forward

→ Krishh will organise clearing via a poll on the committee whatsapp group chat

How are first years feeling about the accommodation situation?

Seb (freshers rep) -

- Not great, nervousness, not knowing where they stand in comparison with other years and our year. Slightly in the dark about A) how many rooms might filter down to them in college and B) the likelihood of getting houses.
- It is hard to tell who is going to apply for houses etc, as they haven't had the deadlines yet
- The main issue is not knowing where they stand in terms of others - Georgia (domestic rep) has been doing a good job of meetings and house viewings but the main issues are coming from where they stand

Discussion -

- Ruby: highlights that our year had the same situation
- Helen: have you been to see RSH? The rooms are "so much nicer" than in College
 - Seb: Georgia is planning this
- Krishh: reminder for first years that a lot of deadlines are coming up this month for equalisation and RSH, there will be more tours happening
- Ruby: with the issue of not knowing how many rooms are going to filter down, even college doesn't know that
 - Shalina: would it be useful to find out how many in our year are in college and get a provisional number?
 - Ruby: tells Seb to message Georgia or Craig and ask if they have an idea of how many are living out - or even ask for last years numbers
 - Seb: its kind of a cycle, people will apply for houses if they think they won't get a place in college but they won't apply for houses if they think they will get a place in college.
 - Destiny: last year's number won't be reflective of this year. That was the first year that the bevs were not available, which made a lot of our year rent privately whereas this year a lot more people might want to live in
 - Helen: people have realised the difficulty and the complications of living out and the variability of it. Says she does like living in RSH and that it gets demonised as being "really far away", but in most universities people don't live in college, people can get a bus pass, and RSH is very liveable and much nicer than college in her opinion.

- Krishh: thinks that Craig will send an email out on Monday as he does a weekly thing with numbers
- Ruby: it will be stressful, but as a JCR there is not much we can do about the situation. Tells Seb to talk to Georgia.
- Destiny: her and Isabel are going to do a drop in for people with financial worries to do with the accommodation situation (ie. living out), Nimisha and Georgia could also be there
- Helen: is the amount of equalisation the same as last year? There was talk of increasing this with inflation last year.
 - Shalina: It is exactly £800 as it was last year
- Krishh: thinks Craig will send out an email with numbers, he says he is being sent numbers weekly and everyone in College can be updated. There are more tours happening of accommodations and reminders for equalisation deadlines should be sent out. If Seb needs anything else he should let us (the JCR committee) know.

General -

Update on Online Voting - Angela:

- Last week we tried the online voting system for the GM, it went well and the QR code worked. Last CM we said not use the QR code, but Angela highlights we can create a new QR code every week as its more efficient
 - The number thing (creating a new number code each week for the JCR to input in the website) is very easy to remember, but Angela has to change it every week and come up with a new number - she doesn't mind using that again
- The main issue is that she needs to teach more people how to use the system incase she is sick or unavailable so that they can run the GM with it.

Discussion -

- Krishh: Him and Helen volunteer to work
- Angela: (explaining how it works) every time will make a new poll (yes/no/abstain).
 - The only downfall of this system is the results are in percentages instead of specific numbers, but we can calculate the numbers on the spot.
 - A benefit is it gives numbers of how many people have entered the vote instead of counting heads - Krishh confirms it is difficult to count heads as when the room is busy he can't see the people at the back
- Helen: with the QR code do we still have the number? Last week had few people in the GM, if there are a lot of people there then it will be hard for them to scan QR code efficiently
 - Angela: yes we do have number as well as QR code
- Ruby: agrees that the online voting works well, seeing the result as a percentage is also kind of helpful
- Krishh: we can always revert back to counting heads if we have technical difficulties
- Ruby: feels people voted more honestly when the vote was online rather than when it was raising their hands in the room, we actually had a motion fail in that meeting which doesn't usually happen

College Welfare Meeting - Daisy:

- She has the College welfare meeting on Tuesday, asks committee if

there are any welfare issues to bring up with college staff. Also asks if there is feedback from Freshers' week in particular, and feedback on any particular college events

→ people should contact Daisy before Tuesday with their suggestions

Discussing Charities Formals - Helen:

- Now that we have done one charity formal (LGBTQ+ Formal) we should properly discuss this issue, but not in this meeting as not everyone on committee is in the room.
 - Makes the point that they sold 60% of the hall

Discussion -

- Shalina: the attendance for charity formals is usually quite low
 - Krishh: maybe because it is in the middle of the 4th and 6th week formals?
 - Helen: this equalities formal was exclusively for one specific group (LGBTQ+), doesn't know how other equalities reps want to run their formals, do they want to have exclusive formals or just highlight that their "group" should be at the centre of the formal. This might change numbers if the formal is less exclusive
- Helen: does not want to discuss this further now, but highlights that the discussion needs to be had when more people are here
- Ruby: do you have an equalities meeting?
 - Helen: we don't have regular equalities meetings

EDI Training and College Staff - Sara:

- There was an issue with a porter not being respectful of a couple of students, maybe some of the college staff need more EDI training?
 - Helen: this issue has specifically been discussed with John Banbrook and Helen King. John Banbrook has made it clear that this can't happen again. Everyone from senior staff has been saying that all staff have EDI training, but having training doesn't mean that this is followed through.

Advertising the Staff v. Students Netball Match - Benaiah:

- Since each rep works with a specific set of college staff, Benaiah asks if they would be willing to send out a graphic as well as an invitation message to their specific staff members?
- It would also be nice if we could have as much of the committee there on the day as possible.

Discussion -

- Daisy: heard that John Banbrook is playing as well
 - Ruby: what position does he play?
- Leif: does this include tutors as well?
 - Benaiah: yes this does include tutors. Ideally we want to have as many signups as possible, and have lots of people so we can rotate as we have a 2 hour slot so we can't have people constantly playing for 2 hours.
- Shalina: can we potentially run this as a charity event? This sounds like something people will want to get involved in, can we make people pay £2 to pay?
 - Benaiah: ideally this event would be free
 - Ruby: we could do optional donations

- Krishh: this could be discussed amongst Shalina and Benaiah
- Helen: suggests that if staff win the proceeds go to their charity of choice vs. if students win it goes to another charity

November Games Night - Shalina:

- If anyone has board games can they bring them to the Danson Room for the games night on Wednesday?

Christmas Megabop -

- Krishh: Messaged Entz reps (absent from meeting) they say they need people to set up and clean up for the christmas bop. They could always do with more people.
- Daisy: there will be welfare angels for the megabop, can people message her and sign up if they want to do it
 - Will there be medical provisions for the megabop? Last year someone went to the hospital - can this be avoided somehow?
- Ruby: Entz need to sell a lot of tickets for this event, especially from people from other colleges so can we all invite our friends from other colleges
 - Mitchell: how many people are we trying to get for the megabop?
 - Shalina: last year they sold around 600 tickets
 - Ruby: there are 300 annes tickets, so there are probably even more non-annes tickets
 - Krishh: remembers there being a lot of non-annes people at the bop last year
 - Leif: it is a big event, a lot of alumni come back for it
 - Helen: it has "the vibe of a school disco but in a fun way"
 - Ruby: asks Seb to push this event with the freshers