

JCR Meeting #6 Minutes

24th March 2019

Summary

Rename the Welfare Officers motion was passed, Fun and Games Society was ratified and the Motion Picture Society was ratified. A discussion over the DSO referendum was held. Akos Holyani and Olivia Cottam were elected as Vice-Chairs of the JCR, Valeria Garau was elected as the Shop Marketing Officer and Nick Scarrow (the Scazz) was elected as the Union Publicity Officer. Husts were held for the JCR Secretary position, Socials Chair, Union Chair, Welfare Student Officer, Welfare Male Officer and Welfare Female Officer positions.

Apologies

- Jason Li
- David Kutner
- Emily Hughes
- Rachel Griffiths
- Myles Cooper
- Tim Zhang

Quorum was reached

The previous minutes were duly ratified

Officer Reports

- Clara Ohayon (CO – JCR President)
 - The university has reviewed how staff function. They are going to centralise and fire some staff, this will affect your student experience. Don't have a lot of information about this yet.
 - Other Pres' are looking at what can be done. This may affect larger events, due to health and safety.
- Ed Gallagher (EG – JCR Treasurer)
 - Have earned slightly more than spent. May make a surplus.
- Mic(ck)hael Godsmark (MG – Sports and Societies Officer)
 - Women's rugby team going to finals (6pm at Durham City)
 - Aidan's – Mildert varsity on 21st of June
- Sarah Schenk (SS – Senior Welfare Officer)
 - Identity week was first time we done it. Please provide feedback.
 - We have enough to buy tea and biscuits from left over budget
 - New clothing – royal blue.
 - Started a podcast; 'let's get mental'. Under Purple Radio. Full of insight.
- Alex Longman (AL – JCR Chair)
 - Last meeting as chair. Get a tomato and donate to charity.
- Billie Duch Gimenez (BG – Shop Chair)
 - Shop is still closed. Still same opening times.
 - Being doing negotiations with college.
 - Kept saying they were going to open in open days w/o toasties.
 - CO: Susan: "we are doing work so that pre-packaged items for open day etc"

- Matthew O'Brien (MO – JCR Secretary)
 - Censorship issues with the Bogroll recently
- Ryan Collins (RC – Tech Chair)
 - Have had hires
 - Beginning planning for Beerfest and other events
- Rachel Jacob (RJ – Formals Officer)
 - Next week is Sports and Socs formal.
- Rachael Griffiths (RG – Social Officer)
 - *Not present*
- Ed Cook (EC – Union Officer)
 - Went to assembly
 - Continuing to pressure the University for extra study spaces
- Arabeth Lecuyer (AR – Postgraduate Representative)
 - *Not present*
- Crystal Moniz (CM – Community Officer)
 - Sanitary and tampon drive was successful
 - Sending Easter eggs

Motions

- **Motion to Rename the Welfare Officers**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to ratify the Motion Picture Society**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Question: What movie will you watch? Matthew O'Brien
 - Decided upon a poll of members
 - Answered by Jessica Sayers*
- Question: What's money going towards? Ed Gallagher
 - Buying DVDs and other legal forms of motion pictures
 - Answered by Jessica Sayers*
- Question: What is an example of a bad movie? Clara Ohayon
 - *Answer not recorded*
- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

- **Motion to ratify the Fun and Games Society**

Comments, questions and amendments

- Motion has been duly passed on a general aye

Referendum – DSO Framework

- Vice-Chair Ernest Bickley provided the key pros and cons of leaving the DSO framework
- Clara Ohayon (JCR President) provided a comment:
 - The JCR joined the DSO years ago, though was never reviewed
- Clara Ohayon (JCR President) provided a further comment:
 - The University is under severe budget cuts and financial austerity
 - Emphasised that CO is currently employed technically by the university which has implications for her being able to act independently

- Leaving will not be instant, will not leave the DSO unless the JCR is appropriately setup
- Other colleges have voted to leave; Grey's, Chad's, Johns
- Alex Longman comment:
 - Emphasised the importance being independent
- Tom Renwick question:
 - The Board of Trustees may have a lot of influence. What's the method to creating the board?
 - Clara Ohayon (JCR President): We can different types of organisations; registered charity like grey, or Cuth's; an incorporated charity. This has different repercussions. Incorporated charity = JCR is liable. At Grey; they have 10 trustees. 4-6 of them are alumni and are students and the President is one. Would reach out to Alumni; look for accounting and legal experience.
- Saorise Del Tufo comment:
 - There are donations from alumni that are not provided to the JCR but rather given to College.
 - Clara Ohayon (JCR President): Almost impossible for us to do any event as a fundraiser. As a charity we can run any event as a fundraiser; meaning don't have to pay for VAT. This would reduce the cost of summer ball for example.
 - Can ask the alumni for donations.
 - College gets some donations; but the donations are ring-fenced and that is why they cannot be spent.
- Tom O'Brien question:
 - What is the Uni's response to this? Have they said anything about this?
 - Clara Ohayon (JCR President): When we became a DSO in 2011, they said that the DSO would be reviewed everyone four years. This time the University said they were reviewing and it would be done the 1st of March. But it hasn't been done.
 - The university would prefer us to be a DSO. But they haven't really done anything to show that.
- Tom Renwick question:
 - This will require a lot of work over multiple presidencies perhaps, are you [both CO and AL] willing to get this done?
 - AL: If it is too difficult, the JCR will always exist. We will only become independent if it able to.
 - Thaddaeus Toh (Incoming JCR Treasurer): Will ensure that we have an appropriate financial framework going forward.
- Tony Ross question:
 - How often will you be reporting on this?
 - Clara Ohayon (JCR President): We will report when there are updates
- Joe McGarry comment:
 - One of the benefits the DSO says; is it will train the JCR etc. But they aren't doing it at all.
 - Clara Ohayon (JCR President): They have no obligation to do things because the power is not in our hands.

Elections

- Steering – Vice Chairs

- Candidates
 1. Akos Holányi (1st year geography)
 2. Olivia V. Cottam (2nd year mathematics)
- *Election taken on a general aye*
- Shop - Marketing
 - Candidates
 1. Valeria Garau (2nd year philosophy and psychology)
 - *Election taken on a general aye*
- Union – Publicity Officer
 - Candidates
 1. Nick Scarrow (2nd year classics student)
 - *Election taken on a general aye*

Hustings

Exec – JCR Secretary

Questions from Matthew O’Brien (The benevolent current JCR Secretary)

1. The Badger requires a reasonable level of photoshop or similar, what experience do you have in editing publications?
2. Hypothetically, a senior college staff member is disappointed with one of your publications, what do you do?
3. How will you manage between representing the views of Journocomm and the wider extension; the JCR and college staff?
4. What is your favourite Australian teenage magazine; K-Zone or Total Girl?

Questions from the floor

5. Authentic satire is at its most powerful when it targets genuine abuses of power, wherever they occur. This is a quote from the Principal. What is your comment on this? (CO)
6. What will you do with the Journocomm budget? (EG)
7. How often will you publish and distribute the publications? (Tom Renwick)
8. You will be responsible for fresher’s handbook. What would you change or add? (Joshua Short)
9. How will you manage your time? (Saoirse Del Tufo)

Joseph Eaton (1 st year, Languages – French and Russian)	Q1.	I know how to use photoshop. I have also contributed to the bogrolls this year.
	Q2.	It is important that Journocomm represents your views. But equally important that we don’t antagonise college staff. Work with the President and Principal to satisfy both needs.
	Q3.	Remember that the bogroll will only be writing it myself. Representing my views. Will be done in college. Big

		intelligent well-rounded freshers to join the Journocomm.
	Q4.	Total girl sounds a lot more appealing. I'm a good catholic boy.
	Q5.	Representing of what was going on in college. I am understanding of what Susan was saying. It's important to respect her opinions. It was a ridiculous situation.
	Q6.	Using it for what we need.
	Q7.	One at start of term and then one in middle of term and time it around floodlit time. The plate for the sports team etc. Breadth of coverage. Optimal time for publishing.
	Q8.	Publish information clearer. Brief on how the JCR works.
	Q9.	Will choose my own hours. Will ensure I am available for exec minutes and JCR meetings.

Exec – COC Chair

- o *No hust took place*

Exec – Social Chair

Questions from Rachel Griffiths (Current Socials Officer) by Alex Longman

1. How often do you expect to be dealing with SocComm stuff?
2. Think of a summerball theme, what tribute act would match it?

Questions from the floor

3. This year we haven't had many events apart from the balls etc. Do you have any other ideas of events? (CO)
4. Are farm animals a possibility? (EG)
5. Headliner pulls out, say a tribute event. How would you deal with that? (RC)

Molly Briscoe (2 nd year Philosophy)	Q1.	Organise heaps for the Winterball and the ideas Summerball solidified in the summer. Instead of a couple of weeks of intense work. I would put time aside; say painting once a weekend for a number of weekends. Happy to commit as many hours as we need to. But make it in a structured time.
	Q2.	In movies awards. Have a sci fi room, western room. Will have certain

		furniture etc in each. The tribute act: Abba, Queen etc. Musical; Abba / Mamamia like thing.
	Q3.	Do a Fresher's event later on in the first term. Maybe a Halloween or boat party.
	Q4.	Molly would be down for some animals. Babe, pig in the city. <i>Secretary note: great film!</i>
	Q5.	Worst case scenario. We have loads of student talent in Aidan's. shifting all the acts; making sure people can make their sets a bit longer. Worse comes to worse I will get on stage with flares and a wig.

Exec – Union Chair

Questions from Ed Cook (Current Union Officer)

1. What degree will you balance your own best judgments and beliefs with the Aidan's students?
2. What is the most important thing that DSU has accomplished or done this year that people in this room?

Questions from the floor

3. Confrontation between the political engaged like you are. It is hard to do between what you believe is the right thing and doing what other people want. (Clara Gallay)
4. There recently a referendum at the DSO where not all student could not enough people voted to pass. (Tony Ross)
5. Apart from trying to ensure that everyone is involved and aware. Are there any other ways you can make the union a more accessible thing and get more people involved in the union committee (Molly Briscoe)

Tom Chapman (2 nd year studying PPE)	Q1.	Being involved in students politics. Do work with other societies. Comes down to what I care about. It is more of a strength. Communication; balance between inward and outward facing.
	Q2.	Regrettably little on that front. On the study space. Having a library counter is something they enjoy. Having a new library café.
	Q3.	The DSU is a political body. But most people engage in the societies and is more tangible.
	Q4.	The referendum was about the content. Not enough people knew

		about it. Can do a lot about the structure of the SU. The voting member blocs. Ensuring people know what is coming up and what is happening.
	Q5.	People don't see the SU as very relevant. Come down to the way we discuss the SU in college, will impact how people engage in the SU. Use social media more effectively; make it more continuous etc.

Welfare – Female Welfare Officer

Questions from Sarah Schenk (Current Senior Welfare Officer)

1. As female welfare officer. What is a campaign you would do. That's outside of what is already done?
2. Role entails a lot. What qualities do you possess to cope with such a demanding role?
3. How can I be reassured you will be able to cope with the demands of the role?

Questions from the floor

No questions from the floor

Nanki Kuckreja (2 nd psychology)	Q1.	Body positivity week. Affects everyone. Regardless of individual things. A lot of people are conscious of various things.
	Q2.	Good listener and approachable and background in psychology.
	Q3.	Seen the work that goes into each campaign. Very strong team. If everyone supports each other than it will be easier. Also Secretary of International Soc, plenty of stressful nights.
Saoirse Ellis (1 st year biology and psychology)	Q1.	Pay it forward campaign. Inspired by a boy who created a project for social studies class. Give money to some strangers. On the promise that others will pay it forward. May create a domino effect in college. 28 th of April. First week back in College after holidays.
	Q2.	Have experience as treasurer as rag-race team in DUCK. Both College, academic and DUS. Work in the Shop. Can communicate with the team what is going well. Welfare isn't

		about what. I will do, but being approachable and be friendly and smiley etc.
	Q3.	Have had a year to try and work on my mental health. Have worked quite hard on it. Always have bad days which may be prominent in the welfare team officer. Will rely on the welfare team to support each other. Also have a good friendship group etc.

Welfare – Male Welfare Officer

Questions from Sarah Schenk (Current Senior Welfare Officer)

1. If you could do any campaign not done yet what would it be. What would you hope for it?
2. The role is very demanding and it can be surprising. Not sure what you will get. What qualities do you have to deal with it?
3. How can I be reassured you will be able to cope with the demands of the role?

Questions from the floor

4. A lot of Welfare is also very serious and not just people who want to play football. Are you ready to deal with those things? (Becky Mingard)
5. Favourite member of fab five? (EC)
6. How will engage outside of the standard Facebook post. (Joshua Short)

Tom Cox (1 st year Mathematics)	Q1.	Masculinity week. Making sure everyone feels accepted. More positive environment for college.
	Q2.	Known as 'friendly Tom' since Fresher's week. A welfare officer should be approachable and friendly. Like Joe, I was a peer mentor in sixth form. I had some training.
	Q3.	When I need help I'll ask. Not afraid to ask. Ill cry etc. Will go to my mates. I have coping mechanisms. Have been to therapy and have been to welfare a lot.
	Q4.	I have been that situation myself. I could help there. I would be ready to deal with that.
	Q5.	Tanner
	Q6.	Posters etc around College, Welfare jumpers are really good. IT would

		show everyone that welfare is around and is accessible. Posters in toilets
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Welfare – Student Welfare Officer

Questions from Sarah Schenk (Current Senior Welfare Officer)

1. You can come across lots of unexpected events. What qualities do you possess for such a demanding role?
2. When you have a role like this it is important to support yourself. How would you support yourself?
3. Give out free sexual health supplies. What would you add?

Questions from the floor

4. The difference between student officer and male and female. Help out any student regardless of gender? (BG)

Joanna Welsh (1 st year classics)	Q1.	Good listener; quite smiley and approachable. People have come to me previously with their problems etc.
	Q2.	Quite open, not afraid to cry. Talk to my friends about my friends. Watch Netflix; go on a walk and listen to music. Use Welfare as much as being a Welfare Officer
	Q3.	Dental dams. Though already have lots of amazing things.
	Q4.	Have a very mixed friendship group. I am used to speaking about. Am used to talk about things

AOB

1. *Nothing to discuss*