

JCR MEETING MINUTES #5

We did not reach quorum at the meeting.

Apologies

- Arabeth Lecuyer, Saya Taneja, Emily Hughes, Sai Kiran, Isabel Watkins, and Alex Longman all apologise for not being able to attend the meeting.

Officer Reports

- Ben George (JCR Secretary)
 - The New Badger is out now!! It is available for everyone at the back of the JCR and on the Badger's Facebook. Please feel free to take one now or at the end of the meeting.
- Izzy Francis (Formals Officer)
 - The Late Licence Charity Formal is themed 'Out of this World'.
- Jade Westhead (Socials Officer)
 - Save the Date Event for Summer Ball is up. Please click 'interested'.
 - Please fill in the Socials Survey!
- Stefano Cattaneo (Tech Chair)
 - There is now a Cabinet for the Games Console, you just need to trade your Campus Card for the key.
 - If you have any WiFi problems, please file an official complaint with CIS. They are more likely to fix your problems.
 - There are now instructions in the Bailey Room about how to use the devices.
- Clara Gallay (Union Officer)
 - You can read the Motion and the statement on the UnionComm Facebook. If you want more information, please come and peak to me in a civilised way. The SU is trying all they can to sort it out. The SU is trying to compromise with lecturers as far as is possible.
 - Next week, the voting is going to open for Student Union Sabbatical Officers Positions. The Student Representative and Trustees are all important roles, they can influence decisions.
- Brodie Wood (JCR Treasurer)
 - We had a lot of Charity applications this term and two small projects applications.
 - If you have any small projects ideas, please get in touch.
 - Charity Treasurer will be going up at the next meeting.
- Eliana Coschingnano (Community Officer)
 - Thanks for all of you who came to the JCR Feedback event.
 - If you have any further feedback, please get in touch with any member of the Exec by email.
 - Thanks to Nick Scarrow for the help with the Mentoring Event.
 - If any of you need help with academic support, please get in touch.
 - The Late License Formal is a Charity Formal, please keep watching this.
 - The Tea Volunteering Event will be for the St Margaret's Hospice on Thursday at 2:15pm.

- There will be another Stash Order at the end of this term.
- Clara Ohayon (Shop Chair)
 - The Shop's service may be slower than usual today because of the broken machine.
- Riaz Rafique (Bar Steward)
 - We have a bottle bar at the back of the JCR. We also have free cake.
 - Aidan's Summer Festival is confirmed for 3rd of June. We get 30 beers in.
 - We are doing a Pink Week Cocktail this year, all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Care.
- Oliver Goschow (Sports and Societies Officer)
 - Last Sunday, we had the Loughborough Varsity, which we won.
 - On the 25th, we have the York Varsity – you can follow along on Facebook.
- Luke Hollander (JCR President)
 - The order for the Bean bags are coming.
 - Luke sent an email about Card Machines to the University this week. Hopefully there will be movement on that this year.

Motions

- Motion to release JCR reserves to purchase a gym sound system - *REMOVED*
 - Removed by Jamie Haywood.
- Motion to ensure the continuation and development of Refreshers' Week.
 - Questions, Comments, Opposition
 - Tash Steeds – Can you clarify the involvement of Freps in Refreshers' Week?
 - Jade Westhead – It would increase involvement. It would be helpful to have more help.
 - Becky Mingard – Would it become part of the Freps' jobs?
 - Jade Westhead – Yes. It would not be as intensive as Freshers' Week.
 - Felix Culas – Would it be possible to allow Freshers to get involved in the organisational part of Refreshers?
 - Jade Westhead – Yes that is a good idea.
 - Luke – Are you making an amendment to the Motion to include Freshers and anyone else who is interested?
 - Luke – The organising committee for Freshers to join.
 - Brodie – Surely not *just* Freshers, but open to all.
 - Luke – Open to all then!
 - The amendment passed on a clear majority.
 - Billie Duch Giménez – If you have lots of involvement from others, would it be possible not to have Freps involved?
 - Jade – We cannot guarantee that very many people would want to be involved in the organisation? It would be a good mentoring, training for Freps.
 - Could the First Year Rep for Socials Committee, be in charge of gaging interest who wants to get involved?

- Jade – Yes, but I would want as many people involved in running it as possible.
 - The Motion passed on a majority.
 - Motion to update inaccuracies in the Standing Orders.
 - Questions, Comments, Oppositions and Amendments.
 - Stefano – Please can we change the first bullet point because we are not able to change that without a referendum.
 - Luke – That was an amendment to remove the first bullet point of the resolutions.
 - The amendment passed on a general aye.
 - The Motion passed on a majority.
 - Motion to change voting structure in JCR Meeting for Committee Heads.
 - The Motion passed on a majority.
 - Motion to release JCR reverses to purchase new furniture for the JCR.
 - Questions, Comments, Oppositions and Amendments.
 - Luke Hollander – Just to say, some people have grumbled about the sofa pictured. The reason why we have chosen this sofa is because of the University’s Fire Regulations. Luke can look into whether we buy other sofas or not.
 - Jade Westhead – Please can we discuss whether we buy that exact sofa or not?
 - Clara Gallay – Yes, but that is a discussion for another time.
 - The Motion passed on a majority.

Hustings

- Exec – Community Officer.
 - Questions from Eliana Coschingnano (Community Officer)
 - As it stands, Charity has been a big part of Eliana’s role – would you keep this the same or raise money for other charities?
 - Volunteering Projects – every year, you are supposed to come up with a new volunteering opportunity, what would yours be?
 - Livers’ Out Rep. Have you got any ideas of events or otherwise that could engage livers’ out.
 - The election will go live on Monday.

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| <p>Crystal Moinz, 3rd Year PPE.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal would definitely make Charity a large part of the role. Crystal would organise an intense week of volunteering in June. Time is the biggest constraint on student involvement. In terms of Fundraisers, Crystal would have a Winter Market – it is a great opportunity to show off the work of Refugees. • Crystal is passionate about the environment. Crystal would |
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| | <p>focus on helping the elderly tend for their gardens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distance is the main reason why students do not come to college. If we had an open meeting in town or at my house, it would be easier for students to attend. |
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- Exec – Shop Chair.
 - Questions from Clara Ohayon (Shop Chair)
 - What do you think is the best way to get the best toastie workers, how would you find out that they are incompetent?
 - You learn the Shop is making a loss, what do you do?
 - A customer is being rude and rowdy, what do you do?
 - Questions from the Floor.
 - Ed Cook – How much would two pieces of Garlic Bread with mozzarella on top?
 - Zac – What sort of financial experience do you have?
 - Riaz Rafique – If Shop and the Bar have poor relations next year and your stock is ordered to the Bar by mistake, what would you do?
 - The exec will go live on Monday.

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| <p>Billie Duch Giménez 2nd Year Liberal Arts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best way to find out which toastie workers are the best is to check up on them when they are on shift. It is important to watch for mistakes and to gage how they are doing. If they are really incompetent, you could offer to have a training session with them. If that doesn't help, it is a job – they can get another one. • Check that the Bar is not stealing money. Billie would check with the Shop treasurer, go to an Excel course if possible. It would have a lot to do with the Catering and Stocking Officers – it would be important to check with them. • Billie would first give them a warning, but if they continue to be rude and rowdy Billie would deny them service. |
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| | <p>Disrespect for the Shop and its customers is unacceptable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be £1. • Billie realises that this is an area that Billie could learn a lot more in. Billie recently took an Excel course. The Careers Centre also offers free courses on finances, if Billie is struggling, this will be a point of call. • If there is a post mix, we would make sure that the Bar would pay for the Stock. Billie would ensure that the JCR comes above any personal relations. Billie would be upfront about the situation to the JCR. |
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- Exec – Senior Welfare Officer.
 - Questions from Felix Culas, on behalf of Arabeth Lecuyer (Senior Welfare Officer)
 - What do you think is the biggest Welfare Issue facing our college and how will you face it?
 - How has being on Team Welfare helped your experience of talking to people?
 - As Senior Welfare Officer, you would become the Face of Welfare around College. How would you make sure that you are a good role model and ensure that it does not affect your own well-being?
 - Questions from the floor.
 - Becky Mingard – One thing I found when I was a Fresher, was that it was intimidating to go and speak to a third year. How would you handle this?
 - Lik Qi Lim – Having Team Welfare this year has been really amazing. What would you do to make it better?
 - David – How would you help to grow Team Welfare?
 - The election will go live on Monday.

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| Sarah Schenk 2 nd Year Psychology. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A lot of people do not know about Welfare. A lot of people are not comfortable getting help. We do not want silence. It is about setting the tone from the very start, in Freshers' Week. ○ Sarah has improved in Active Listening. It is not about finding an easy fix straight away, it is about |
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| | <p>listening to each individual situation and responding appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognising boundaries is very important. As someone who suffers from anxiety, Sara need to be respectful of boundaries. Sara is going to rely on the Welfare Committee where appropriate. There are so many resources to make use of. ○ From the start, Sarah would want to normalise Welfare. Welfare is not about 'serious' issues. Everyone is different about these things. Some people will come straight away to talk about their problems. It is important from the start to be well-known and as friendly as possible. ○ Team Welfare has really helped with running campaigns. Team Welfare do not know each other well enough. The best work comes when you are working with friends. ○ Sarah is not sure that Team Welfare needs to be any bigger necessarily. Other Committees are already included in Welfare. Freps need to be better trained. The Nighline and Active Listening Training is not enough. Welfare should be natural. There should be more collaboration with other Committees to help out with campaigns. |
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- Exec – Union Officer.
 - Questions from Clara Gallay (Union Officer)
 - From all of the campaigns which are put on by the SU, which is your favourite?
 - The roles of SU Officer are very blurry. It is easy to do a lot, but it is also easy to neglect the position. How will you ensure that it is not neglected?
 - Sometimes very controversial topics come up, such as the UCU Strike. How will you strike a balance between representing students and strike what is best for students?
 - Questions from the floor.

- Stefano Cattaneo – Quite a lot of the people who get involved in Student Politics from Aidan’s are quite left-leaning. How will you negotiate this?
- Voting will go live on Monday.

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| Ed Cook 2 nd Year Social Sciences. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ed thinks that the most important campaign the SU puts on is the Ripped Off campaign. The Housing campaign is also very key. The support that the SU offers on these two issues is very important. ○ The more public we make the Union Committee, the more it can be criticised for not doing much. If we do not hit percentages for involvement in college elections, then we are not doing enough. ○ It is important to make a poll and judge what the majority think. There is definitely room to interpret a poll when there is a split. ○ Ed is not very political. Ed will work to represent the views of Aidan’s primarily. Ed will talk to people directly and gage what they think about issues. |
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Election

- Community – Young Adults Volunteering Rep.
 - No one stood for this election, so it shall go up in the next election.
- Shop – Stocking Officer.
 - Questions from Clara Ohayon (Shop Chair)
 - On ShopComm you have very specific jobs, there are not many measures for not doing your job properly. It is mostly based on trust, what will you say in answer to this?
 - How will you make sure that you prioritise your customers over your friends.
 - You have just taken an order, but the main ingredient is not available, what do you do?
 - Questions from the floor.
 - Stefano Cattaneo – What is the Shop currently stocking that it should not be stocking?

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| Franciszek Pauwels 1 st Year Physics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ While on Toastie Committee Frank completed shifts of Shop Workers who could not be there. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frank will serve the customers first and chat to customers second. ○ Frank will try and get in touch with the supplier, but if that it is not possible Frank would admit to the customer that their order is not possible. ○ Tuna. |
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- The Election was taken on a general aye.
- Social – Marketing Rep.
 - Alice Williams, 1st Year, Law.
 - The Election was taken on a general aye.

AOB

- Locked doors/security college (Luke Hollander)
 - Last year, they introduced locked doors on B and C Curve last year. It was opposed because it would make B and C Curve less sociable. It was part of Luke’s campaign last year to get rid of those doors. The feeling of students about security in college is different from previous years. What do people think?
 - Frank – What about a PIN system? It would keep everyone secure, while allowing students to be sociable.
 - Jade Westhead – It would just exemplify the ability of other students to go onto B Curve and mess it up.
 - Frank – People still messed up B Curve with the doors.
 - Nick – Wasn’t B Curve broken anyway? The only reason you would be visiting the Curves is if you are visiting a friend. A key system would work fine.
 - Becky Mingard – It would be helpful if everyone’s college keys unlock the doors to all the corridors.
 - Erik - Not an expert on finance, but it is ridiculous that we need to be thinking about security. It should not be an issue. It should have been thought of before. Security is more important than sociability.
 - Sofia Dotta – Quite a lot of the issues stem from Meet the Parents. This is an event that will not be happening next year.
 - Luke – The Security issue is people from other colleges or members of the public invading public spaces.
 - Erik - A homeless man broke into my room.
 - David – Is everyone happy with all Livers’ In having access to all public corridors in college?
 - Luke – It is difficult to say whether this is practically feasible, but it is something that Luke would look into.
 - Billie – There is an issue of getting into the Store Room if we suddenly put locks on the corridors.

- Jade – The Formals and Socials Officers would probably be given keys to unlock those doors.
- Max – If there were more controlled access to the Straights, that could help with security. The sociability of locked corridors is something to consider.
- Security is more important than sociability.
- Stefano Cattaneo – This is the first time that something like this has happened in 4 years. Is this worth dealing with, with the police and then carrying on business as usual?
 - Frank – We should not ignore the issue, just because it has not happened before. It is possible for randomers to walk into corridors without keys etc.
 - Nick – There have been people squatting in the kitchen. This is not a one-off issue. College did not take the issue seriously enough.
 - Could doors be locked during certain events and times, but otherwise left open?
- Jade Westhead – Around exam time lots of Livers Out will work in college and will want to use B straight provisions such as toilets and kitchens.
- The B Straights toilets when there is a big event are blocked. The toilets on B Straight are heavily affected.
 - Clara Gallay – The specific issue was with people walking in and out of college.
- The issue is when porters are not on duty. It would be helpful if you had to scan your campus card for entry to College in the evenings.
- It was not a one-time event. There was a person who walked into someone's room.
 - Stefano – We need to realise that we must lock our rooms.
- Frank – A universal key or pin system would be helpful and cheap. It is a simple system.
 - Clara Gallay – It is not considered a simple system for all.
- Erik – Please stop blaming us for security issues.
- Nick – We also had the issue of the fact that kitchen was trashed, and then C Curve residents were blamed for the mess.
- Thomas O'Brien – We want to feel safe all around college, not just in our room with a lock on it.
- Alice Williams – It is not fair that people on the Curves can leave their doors unlocked just because they have the added protection of a locked door. We cannot appreciate enough how scary it is for students not to feel safe in their kitchens and toilets.
- Joe – Most people with opposition are Livers' Out. We are paying over £7000 a year for the privilege of living here. We deserve safety and security in college.
- Eliana – There are lot of options for us to help out with security around college. It is not about locking doors, but security should not be a student's worry. Students should feel safe.

- Jade – Neither Jade nor Stefano are opposed to the issues that are being raised. Safety and Welfare are the most important considerations. We need to discuss all various possibilities.
- Paul Cohen – Living out in the Houses makes Paul aware of how dangerous it can be to live in College. College needs to react to security issues. The reason College accuses the students is because there are no recorded facilities, there are no security cameras. As a constructive point, if we could set up a proper survey to be distributed to all Livers in and out, that would be helpful. Luke should ask College about the feasibility of these issues.
 - Luke will conduct a survey outside of the JCR. Luke will raise all these issues to College staff. Thank you everyone for sharing your concerns. If people are not feeling safe, then we must address those concerns in some way.
- Frank – Environmental Issue: Do we need to put forward a Motion to make it a committee?
 - Luke – It already exists as a Committee. The positions have not been filled for several years. We do not really know how this committee functions or works. There is not the time now to consider how address this.