

JCR MEETING MINUTES #3

Apologies

- Zachary Howkhead, Frank Pauwels, Ryan Bosley, Clara Ohayon, Anna Duch-Gimenez, Tash Steds, Sai Kiran, Erin Barrett, Emily Harrison, and Calum Maclean apologise for not being able to attend the meeting.

We did not reach quorum at the meeting.

- The quorum at the JCR Meeting is 10% of last year's undergraduates. We will go through the meeting as usual, hear the husts. At the next quorum meeting we ratify the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Officer Reports

- Stefano Cattenno (Tech Chair)
 - FinComm has just approved the purchase of a JCR Laptop with full adobe suite. The Bailey Room sound system will be fixed.
- Clara Gallay (Union Officer)
 - Thank you to those who got involved in the Protest. If there is anything you want brought up at Assembly, let me know.
- Oliver Goschow (Sports and Societies Officer)
 - Gym Memberships – let me know if you would like to extend memberships to next term too.
- Eliana Coschignano (Communities Officer)
 - The Naked Calendar is out tomorrow.
 - Candy Canes and Handmade Christmas cards are being sold outside the dining room: the money will go to the Refugee Fund.
 - Sorry about any stash that hasn't arrived, it is being chased up.
 - Volunteer Training is on Wednesday.
 - Christmas Campaign is on until the 10th December, please donate sanitary products.
- Tom Menges (Standing in for Clara Ohayon, Shop Chair)
 - Buy Tabs for the Shop.
- Arabeth Lecuyer (Senior Welfare Officer)
 - Felix has done a lot of work for this. 8:30-9:30pm on any evening this week will be stress less. On Tuesday evening this is a mindfulness event.
- Izzy Francis (Formals Officer)
 - Pay for Christmas Formal by tomorrow at 5pm.
- Jade Westhead (Socials Officer)
 - Thank you to everyone who attended Winter Ball. Thanks to SocComm and Formals Comm. Please give me feedback if you have any.
- Brodie Wood (JCR Treasurer)
 - We have had our FinComm Meeting.
 - We have donated £50 for Movember.
 - Deadline for Sports and Societies is tomorrow.
- Ben George (JCR Secretary)

- The Badger: The Festive Special is now OUT! Yay! You can get access to the Badger on the Badger's Facebook, from the Weekly Wipe, and (printers permitting) from the JCR Shop and outside the dining hall at some point very soon.
- We have adopted a Badger who lives in Warwickshire, we will give you updates as and when we get them.

Motions

- Motion to change the interview procedure for positions with only one candidate.
 - The motion was taken on a general aye.
- Motion to make pool tables free.
 - FinComm met earlier today and have decided to veto this motion because they think it is financially inviable. Because we are not at quorum, we are saving the motion until next term.
- Motion to ratify VegSoc
 - The motion was taken on a general aye.
- Motion to ratify St Aidan's Drone Society
 - What does UAV stand for?
 - Tom O'Brien answered the question.
 - Stefano Cattaneo – What do you mean for industrial purposes?
 - Tom O'Brien – Durham University when looking at where they may want to build the new colleges or build more buildings. We could help out and progress people's careers.
 - Is Durham not a no-fly zone?
 - Tom O'Brien – Because of the Prison, there is a no-fly zone in Durham. Tom speaks to air traffic and control twice a week. It is quite easy to be given permission.
 - The motion was taken on a general aye.
- Motion to ratify Aubergine Athletics of Aidan's
 - Stefano Cattaneo – As a Ratified Society you are entitled to some of the JCR Budget. What will you spend the money on?
 - Aubergine Athletics of Aidan's – We will buy £70 aubergines.
 - Luke Hollander – What is the most exciting thing you can do with an Aubergine? Please demonstrate.
 - Aubergine Athletics did not provide a demonstration.
 - Paul Cohen – Can you assure the JCR that this is not a drinking society?
 - Aubergine Athletics of Aidan's – Yes.
 - Eliana Coschingnano – How will you assure that you are inclusive?
 - Aubergine Athletics of Aidan's – Anyone can join.
 - Riaz Rafique – I am allergic to aubergines, can I still join?
 - James Holland – We will spend the money from the JCR Budget on latex gloves.
 - Luke Hollander (speaking in defence of the Society) – They do put in a lot of effort.
 - Formal opposition was raised by Paul Cohen. We had a vote to see whether the society would be ratified or not.

- The votes in favour were overwhelming. Aubergine Athletics was duly ratified.

Hustings

- Senior Frep
 - Questions from Alex McGovern, the Senior Frep for 2017.
 - What would you do differently about Freshers' Week and why?
 - What personal qualities, not skills or experience, do you possess that allow you to manage a team of almost 40 people?
 - A situation: It is midway through summer, after having been organised, you find out that one of the clubs you had arranged to visit has closed down. What do you do?
 - Frepping involves getting out of your comfort zone and making a tit of yourself. As a testament to this, please give a rendition of a song.
 - Questions from the floor.
 - Luke Hollander – This year will probably be the hardest year for a Senior Frep ever, namely because of the Bar capacity and the Stockon move. How will you manage?
 - Clara Gallay – You are going to be the first one up in the morning and the last one at night, how are you at dealing with stress and staying up all the time?
 - Felix Culas – International Freshers have only half a week to settle in. It does feel as though once International Freshers Week is done, International Freshers are not checked in on. How will you attempt to fix this issue?
 - Riaz Rafique – Next year, people are going to be drinking more in their rooms than ever before rather than drinking in the bar. People will drink more because no one will be able to check up on how much people are drinking. How will you deal with this added pressure?
 - Arabeth Lecuyer – Freshers tends to be a mine-field for Freshers. How would you ensure that people are properly trained to deal with these issues?

Sofia Dotta	Liberal Arts (2 nd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was 17 in my Freshers' year and I thought that there was not much going on in college if you did not go out into Durham. If there were more relaxed events that went on until later into the night, that would be better. • Similar to Reece, Sofia is a warm and approachable person. Sofia loves meeting new people and working with new people. Sofia would like to work out what people would want to do in Freshers' Week. Sofia is a very positive person. • Sofia would not panic. Sofia would put a huge emphasis on college, it is sometimes underrated. Sofia would work out which day of the week it was and work around it. If there was a bigger night on a different night, Sofia could
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		<p>move it to the new date. Sofia would emphasis college, because nights in college are fun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sofia sang a Christmas song. Sofia sang Mariah Carey 'All I Want for Christmas' • Sofia would put a bigger emphasis on other places in college. If the weather was nice, Sofia would use the inner garden whenever possible. Sofia would think of Plan Bs for all events. Sofia would emphasis using College. • Sofia is okay with sleep-deprivation. Sofia is addicted to coffee. It is important to find small ways to cheer everyone up and herself up. Sofia works quite well under-pressure. • Sofia would have drop-in sessions for everyone to make sure that everyone is feeling at ease. Sofia would put a big emphasis on group activities, ensuring that people can bond well with one another. • Sofia would place an emphasis on events in college. Sofia would train Freps with how to deal with people who have drunk too much, so that it is not just Welfare. Sofia would set up water stations in various places in college so that people could get hydrated if they feel too drunk. When we did the International Freshers' Week with Trevs, they had an information board about alcohol consumption – Sofia would have this too. • Sofia would place a lot of emphasis on Active Bystander Training. Sofia would also have a discussion among Freps. Sofia would encourage the training of Freps even more so that they too can handle situations, as well as Welfare.
Reece Roberts	Maths (2 nd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a couple of things Reece would change, many as an extension of what Alex did. Reece would formalise giving Freps rests, allowing them times when they are completely off-the-clock. Giving them these times ahead of time, allows them to sort out their own commitments. Reece would also put more emphasis on the exec officers, to make the exec have a drop-in session. • Reece has a warm personality, but is also able to suggest to people what they must do, making it seem as though it is their idea. Reece is also somewhat OCD which would help him make everything perfect. • Reece assumes that it is not the biggest night of the week. Reece would move the venue from the first night to the cancelled night and also go to the first night club anyway. If it was Newcastle was cancelled, there would be venues to go to in Durham anyway.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reece sang 'The Power of Love'. • With the Bar, Reece would still include the Bar in the week. Reece would put a heavier emphasis on the JCR in terms of events. There is a ton of space in the JCR. Reece would also use the Bailey room and the Schincliffe room – with different types of music in each room. • Reece has quite a lot of experience with sleep-deprivation. While as a Student Ambassador, Reece gets very little sleep for an entire month. Reece will be energetic as he can bounce off other people's energy. Reece is good with time-management. Reece would plan ahead far enough so that there would be no stresses. • Reece would use the tools that the JCR has given him. Reece would make use of the International Society if he could. Reece would try and get sessions of the International Society set up during Freshers' Week itself to hit hard with the idea that it is for everyone, not just Freshers. Reece would make sure that a map of the world stayed up through the whole week. Reece would like to continue all International Freshers' Week activities through Freshers' Week too. • Reece would make sure that everyone was well aware of who the Bar Steward was, so that they could ask questions about anything related to alcohol. Reece would put into place his anonymous messaging service so that people could ask questions about alcohol. Reece would place an emphasis on using the JCR and the dining room, to encourage people not to be in their rooms as much. • Reece would increase the training for regular Freps. Reece would appoint a point of contact within Welfare for Freps, to ensure that if Freps feel overwhelmed they have people to talk to too. If possible, Reece would speak to Alsbeth from Nightline and get Freps Nightline trained.
Rosie Watkins	Modern Languages (3 rd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the biggest changes would be to allocate Freps quite specifically to Freshers. A few Freps and a member of exec would be responsible for certain corridors. Those Freps would also be responsible for those Freshers' Welfare. It would help in the Frep group too, in terms of competitions. It would help with organisation of the Freshers. Rosie would add in more nap sessions, a more structured plan for Freps. • Rosie is energetic. Rosie is tired, but is able to stay enthusiastic and energetic. Rosie is aware that the Senior Frep needs to be organised. Rosie always has coloured coded spread sheets. Rosie would be

		<p>enthusiastic, energetic and would make sure that everyone is having a fun time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosie would work out which night the event was. Rosie would work out how many Freshers would likely come to the event. Rosie would go around and ask different clubs whether they could hold their capacity. If there was limited capacity, Rosie would run a larger event in college. Rosie would get in touch with as many venues as possible. There is always a solution. • Rosie sang 'Frosty the Snowman'. • Rosie thinks that a corridor Frep system would help out. Rosie would very much only use the Bar for a place for Freshers to get drinks, and encourage people to hang out in the JCR and the dining room. The Dining room could work as a better venue to the Bar anyway. The key with clubs is to get on top of it as soon as possible. Rosie would try and get ahead of the crowd as soon as possible. • Rosie does not want to bang on about her year abroad, but Rosie does overnight touring. Rosie has to stay up and give tours until 5am sometimes. Rosie has learnt how not to sleep with the job that Rosie has on her year abroad. Rosie would make sure that she gives herself time out. • Rosie thought it was really good that there were 3 International Freps, but Rosie would make sure that all Freps were aware of the challenges that International Freshers face. If there were corridor Freps, then this would help get to know Freshers more personally. Rosie would make sure that International Society at the forefront of everything. • Rosie is not going to deny the fact that people are going to be drinking in their rooms. Rosie would encourage more of an open-door policy, which would be helped by the Freps being assigned to corridors. Rosie would train Freps on how to deal with situations when people have drunk too much. • Rosie would make sure that everyone takes the Active Bystander Training really seriously. Rosie would then have group discussions in college with all the Freps to share ideas. Rosie would make sure that there was a communication method for Freps if there were any emergencies.
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Elections

- Social – Entertainment Rep

Joshua Short	Year 1	Engineering
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- Josh ran unopposed and was elected on a general aye.
- Community – Adult Volunteering Rep

David Theisler	Year 2	Maths
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- David ran unopposed and was elected on a general aye.
- Steering - 1x Vice Chair

Paul Cohen	Year 4	Chinese and Politics
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- Paul ran unopposed and was elected on a general aye.

AOB

- Riaz Rafique – Since the Christmas Lights have gone up, the clock is blocked.
 - Luke Hollander – The fact that the plant was moved back in front of the clock is an outrage. Luke will deal with this promptly and swiftly.
- Jane Harding – Where is the toilet paper? Jane has been without toilet paper for 3 weeks.
 - Luke Hollander – Will raise this with house-keeping.
- Tom O’Brien – There is no soap left either.
 - Luke Hollander – I will raise this with house-keeping too.
- Brodie Wood – We are currently budgeting £7000 for Sky and BT, how passionate are people about keeping this?
 - Luke – To put this in perspective, Sky and BT is a 7th of your £40,000 Budget.
 - Riaz – I have looked into every single possibility. The only way to help us is to cancel the subscription every year and then re-buy it.
 - Paul Cohen – How many people come on your average match day?
 - Riaz – Arsenal VS Man Utd. There were around 10 in the bar, 20 in the Bailey.
 - Paul Cohen – How many of you have used the facilities in the Bar or the Bailey Room?
 - Lots of hands were raised.
 - Joshua Short – We could do posts on Facebook to let people know that matches are being shown.
 - Reece Roberts – The broken sound system in the Bailey Room might be having an affect on the fact that this is a facility for use.
 - George Dyrson – Is there any way we could make our money spent more useful by having the TV listings in the Weekly Wipe so that people know what is on?
 - Riaz Rafique – People can use the Bar whenever, if there is interest.
 - Luke Hollander – We will look into putting more on in the Bailey Room.
 - Jade Westhead – We could put up nightly listings on the Weekly Wipe as to what is on in the Bailey Room and what is on in the Bar.
 - Jane Harding – Without Sky, what would we still have?
 - Riaz – We would have Freeview.
- Luke Hollander – How can we increase attendance to JCR Meetings?
 - George – We could give out Klute wristbands at the start of the meeting.
 - Jane Harding – There are people who got pizza who did not attend the whole meeting.
 - Tom O’Brien – We could have stamps so that we could check who has attended the meeting.

- Paul Cohen – We need to seriously work out how we can stress to people that the JCR does a lot for them.
- Jade Westhead – Democracy is the choice to come to JCR Meetings and not to come. The choice to vote or not to vote. We are advertising enough.
- Clara Gallay – Perhaps, it is time to re-introduce a rendition of the Chair singing or doing something jokey for people to watch.
- Felix Culas – As much as I agree with the idea that people should not be forced to come, the JCR is really important for funding societies. At Cuth's all societies should send a representative to JCR Meetings as they are given money by the JCR.
- Jane Harding – Could we do something really controversial at a JCR Meeting to encourage people to come?
 - Luke Hollander – We had a motion about making Pool Tables free and people who were playing pool outside the JCR did not come in.
- Jane Harding – The Shop could be open for JCR Meetings.
 - Tom Menges – If you want this, then that is possible.
- Izzy Francis – Is there a template for Motion writing?
 - Luke Hollander – I think the template could be easier and I will look into this.

Exec Q&A

- The JCR officers will be around at the end of the meeting to answer questions.