

## JCR Meeting Minutes VII (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

### Apologies

- Andres Hoe Strømmen, Erin Barrett, Jane Harding, Katerina Theodoridis, Ben McMillan, Jeremy Kew, Saya Taneja, and Raphaelle Monet all apologise for not attending the meeting,

### Officer Reports

- JCR President – Luke Hollander
  - The Shop card machine should be in place by next week.
- Socials Chair – Jade Westhead
  - We have basically booked everything for Summer ball now.
  - Submissions for Summer Ball open on the 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Shop Chair - Billie
  - There are two Shop positions going up today, please run!
- Sports and Societies Officer – Oliver Goschow.
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> – Mildert Varsity.
  - If you want a gym membership, come and talk to me!
- Senior Welfare Officer – Arabeth Lecuyer
  - We have a Stress Less week coming up in May.
  - We are going to have Arts on Sundays with Becky Mingard.
- Union Officer – Ed Cook
  - The SU will be opening up more study spaces.

### Motions

- ~~Motion to Disaffiliate Aidan's College Theatre (ACT) from Durham Student's Theatre (DST)~~
- Motion to Ratify Debating Society
  - The Motion was duly ratified on a general aye.
- Motion to allow postgraduate students to join the JCR, create a Postgraduate Society, and a Senior Postgraduate Representative
  - Questions, Comments and Amendments.
    - Alex Longman – One amendment proposed by Luke Hollander and seconded by Jane Harding. The amendment wants to remove 11.1 and to make sure that if a member of the JCR were to be elected the postgraduate welfare, they would be allowed on the postgraduate society exec. There would be two postgraduate freps.
    - Alex McGovern – Would Freps be responsible for postgraduates as well as Freshers?
      - Luke Hollander – Yes, it would.
    - Alex Longman – Three amendments. 1) Only postgraduates can be part of the postgraduate exec society, except for the postgraduate welfare.
      - Jade Westhead – Would there be the same number of Exec in the postgraduate exec?
        - Luke Hollander – The postgraduate exec society can determined this for themselves.
      - Arabeth Lecuyer – The amendment is standard. You are a representative of welfare roles, rather than being that role.

- George Dobson – On welfare there is currently a Mature Students Rep which has not been filled for a long time. Could the Mature Students Rep be replaced here.
    - Paul Cohen – The definition of a Mature Students Rep is being over the age of 25. The Mature Students Rep is different from the postgraduate welfare role.
  - The amendment passed on a general aye.
- Alex Longman – 2) We are removing the part about quorum.
  - The amendment passed on a general aye.
- Alex Longman – 3) Any questions, comments or opposition to the section on postgraduate freps.
  - The amendment passed on a general aye.
- George Dobson – Many postgraduate students join the university at different times during the year. There are postgraduate students who find out about their colleges at different times during the year. There are students who have studied their undergraduate degrees and then are unable to get back into Aidan's for their postgraduate degree.
  - Luke Hollander – It would be unfair for these students not to come back into the college. There should be opt-ins to the JCR so that members of other colleges can join in with Aidan's activities.
  - David – Could it be a decision of the President and the exec?
    - Luke Hollander – If they were rejected by the President, then it could be passed onto the Exec. There seems no need to formalise this.
- George Dobson – There are also students who have not opted to join Aidan's College and yet are put into our college, do they get an option?
  - Luke Hollander – Yes. They do not need to buy into the JCR membership.
  - Justin Beese – This is more of an issue when people are living in the college. If you were to live out, you would have less of a problem when choosing a college.
- Frank – Would postgraduate students be able to be on the JCR Exec?
  - Luke Hollander – Yes! So long as they will be in Durham for the whole term of the Exec role. They will also be able to join the postgraduate exec society.
- Frank – When do the elections for the postgraduate exec society happen?
  - Luke Hollander – The postgraduate exec society are able to choose when they hold their own meetings. The positions which people can go for if they are part of the JCR, they will go up at the first meeting of the year.
- George Dobson – Please can we make an amendment for making sure that the postgraduate welfare rep can be a member of the JCR or SCR and will sit on the postgraduate exec society.
  - The amendment passed on a general aye.
- Jade Westhead – There is a lack of monitoring with who is able to join sports and societies at the moment.

- Luke Hollander – Part of the process of merging will help us to mitigate against this.
      - This will go to an online vote that must reach 2/3 of a quorum vote.
    - Motion to release £1,500 for the purchase of a new sound desk
      - The Motion was duly ratified on a general aye.

Hustings

- Exec – JCR Treasurer
  - Questions from Brodie Wood, the former JCR Treasurer.
    - Being JCR Treasurer is a big time commitment, how will you manage your time?
    - What will your relationship with College Staff be like?
    - If you could make just one change to the way we manage our finances, what would it be?

Ed Gallagher, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next year, Ed will be spending 30-35 hours a week on my degree. Ed would cut down on my social life and cut down on some of the societies that I am a part of.</li> <li>○ We should put students first but also important not to get on the college staff's bad side. Ed would be friendly but professional.</li> <li>○ Increasing transparency. Adding two more ordinary members onto FinComm. We could put Pie Charts, Bar graphs onto Facebook which are more interesting.</li> </ul>
Rob Smith, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ During the first few terms, Rob has spent a lot of time doing DU and Aidan's sports. Rob has now stopped his DU sports commitments which has freed up 8 hours a week.</li> <li>○ It is about putting your JCR first and criticising College Staff in a positive way.</li> <li>○ Increasing transparency, publicising Office Hours and liaising with Sports captains.</li> </ul>

- The election will go live on Monday at midday.
- MAD – Music Coordinator
  - Questions from the former Music Coordinator George Dobson.
    - If you have been asked to look through some music to be played at Formal. You notice that the drum-kit is incomplete, what do you do?
    - Being Music Coordinator requires a lot of Health and Safety, what would you need for an Open Mic Night?
    - Could both of you quote one line of the standing orders about what the role entails?
  - Questions from the floor.
    - Luke Hollander – Do you see your role as Music Coordinator as involved in putting on karaoke nights? Could you sing some of ToTo's Africa?
    - Stefano Cattaneo – You would end up working with the Tech Officer, both of you mentioned the purchase of equipment. Everything we bring out of the music room ends up slightly broken. How would you avoid broken equipment?

<p>Laurence Dynes 1<sup>st</sup> Year PPE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laurence is keen on working with other Music Coordinators. Laurence would message another Music Coordinator asking if we could borrow theirs.</li> <li>○ Checking electrical equipment, ensuring the</li> <li>○ Looking after the Music Room.</li> <li>○ Yes!</li> <li>○ Laurence would come back and check up on the Music Room once every fortnight. We could have two sets of equipment – some in the Music Room, some locked up for events.</li> </ul>
<p>Tom Chapman 1<sup>st</sup> Year PPE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tom has a good understanding of what is needed for instruments. Tom would make sure that we have a strong inventory of what we can replace and how we can fix instruments.</li> <li>○ Making the stage as space as possible.</li> <li>○ The primary role is looking after the Music Room and publicising events going on in college.</li> <li>○ Yes! Any music that goes on Tom would be keen to help put on.</li> <li>○ It is important to have legal documents and a loaning system in place to ensure that we do not have people</li> </ul>

- MAD – Arts Coordinator
  - Questions from the JCR President Luke Hollander.
    - How will you get more people involved in Art in College?
    - Do you have ideas about who you might team up with next year?

<p>Becky Mignard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liberal Arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We need to offer opportunities that people cannot get access to elsewhere. If we offer Glass workshops people will be keen to get involved with this.</li> <li>● We will work with Welfare, Music and Drama Coordinators as well as with the Secretary.</li> </ul>
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- ~~MAD – Drama Coordinator~~
- ~~Socials – Treasurer~~
- Formals – Treasurer
  - Questions from Izzy Francis, the current Formals’ Officer.
    - You wouldn’t be busy for certain periods of time, but then you will be very busy. How will you organise your time?
    - You would sit on FinComm and FormalsComm, what qualities do you have that will enable you to fulfil the various aspects of this role?
    - Currentl the cost of the Formal basically covers the cost of food. Would you keep the cost low or have events that are paid for by college?
  - Questions from the floor.
    - Jade Westhead – Why formals’ committee and not SocComm?

- Brodie Wood – We make a decent loss at Formals, what is a decent price for a Formal?

George Holden, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In Economics we do not have summatives. George could do fewer sporting commitments.</li> <li>○ George is an approachable person.</li> <li>○ Events would be great if possible.</li> <li>○ Formals are George’s favourite part of college.</li> <li>○ Increasing the cost of the even by 50% would not be a problem.</li> </ul>
Olivia Drewery, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Olivia does not do anything at uni. Olivia goes to 50% of her lectures.</li> <li>○ At Sixth Form, Olivia was responsible for sorting out Films nights. Olivia works as a good member in her job, as part of a team.</li> <li>○ Paying more for the Formals is effective is it will not be raised by much.</li> <li>○ Olivia goes to Formals more than any other event at college.</li> <li>○ Olivia would not say 50%, as that seems rather a lot.</li> </ul>

### Elections

- Shop – Events Officer
  - Questions from Billie.
    - The traditional Aidan’s even is Live Lounge, what new event would you introduce?
    - What would you improve on this year’s events?
  - Question from the floor.
    - Frank – The Shop Socials are organised by the events’ officer, this year they have been slight lack luster – how would you mitigate this?

Ellie Mohr, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sociology and Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We also do Open Mic Nights. I would add in poetry slams, and stand up acts. We could have a board up at the shop, detailing the events that are happening.</li> <li>○ The advertising could be improved. Sometimes turn-out is not as good as it could be.</li> <li>○ We would hold more events.</li> </ul>
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- Ellie was elected on a general aye.
- Shop – Health & Safety Officer
  - Questions from Billie.
    - The Shop is not the cleanest place on earth, what would you do?
    - Lots of people flake at the end of their shift, how do you make workers more efficiently?
  - Question from the floor.

- Clara Ohayon – What do you think you could do better than the current health and safety officer?

David Kutner , 1 <sup>st</sup> Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of the things David would change is to get more containers in for vegetables. David would add a health and safety shift once a week, where one ShopComm member has to clean the shop. We could set up an afternoon shift just for cleaning up.</li> <li>○ We need to generate an atmosphere where people actually care about what they are making.</li> <li>○ David would do check-ups on a bi-weekly basis seems to be a good improvement.</li> </ul>
Tom Malpas, 1 <sup>st</sup> Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First off, we need a new mop. The current one is disgusting. Tom thinks that we should train all the new toaster workers at the same time under the supervision of the Health and Safety Officer.</li> <li>○ If people are going to flake, they are going to flake. It is about instilling an atmosphere of caring about Health and Safety.</li> <li>○ We do need regular, proper cleaning. We need to institute a day at the start of term when everyone has been appointed, so that we can ensure that everyone knows what they need to know.</li> </ul>

- David has been duly elected.

### AOB

- Motion to ‘Back the Snack’
  - Paul Cohen – Is this not a complete waste of JCR time?
    - Alex Longman – The JCR is democratic, if people want to vote for apples, they get apples.
  - What is bite the apple?
    - Stefano Cattaneo – You pass the apple round the group at a Formal and take a bite each.
      - Frank – A healthy snack is an integral part of Formals.
  - Izzy Francis – Apples are more expensive than Balloon weights.
  - Ryan Bosley – Was it college staff or Formals Comm who made the change?
    - Izzy Francis – It was FormalsComm.
  - Does it have to be an apple?
    - Stefano Cattaeno – It does not have to be an apple.
  - Jade Westhead – We could improvise without apples.

- George Dobson – Could we make an amendment to the motion? Whereby we BYOApple?
  - The amendment was seconded by David.
    - Jade – We are already allowed to bring apples.
      - Alex Longman – This amendment has been thrown out.
- The motion was rejected by 40 votes to 27.
  - Stefano Cattaneo – Stefano is bringing a procedural motion on this issue. Stefano is questioning the motion.
    - Luke Hollander is taking over the meeting as Chair.
      - Stefano’s case.
        - Alex Longman has exercised tyrannical authority in a dubious count of the vote. We should recount.
      - Alex Longman’s case
        - The vote was counted by three numerically competent people. There were three different numbers, all with the motion against.
      - We are taking the motion to another vote.
      - We voted for Alex to continue to be in charge of the meeting.