

JCR COMMITTEE MEETING 02/11/2025

AGENDA

President's business -

- Fruit and Veg distribution
- Conference of Common Room motions
- Newsletter

Vice-President's Business -

- Welfare Motions
 - Three Welfare Reps
 - `Men's Rep
 - Constitution Change to Welfare Tea
- Punting Motion
- Sky Sports Motion
- Women's Rep Motion
- Religions Rep Motion

General -

- Welfare need help with text-a-choc
- Third welfare rep election
- Need to update the constitution ASAP
- Update on budget
- Vikram as admin on Whatsapp

Resolutions

- Tully to run Fruit and Veg
- Contact Neve with thoughts on Conference of Common Rooms
- Volunteers needed for Text-a-Choc
- Needed an updated constitution
- Contact Shannon McKeller for student demographics
- Recruit four people for welfare training session

GENERAL

President's Business

Neve

- Addressing Entz, cecilia and bar rep
 - Issues with the bar - need a date
 - Friday week 7 or Wednesday Week 8
 - If I can give you the details maybe you can make a poster to promote it

- Fruit and veg

- Want to start doing - getting it in the JCR on weekends
- Anyone want to take over - £15 a week, if anyone is willing to take that on

Tully

- Yes I'm happy to carry on doing that

Neve

- Conference of common rooms motions
 - - available to view on the student union website
 - If anyone wants to give input on how I vote (voting will take place Tuesday 8pm) let me know
- Newsletter
 - Charlie and I in talks with Development Team to make a newsletter with input from reps and sports captains at the end of each term
 - Way of raising money - will be sent to alumni network
 - Seeing netball do well for example might make them want to get more involved
 - One paragraph etc nothing more than that
- Thats it for me, I will expand more individually since we are on a bit of a time crunch
- Do Evelena and Clarissa want to take on the sky sports stuff?

Evelena

- Now, or shall we do it with the motions?

Tully

- We can just do it with motions

Vice-President's Business

Tully

- Hannah do you want to talk us through the welfare motions

Hannah

- Need some people to help with text-a-choc
- Next monday around 4pm in the pidge
- Chocolate as an incentive, just because it will take a long time otherwise

- Moving it to monday so I'm there
- Someone requested a menstrual cup on the sexual health order form - is this Maia's jurisdiction
- Is there official decision on third welfare rep
 - Sam is going to be doing exams in trinity
 - Don't want him to worry about welfare - would leave everything to me, hard work

Tully

- General point is that the constitution says that it only needs two people, but I see that your motion says you need three, so we are happy to change it

Hannah

- The constitution was changed previously to mandate three welfare reps

Tully

- Yes in the last meeting we spoke about how we can't find recent constitutional changes
- Did we get anywhere with it
- Jack do you have access to motions

Jack

- Hasn't been updated since 4 years ago

Evelena

- Daisy Attell was the one who put it forward

Melissa

- I can speak to Gabriella because she was the one who has all the minutes on her laptop

Hannah

- I think it was two years ago because Daisy was on her year abroad last year

Tully

- Idea seems to be that I need everyone to help me update it over the vac
- If we can divide it up between us
- There will be other stuff like that that has probably been missed
- Does that affect your motion if you think it should say three

Hannah

- No issue with passing it again so it has to be done

Tully

- What does text-a-choc involve

Hannah

- Literally just putting names in pidge

Sam and Melissa agree to help.

Melissa

- Can I just really quickly - is there a way we can establish a role that will after every meeting update the constitution
- Because if we keep doing this every year we will keep forgetting
- Im happy to add it to my job

Tully

- How do we change the constitution

Neve

- I think its meant ot be done every 5 years

Tully

- Does anything need to be approved

Neve

- I will ask John, I've asked Roxi and she doesn't seem sure
- If that is the case are you okay doing that Melissa, during the vacations?

Melissa

- Yep thats fine

Neve

- Moving onto Vikram's motion

Vikram

- Briefly, is there anyway I can up my budget, because I need to organise three events a year

Charlie

- Brief update
 - Money we thought we didn't have we do have
 - Bit complex, money we thought we had from freshers is forecasted not guaranteed
 - We are nowhere near his forecast, less money than thought
- Budgets
 - But is there anyone who isnt going to spend their forecasted money, because if you have excess, it would be great if we could reallocate without going over budget

Laila

- For Divali, I'm willing to contribute some of the ethnic minorities budget to the celebrations
- I have 100 total, 50 going towards BLM celebrations on Tuesday

Vikram

- I'll take whatever I can get

Charlie

- I can get back to you on it

Vikram

- Making announcements on Whatsapp
- Need to be admin to announce events
- Does anyone have a breakdown of the demographics of our students

Neve

- I think college will have

Tully

- In terms of international they likely will

Neve

- Go to shannon Mckeller
- And I've made you admin on the Whatsapp

Charlie

- One more thing on budgets
- Something to consider with the punting motion
 - We would save 2k or more - could be used to fill gaps in budgets etc
 - Then next year we can work on reducing levies
- Would require us to profit off megabop less
 - For those that dont know, ben forecasted a 1.4k profit on megabops
 - But because we have reserves, I'll take to Jenny and see if we can dip into them

Melissa

- If we did do that would we need to pass a separate motion to get the opinion of the people about where we spend their money

Charlie

- Yes potentially - obviously there can be a lot of downsides

Neve

- Yes make that clear when you explain the motion - could sway people
- any questions?

Evelena

- Conference of common rooms? What are they?

Neve

- SU passing things in conjunction with all of the common rooms
 - One about water safety initiative etc
 - I am the delegate to vote on that, but everyone should have an opportunity to say
 - I'll send links on Whatsapp

Tully

- Start with punting motion

PUNTING MOTION

Charlie

- Not something that if we vote, then it is binding - it's to gauge interest

- Want to present benefits to see if it would sway people
- Useful for anticipating budgets
- Want to open it up for debate

Tully

- What do you want from this motion

Charlie

- Literally just want to gauge interest

Tully

- Is it true that levy money can be redistributed

Charlie

- They can't take the levy money away from us

Melissa

- Because its bens error - should we bind other people's money to an issue made last year

Charlie

- They will still get punts, and it is cheaper

Tully

- Can you change levies termly, or is it only yearly

Charlie

- Out of my jurisdiction, but I would say yearly

Laila

- Do we pay full price at Cherwell, because if we dont, we should negotiate with a discount with the threat of leaving

Charlie

- We definitely get some kind of bulk discount - 5.2k for 3 punts, whereas magdalen would be 3k ish for the same product
- Somerville made the change

Sam

- Cherwell is nicer, Magdalen is busier
- Do you know if they can guarantee we can have 3 punts

Melissa

- Is the other colleges moving is an incentive or not is maybe something to query - surely this just means that Magdalen is busier

Charlie

- I see it as a precedent that this is something that colleges are doing

Laila

- Nice to establish a relationship between a college and a boathouse

Charlie

- Worth saying that if we leave them, we can quite easily go back the next year if people don't like them
- Magdalen as a loop rather than a straight line

Neve

- Main benefit is the reallocation of funds

Charlie

- People have paid specifically for punting, issue to then use it for something else

Melissa

- Shall we leave the rest of this for the meeting, and then move on

SKY SPORTS MOTION

Charlie

- Okay next motion is to get a sky sports subscription for the bar
- I have John B pretty much on board with this

Evelena

- How much is going to cost

Charlei

- Between 2.2 and 4k a year that would probably come from college over the JCR
- Would be a proposal, if we can bring enough people into the bar, could make more money with drinks - we could even break even if it worked well enough in a year
- Motion coming to JCR - for John to take it to governing body etc - helpful to have proof of student interest
- John didn't seem to mind the figures put forward to him
- Other colleges do this - he is talking to someone from Worcester who have a similar thing, they say it is quite cheap

Evelena

- I was worried it was coming out of JCR money, but if we can get it from college that seems great

Clarissa

- Have you spoken to Mike, as he seems against it

Charlie

- But if John is onside then that might persuade him
- Interesting to know when people want these nights - would change what we buy

Neve

- Is that the figure for commercial

Charlie

- Weird grey area in between - not quite commercial, but like a club? But because we have a rugby club, we are RFU affiliated means we could get a discounted rate

Melissa

- Do we need a license, or will that cost us more money

Charlie

- The license would come as part of the subscription I believe

Grace

- Is there a way we can gauge if people will actually go to the bar on certain nights etc
- Mike is under the impression that not many people will come down
- There have been nights where things have been streamed and there has been a very low turnout
- E.g measuring support for a certain club, or matches on certain days
- Would be nice to guarantee some level of turn out

Neve

- Yeah i think thats partially the reason for the motion

Charlie

- The reason why people don't turn up to those events is because they are a last minute whatsapp group decision, 20 minutes before the game starts
- Could we get bar reps and entz involved

THREE WELFARE REPS & MEN's REP

Hannah

- Okay for my motion - technically already passed two years ago by Daisy
- Says in constitution it says minimum 2 welfare reps, we want it to say it should be three
- Remove the gender part of it - quite limiting and restrictive
- Especially if we can introduce a mens rep

Tully

- Think the three reps are a great idea, especially in Trinity\
- But the issue with outlining gender is that
 - I do get it is restrictive, but I do think that it's for a reason and I think its really helpful to have somebody in the welfare team that you can relate to
 - Understand that you are running for a mens rep - but htis then expands the welfare team from 2 people to 4 (plus Maia makes 5)
 - If you were to pass this now, would samuel become the men's rep, and then you would need two more reps
 - what is that 3rd person doing that Samuel isnt doing
 - What if next year there are 3 men running, and there is no female welfare rep
 - What can a male rep add

Hannah

- Im not seeing mens rep as part of the welfare team
- Should be separate, but just do welfare training
- Our issue with trying to get a third welfare rep, is that we had loads of women come forward to do welfare but because it was mandated that it had to be male, we couldn't give them that
- Limiting talent
- Maybe three men ran but at the minute I don't see that as a possibility

Tully

- I think that the admin work of welfare can be fulfilled by any gender (e.g welfare tea, fulfil sexual health orders)
- Just depends on what they mens rep are actually doing

Neve

- How much do we need people to relate to welfare - we have an entirely white welfare team

Tully

- Why we have such a big range of representatives - the JCR can do that side of the role - makes the gender requirement redundant

Hannah

- Next motion - for some reason in the constitution - from week 4 or trinity, onwards there needs to be daily welfare teas
- This has not been done - is not feasible

Neve

- And there is no appetite for it

Hannah

- Irresponsible time and budget wise
- It's just silly - just to change it in the constitution to weekly welfare teas would be great

Tully

- I don't think anyone has any objection to that

WELFARE TRAINING MOTION

Hannah

- Next motion: welfare training
- If someone has an issue, we need to be able to give people the right training to advise and help etc

Neve

- This is a legal requirement
- We can't legally have welfare reps if nobody is trained
- Would be a big help if people could do this

Hannah

- Four people need to sign up in order to get someone in
- Only 4 hours

Neve

- Constitution also mandates this
- At least the equal ops need that

Tully

- Does this extend to Maia and Sam

Melissa

- I also think, in terms of with the issue with recruiting welfare
- There is no incentive, dont feel like connected to welfare where it would give CV benefits
- Getting formal training - something to put in LinkedIn - literally anything to incentivise is good

Tully

- Is it four people, or is it at least four

Hannah

- At least 4

Neve

- Could open it up to the whole college

Tully

- What is the difference btween this rep adn samuels current role

Hannah

- The same just separate

Melissa

- Just to ask - if the main thing is Movember - can that not be subsumed by charities rep
- Adding an extra person to this big committee - another thign we dont need
- If we can maybe put in a caveat

Laila

- It's also about men having a contact on the JCR

Hannah

- I did originally think just scarp it entirely, there is an argument that there is women's rep
- Although men are not a minority, it does seem like it might be needed
- If a man has an issue, especially a gendered one, there needs to be a port of call

Tully

- In current standing it does seem a little bit unnecessary, but if we take the gendered clause out of welfare, then it is needed

Melissa

- What do we do if one of the motions passes but the other doesnt
- If we keep gendered rep and then people also want a

mens rep - the two motions are dependent on each other

Tully

- I think they are in the same bracket
- Assumption is they would both pass
- Makes sense to do the welfare mandate one first

Neve

- Just to point out - if something is [passed, it doesn't mean it's in
- Just acts to persuade Helen

Hannah

- Is there a certain time frame to get this done

Neve

- Likely week 8 - into motion next term

Tully

- Would you like us to run for welfare or mens rep

Samuel

- I would like to stay as welfare

Tully

- So we would run for a third welfare rep and a mens rep

Hannah

- Daisy Attell said it wouldn't come into force until next year

Tully

- I'm unsure about that

RELIGIONS REP & WOMEN'S REP

Laila

- Changing the name from ethnic minorities rep to include religions rep which we have already discussed
- Changing the role of women as the women and gender minorities rep

Sienna

- Is there a reason for this

Neve

- Yes - main role of women's rep is to provide sanitary products
- This doesn't just affect women, but also trans men etc

Sienna

- We have a gender rep already
- There's a lot of different gender rep things going on right now

Neve

- More just for that the main role is not just for women - that's the focus of the role and the title

Melissa

- Its purely just for sanitary products
- Say there was a trans woman, i think if I needed to speak to someone about my gender I would go to the gender rep, but if I needed period products, I would go to Maia
- Change in title serves to guide people to go where they feel they need to

Laila

- Other motion
- To get a dedicated religions rep
- Religion is a separate protected characteristic in the equalities act
- Should be a separate role
- Need own representation

Tully

- What would be the orle of that rep

Laila

- Decorate the Danson room for religious holidays
- Represent interests of people of faith to the JCR

Sienna

- The majority of that now is international rep

Vikram

- I think melissa said earlier that we shouldn't just expand ont eh number of reps we have
- I dont think we need to be frugal we how many reps we have, if we need more then we need more, but i don't see why it can't constitutionally combine into an existing role

Tully

- I think the constitution says that it is Michelle's job

Laila

- It just says christmas tree

Michelle

- It says the entire decoration of the danson room

Laila

- How do we choose which religious holidays we do?

Tully

- Is that made any clearer about having a religious rep?
- Like can a person be knowledgeable about every religion

Laila

- I think that having religious and ethnic minority issues represented by separate people is probably a good idea from an ideological standpoint
- Religious and international are not the same thing etc - a separate issue entirely

Melissa

- There is a lot of discourse that we cannot equate race to religion, and "foreignness" to race etc
- Its important at least address it even by name, by making a race and religion title
- Everything we islamophobia and antisemitism - need a person to liaise
- Becoming another thing to deal with going into irrelevant inboxes - we need one point of call

Tully

- My only point about that - I cannot imagine that a religious rep is knowledge about every religion
- We already have a Christian union rep, Isoc rep, Jsoc rep

Laila

- I think there should be JCR representative
- It could be similar to a chaplain - non-denominationally represents faith - being a port of call for everyone for the JCR

Sam

- There is a couple issues with having a separate role
- Potential for bias, and various conflicts of interest
- What about putting a line in the constitution to outline who is responsible for what thing - no need for a whole other role

Sienna

- There are already points of contact in college

Grace

- We already have lots of religion reps in college, so representation is not the issue

Laila

- One centralised point of contact in the JCR

Melissa

- I'm conscious we have to close soon, but every argument that has been raised against religion rep can also be raised against mens rep
- The mens issues are not sole mens issues - if its loneliness we have welfare reps etc
- Just being conscious that we can say we don't want to expand, but we are expanding for men, and religion is more relevant right now than men
- World climate

Sam

- On the other hand - equal opportunities meeting said there are staff for religion

Laila

- Yes I've spoken to them
- Staff is great but not the same as reps

Neve

- Nice and useful to have a centralised contact
- People aren't sure where to go to - because there is not a specific outline

Melissa

- Whole point of the JCR is a student version of the college body - a friend to go to rather than a senior person

Tully

- If we are concerned about the fact that there are already reps, is it maybe more effective to create a community of reps that is represented at meetings by a religious rep
- So they are less responsible for all the religions, they are a figurehead for all the reps

Jack

- Which of these motions are constitutional motions and which are normal, so I know what to put on the slides

Tully

- Really good point Jack

Melissa

- Anything to do with positions then yes

Tully

- The punting and sports aren't