

JCR Meeting #5 Minutes

17th February 2019

Summary

Quorum was not reached. A motion over mandating the JCR President to work at The Shop was passed. A motion to mandate the JCR to invest £1000 was amended and passed. A motion to mandate the JCR President to be welfare trained was passed. A motion on the budget allocation of the Sports and Societies Committee was amended and passed. A motion to ratify the running society was passed. A motion to allow Vice-Chairs to Chair a JCR Meeting was passed. Husts were held for JCR Chair, Shop Chair, Sports and Societies Officer and Senior Welfare Officer. Alice Williams was elected as the Shop – Stocking Officer. Oscar Sill was elected as Socials – Marketing Rep.

Apologies

- Olivia Drewery
- Kasia Procter
- Crystal Moniz
- Sai Kiran
- Robert Smith
- Rachael Griffiths
- Becky Mingard
- Aarushi Madan
- Yasmin Cheour
- Harry Bowden

Quorum was not reached

Officer Reports

- Clara Ohayon (CO – JCR President)
 - College has received significant feedback regarding the gym changes
 - A motion will be introduced to ensure that the JCR President is welfare trained as per the contract.
- Ed Gallagher (EG – JCR Treasurer)
 - FIFA 19 has been purchased through small projects
- Oliver Goshow (OG – Sports and Societies Officer)
 - New access system to the gym
 - Two college teams have been chosen for varsity with York; netball & women's rugby
 - Women's football floodlit cup at MC on Wednesday
- Sarah Schenk (SS – Senior Welfare Officer)
 - Mental health awareness week has come to an end.
 - The exhibition near the Plodge will be removed on Monday.
 - Contact hours from 6pm-7pm in the welfare room
- Alex Longman (AL – JCR Chair)
 - *Nothing to report.*
- Billie Duch Gimenez (BG – Shop Chair)
 - The Shop is closed with refurbishments to be done.
 - The Shop is open from 8.30 – 9.30.
- Matthew O'Brien (MO – JCR Secretary)
 - Next Badger is being created
- Ryan Collins (RC – Tech Chair)

- Cabinet is shut for shop operations, however the parts have arrived.
 - Instead it may be placed in the Bailey Room.
- Rachel Jacob (RJ – Formals Officer)
 - Valentine’s formal pictures are out
- Rachael Griffiths (RG – Social Officer)
 - *Not present*
- Ed Cook (EC – Union Officer)
 - SU elections are open
- Arabeth Lecuyer (AR – Postgraduate Representative)
 - *Not present*
- Crystal Moniz (CM – Community Officer)
 - *Not present*

Motions

- **Motion to mandate the JCR President to work one shift at the Shop per week**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Question: Does ‘to mandate’ means ‘to require’? David Kutner
 - Yes. They are mandated to work one shift at least.
Answered by Alexander Longman (Chair)
- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to mandate the JCR to invest the £1,000 open days’ budget into a hardship fund**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Comment: It is intentionally vague as there are numerous bursaries already in the College system. It would expect a certain level of trust. Clara Ohayon (*President*)
- Question: Will they benefit this year’s JCR members? Joe McGarry (Incoming Head Frep)
 - Yes. *Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)*
- Comment: It is difficult to spend less than what is being spent already. Sofia Dotta (Incumbent Head Frep)
 - This is just for this year. As we did not expect these funds from the University.
Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)
- Amendment proposed
 - The amendment introduces a section of the Motion and reads as per Appendix One (*bottom of the document*).
 - Proposed by: Ed Gallager
 - Seconded by: Joe McGarry
 - Comment: Head Freps already spend as little as possible so there is not much point reiterating it in the motion. Joe McGarry
 - Question on the motion: How will the panel work and how will it be run and what sort of framework? Beth Molloy
 - I will create a framework for how it will be run. It won’t include things like mean testing and it will entail a lot of trust.
Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)
 - Question on the motion: Does hardship mean an unforeseen spend? Beth Molloy

- No
Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)
- Question on the motion: In addition to a max 200 pounds, could we also have a maximum amount each time? David Kutner
 - Comment: Don't want to give someone more money than they need. Joe McGarry
 - We didn't put in a cap, but rather allow it to be flexible enough that the panel can have trust in how much needs to be given.
Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)
- Question: Will how much is being spent be provided to the JCR?
 - We would tell FinComm how much we are spending and the amount would be put in the final budget report
Answered by Clara Ohayon (President)
- Amendment has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to mandate the JCR President to be welfare trained**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Question: Why does it need to be specifically after they elected? What if they had done the training before? Would they need to do it again?
 - No, they would not.
Answered by Longman (Chair)
- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to approve the budget allocation of the Sports and Societies Committee**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Amendment proposed
 - The amendment removes significant parts of the Motion and reads as per Appendix Two (*bottom of the document*).
 - Proposed by: Oliver Goschow
 - Seconded by: Kimberly Carstens
 - Amendment question: Why does the motion need to be split?
Sofia Dotta
 - Because it didn't include some necessary expenditures such as subs.
Answered by Oliver Goschow (Sports and Societies Officer)
- Amendment has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to ratify the Running Society**

- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to allow Vice-Chairs to Chair a JCR Meeting if the Chair is incapable**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Question: If the Vice-Chair are Chairing who will Vice-Chair? Mickey Godsmark
 - As often happens, someone else can take a the job of vice-chair. *Answered by Alexander Longman (Chair)*
- Question: If there is no chair how will the meeting happen?
 - Will cross the bridge when we get there. *Answered by Alexander Longman (Chair)*
- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

Elections

- Shop – Stocking Officer
 - Candidates
 1. Alice Williams (2nd year law)
 - *Election taken on a general aye*
- Socials – Marketing Rep
 - Candidates
 - ~~1. Ernest Bickley (2nd year law). *Candidate withdrew.*~~
 2. Oscar Sill (1st year psychology)
 - Questions
 1. Winter ball is approaching and the freshers are complaining that it is not value for money. What would you do?
 2. If you could only choose one way of advertising socomm’s event
 3. Do you have any experience using social media (Ed Cook)
 4. For the role you have to be free for the weeks up the summer ball. Also have to stay up all night and have the stamina to do so. Would you be okay with that? (Beth Molloy)

Ernest Bickley (2 nd year law)	1.	I would come up with benefits that haven't been disseminated already to everyone.
	2.	Bogroll isn't perfect as not everyone lives in college. Rather I would use Facebook.
	3.	I am good at communicating. I am vice-chair and must help with chair-interviews. Over the summer I worked on a charity and had to advertise it and raised over 100k pounds.
	4.	No. <i>Candidate withdrew</i>
Oscar Sill (1 st year psychology)	1.	Use my charm.
	2.	Facebook is good. People may think it is another post. I may also use the Bogroll.
	3.	Working for a charity for two-three years and running their social media marketing. Getting the community engaged.
	4.	Yes

- *Election taken on a general aye*

Hustings

Exec – JCR Chair

- Questions from Alex Longman (Current Chair)
 1. How will you increase turnout beyond what I have done [as Chair]?
 2. Scenario; someone submits their manifesto after the deadline and two other people have already submitted. Do you let them run?
- Questions from the floor
 3. [As an add on to the second question]. If that person had emailed saying they could hand it in later and emailed you previously for it perhaps for academic commitments, would you act differently? (Mickey Godsmark)

Joe Chanyacharungchit (2 nd year Liberal Arts)	Q1.	People will learn more about the roles that you are going for. Because you don't really understand what you are going for. Getting that information across to them I the first week.
	Q2.	No. It is important for democracy to prevail and it is a slippery slope.
	Q3.	Yes. This would change the answer. People have important commitments, and it is important that lenience is given if the conditions are right.
Answered on behalf of Joe by Alice Williams		

Exec – Shop Chair

- Questions from Billie Gimenez (Current Shop Chair)
 1. What specific experience do you have for representing Shop and advocating to the rest of college an on the JCR Exec committee?
 2. Hypothetically the shop shuts down. What is your procedure to help it recover as soon as possible?
- Questions from the floor
 3. What are you talking about non-perishables (Ernest Bickly)
 4. Would you bring back cheddar? Dhillion Dodhia
 - a. Comment: They upped the price of mozzarella and cheddar and it costs far too much. For the time being it is better for no cheddar. [BG]

David Kutner (Computer Science second year)	Q1.	Though I have not been on the JCR exec committee I have communicated with it about health and safety concerns. I was first year rep as Housing Rep. I have the experience to to give those concerns to the necessary stakeholders.
	Q2.	As a priority: make sure that College is happy to reopen the shop and not

		be overly aggressive with them. Ensure there is a paper trail with them and show what we have done meets their standards.
	Q3.	We have quite a range of crisps. We have a wider range than we need to have. I may remove for example chips, Haribo (the 1p candies) as we don't get through an entire box generally.
	Q4.	I would bring back cheddar and I would charge more for it. It doesn't spoil fast and would just sell it for more and not that issue of food wastage.

Exec – Sports & Societies Officer

- Questions from Oliver Goschow (Current Sports & Societies Officer)
 1. You talk about sports experience. But what will you do for societies?
 2. Part of your job is to liaise with college staff. What relevant experience do you have?
- Questions from the floor
 3. What support would you bring for the C's Cricket Team. Joe Eaton
 4. If you had to cut funding for one sport what would it be?
 5. Are you part of the polka or poker society? Clara OhaypoorquestionOn

Michael Godsmark (2 nd year Politics student)	Q1.	I am the treasurer of Durham Uni Poker Society which has given me a lot of financial experience. Also a member of ripped off society and other societies.
	Q2.	Since 14, I have been refereeing football. I have experience in telling people what I want out of the game and allows me to be confident in meeting people and introducing people.
	Q3.	Would come up in the remit of the Cricket Club. Would have to talk to Tom Hartley the cricket captain. Collingwood is the only college with three cricket teams. That is great if you want another cricket team.
	Q4.	The club that I'm captain of. We get a budget of 1,500 pounds per year. We train once a week which costs 20 pounds a session. It's not a good use of college money. Have talked about this with Oliver. May introduce a small subs subscription at the start (10 pounds).
	Q5.	It is the poker society.

Exec – Senior Welfare Officer

- Questions from Sarah Schenk (Current Senior Welfare Officer)
 1. In terms of campaigns; how would improve the campaigns etc apart from social media?
 2. Under what circumstances do you disclose information?
 3. How would you increase the involvement for minority reps and the awareness of them?
 4. What are you most nervous when you about taking on this role?
- Questions from the floor
 5. How will you ensure that you keep a healthy balance between a normal life and being senior welfare? Sofia Dotta
 6. What is a campaign you would want to run in your year of SWO
 7. Welfare budget. How will you fight for it? Sarah Schenk
 8. A student comes to advice. What circumstances do you signpost them or give advice? Sarah Schenk

Joshua Short (Engineering)	Q1.	We forget to use posters around college. I would put posters on doors, that may increase attendance.
	Q2.	If it gets to the stage we must tell others, then use others from your team to decide on whether you should disclose.
	Q3.	People don't go up for some positions in the JCR. You don't apply for a role if you don't know what it is.
	Q4.	The 24hr aspect of the role. Anyone can drop me a message at any time. Also when to do tasks and when to delegate tasks to the team.
	Q5.	Keeping organised. Crossing out tasks that I've done.
	Q6.	The Toxic Masculinity Campaign. There are aspects that went well and didn't do so well for the toxic masculinity campaign. There is also room to improve.
	Q7.	I think people know the importance of welfare. I would talk to whoever is in the finance committee. Discuss with College and maintain a good relationship and get funding from them.
	Q8.	Mostly signposting. Because we sometimes do not have the necessary skillset to advise.
Max Kirk (2 nd yr Natural Sciences)	Q1.	Posters and word of mouth
	Q2.	You have discretion and you do it where appropriate. Most cases you tell the person you need to tell someone else.
	Q3.	For reps to advertise the role within the societies.

	Q4.	Listening to people. I will overcome it by talking to other welfare officers.
	Q5.	Organisation calms me down. I will write everything down and it will make me feel a lot more in control of everything.
	Q6.	Identity weekend campaign. Intersectionality; develop it and also get other rep campaigns to join in.
	Q7.	Talk with the treasurer about funding
	Q8.	Depends what it is . Ask them what they think would be helpful. Ask them if they want my advice and would mean they can think about what that would mean.

AOB

1. Joe McGarry. We had a motion to make the pool table for free. There is another college team that comes here and uses the tables because it is free.
 - a. CO: if it is a regular thing please contact me.

Appendices

Appendix One

Motion to mandate the JCR to invest the unspent Open days budget into a hardship fund

The JCR notes that:

- The JCR has been spending approximately unspent on the Residential Open Days every year.
- Though the JCR is more than happy to organise Open Days and to showcase Aidan's, Open Days do not benefit current JCR members and Open Days does not influence the number of students who will end up coming to Aidan's the following year.
- Open Days is first and foremost ran for the benefit of the University to convince students to come to Durham University.
- The Presidents' Committee (composed of every JCR president) is currently lobbying the University to make them cover the cost of Residential Open Days.

The JCR believes that:

- The £1000 budgeted for the Residential Open Days could be better spent by going towards a Hardship Fund for JCR members in financial difficulty.

The JCR resolves to:

- ~~Spend as little as possible on the Residential Open Days and spend the remaining amount budgeted for Open Days on a Hardship fund.~~ **FinComm shall make a judgement as to the amount of unspent funds from Residential Opens Days that shall be contributed to the hardship fund for the year 2019. In the future, the hardship fund will be budgeted for at the beginning of the year.** This hardship fund would be advertised by the JCR President. The JCR President, the Senior Welfare Officer, the JCR Treasurer and the JCR Chair would consider applications to the Hardship fund on a case to case basis. No student can be allocated more than £200 in a given year.
- Mandate the JCR President to continue lobbying the University to cover the cost of the Residential Open Days.

Appendix Two

Motion to approve the budget allocation of the Sports and Societies Committee

This JCR notes that:

- ~~Section 5.8.1 of the Operating Procedures states that the JCR shall fund necessary expenses such as referee and league fees, pitch or court hire and first aid training.~~
- ~~Teams need to train during the week to reach a certain level of competitiveness.~~
- ~~Currently there is a lot of uncertainty regarding what constitutes a "necessary expenditure", as some teams train once a week, and others several times a week, making proper budgeting of JCR contributions difficult.~~
- The budget which was passed during the first JCR meeting posits the JCR will spend a maximum of £750 on sports equipment as part of the Sports Equipment Fund.

This JCR believes:

- ~~That training is a necessary expenditure as it allows teams to get better and better teams improve our rankings in the College Points Table.~~

- ~~That training is a great opportunity for teambuilding.~~
- ~~That paying for one hour of training a week will provide some new clarity with regards to the amount of money the JCR should contribute to different sport teams.~~
- That having a section defining the Sports Equipment Fund and how the money is allocated will provide certainty for future JCR Treasurers and Sports and Societies Officers in regards to how the money should be spent.

The JCR resolves:

- ~~To change the wording of section 5.8.1 of the Operating Procedures from “*The JCR shall fund all necessary expenses of College sport teams, including referee and league fees, pitch/court hire, and first aid training and kit*” to “*The JCR shall fund all necessary expenses of College sport teams, including referee and league fees, pitch/court hire, first aid training/kit and one hour of training per week.*”~~
- To add a section 5.8.4 stating: “*The Sports Equipment Fund will fund all necessary equipment that will aid the performance of the club; decisions will be made on a case by case basis by a committee made up of the Sports and Societies Treasurer, Sports and Societies Officer and JCR Treasurer.*”