

JCR Meeting 6 Minutes

14/03/21

Apologies

Myles Cooper

Joe Chanyacharungchit

Rosie Rattier

Quorum reached/ not reached (x)

Exec Officer Reports

Max Kirk (They/Them) (MK)- JCR Chair

- Mostly preparing for this meeting and interviews for outreach treasurer and lots this week to come, writing handover

Tom Cox (He/Him) (TCX)- Sports and Societies Officer

- No sports but might be sports next term

Emily Jolliffe (She/Her) (EJ)- Outreach Committee Chair

- Not much, coordinating with durham charities next term depending on rules, coordinating so ready for the next outreach chair

Joanna Welsh (She/Her) (JW)- Senior Welfare Officer

- Meetings with staff for mental health awareness week, art workshop on Saturday evening and speed socialising on zoom on Thursday or Friday, chat with tom about stress less next term during exam season

Tyla Danskin (She/Her) (TD)- Socials Committee Chair

- Summer ball organisation, booking and discussing with college, please apply for socials chair

Saoirse Ellis (She/Her) (SE) – JCR Secretary

- Podcast and links for submissions

Rob Smith (He/Him) (RS)- Policy Framework Officer

- SLA pretty much sorted, uni dodging those discussion right now, tom working very hard and has an insurance quote all sorted so now just waiting on the uni to finalise for next term, trustee meeting on 31st of march

Jess Madden (They/Them) (JM)- Senior Frep

- Virtual open days and starting to plan refreshers

Tom Chapman (He/Him) (TC) -JCR President

- Jcr back open for livers in, nearly at independence, on 2 working groups (bar and third term) so lot of info about what next term will look like, April date bars will open, hopefully partially funded marquee/cover, event planning about third term promising, badger has been sent out to all first years, online payments, hopefully extending LFT booking time, helping with fashion show date and hopefully in college rehearsals, thanks to exec that are leaving after this meeting

Alex Hanbury-Tenison (He/Him) (AHT)- JCR Treasurer

- Not a lot of transactions have happened, formal takeaway orders all received and processes, any questions about the role of treasurer please come and talk to me

Daniel Rand (He/Him) (DR)- Shop Chair

- All quiet

Hustings:

Exec – Outreach Chair

Hannah cooney, 2nd year, social sciences

Hust summary:

Proud of aidans for exceptional involvement with charities, fashion show, reaching out to the community, forget how our presence can disadvantage the community around us, want to be a part of giving back, goals: organising more volunteering schemes and making them attractive and accessible e.g. volunteering at the DASH offices, fundraising experience, foster more spirit for college, link to the DSU and represent the college concerns, qualified: frep, team high energy, fashion show, fundraising officer for outreach

Questions from EJ

Question	Candidate answer
Q1. Experience	covered
Q2. Any ideas for new or different charity fundraisers	Focus on making sure we have a lot of participation and bring those into the fundraisers we know work.

Q3. How would you get aidans students involved with volunteering activities	Important to make it look fun, encourage friend groups to get involved, outreach comm out there,
Q4. If you could be any charity fundraiser what would you be and why	A bake sale because I really enjoy desert and cake, good old fashioned way to bring in money

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate
Q. (from td) how would you use social media to promote	Days in the life, people recorded volunteering activities, showing how fun it is
Q. (from michael) how would you improve collaboration between different committees in the jcr	Had some ideas this year, making sure we get variety of opinions in college, willing to reach out to people in college
Q. (from TC) 1-10 how excited about SU assembly and why	Solid 5 for assembly and 10 for how excited to represent you guys' voices

Voting will be ONLINE

Exec – Shop Chair

John Heatley, 2nd year law

Hust summary:

Working on shop for 2 academic years, stocking officer, good understanding of how the shop functions and what's important, stay in touch with college, outside of uni 4 years relevant work experience behind a deli so very familiar with health and safety- ensure shop stays open, worked in busy costa, commendations for customer surface, would like to keep the shop running like clockwork and systemise everything, simple ordering system, work with tech and music for music events, chair manages the jcr as a social space and would be happy to work with tech etc for this

Questions from DR

Question	Candidate
Q1. Prop experience	already answered

Q2. Biggest challenge as shop chair coming out of lockdown period	See how the coronavirus situation plays out e.g. social distancing in the work environment and keeping up high health and safety
Q3. Product from childhood to sell	Freddos!

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate
Q. (from michael) what is the best toastie	Vegan salami panini
Q. (from TCX) current retail price of a freddo	[I couldn't catch that I think he cut out]
Q. (from rs) how busy was the busy costa	Horrific worst year of life
Q. (from td) best thing about shop compared to the bar	Food and the music

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John Loudon, 1st year law

Hust summary:

Eager to get involved in the jcr, improve college experience for all, similar role at school, fun and accessible for all, important jcr run for the whole college, created and chaired school debate club, head of prefect so had to interview, social, 1st year and little jcr experience but ready for the challenge, want to make the jcr accessible,

Exec – JCR Chair

Questions from MK

Question	Candidate
Q1. Exec meetings can get heated, how would you go about chairing those meetings	Be reasonable and not have a go
Q2. Organisation, how would you manage this?	Not the most but would fit it in with study timetable

Q3. If a committee is rowdy how would you call the meeting to order	Buy a gavel
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Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate
Q. (from jm) how would you make the first meeting of the year exciting for freshers	Make it engaging, tie it into freshers week activity,
Q. (from tcx) do you have the authority	Sorry I missed this answer
Q. (from x) where would you order the pizza from	Big fan of urban oven, happy hour at paddys
Q. (from) will you make good on your promise to wear your ___ outfit	absolutely

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Student trustee

Matthew Midlane 2nd year combined hons in social sciences

Hust summary:

Ensure value, treasurer for football club and sat on fincomm, admin support for fincomm for the last 10 months, scheduling meetings and taking minutes, worked with students staff and trustees, voice for all students for the JCR

Questions from RS

Question	Candidate
Q1. What do you think the most important aspect of trustee	Long-term vision for the charity, prepared to be there to ensure the charity is viable for the future, reserves protected etc.
Q2. How would you ensure the charity and its officers are accountable	Pay attention to discussions and asking tough questions when they need to be asked, independent voice who asks questions
Q3. How would you manage the charities resources responsibly	Depends on the thing in question, ensure policies are stuck to and looking with a forward vision of value for money

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate
Q. (from Joe McGarry) how do you think trustees can represent all student demographics	Have conversations with lots of people and provide an insight into their views, ensure trustee meetings are accessible and accountable, summaries of trustee meetings on insta and upload minutes to pfo website and attend jcr meetings, keeping in tune with motions, hope to be approachable and bring ideas even if they are not my own
Q. (from tcx) how do you feel about air hockey	Somewhat divided, great sport and have a feeling my housemates would be better than me so pride would take a hit
Q. (from TC) disagree with common opinion	Served on the DUS and don't want to gloss or skirt over issues, should be put in the minutes and will drop it if appropriate

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BREAK

Welfare officer (all)

Maddie Hurley

Personal reasons cannot hust but will answer q's and look at poster

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Assistant welfare (male)

No applicant

Assistant welfare officer (female)

Candidates

Hust summaries:

Candidate 1:

Sasha giffiths,

been on welfare since first year, social sec for cricket, running because I want to support wellbeing of other students, want to uphold inclusivity of the team, raise awareness of student loneliness, use campaign weeks and events to build the community back up, welfare has sidelined the importance of physical health, work with other socs

Candidate 2:

Chloe buckley, 2nd year psychology

Been on welfare for 2 years, welfare provides amazing support, good candidate because have undertaken lots of training eg nightline, organised and ran disability awareness week, love being involved in college life, hold positions on journocomm and welfare, celebrate diversity, collab more with team art, petting zoo

Candidate 3:

Fern Kenard, 1st year

6th form mental health mentor, training from mental health foundation, coordinated mental health week at school, first year rep on welfare, job since 16 so time management, team work, working knowledge of social media, in charge of first gen scholars, collaboration, team art, experience delivering fine art, sexpressions events officer at durham, trained by street games training academy

Candidate 4:

Sifat Alag,

Love aidans, inclusive and understanding, exec for societies, involved in welfare since first year, exposure and understanding for campaigns, organised international freshers week last year, stay with the team and help improve, aidans to be more open to conversations about womens issues, nightline trained, passionate

Questions from the JW

Question	sasha	chloe	fern	sifat
1 what do you think will be the most challenging	Adjusting back to college life, more DU stuff, being in college	Have to engage new freshers and have to promote to the second	Adjusting to life at uni where covid isn't a massive impact	Making people understand it's ok to

aspect of the role and how will you manage that	will be different for me	years who haven't had a normal experience, getting back into the in-person campaigns	as I haven't had that experience, draw from past experience in sixth form to deliver sessions	come and talk to welfare about issues, campaigns in mind
2 how do you think you could best communicate with the female and how support them	Cooperate with social media, go to events held by the societies and speaking to people directly	Social media is a big part of communicating, agony aunt, not just good for females but all groups	Social media, have experience with social media and canva, collaborate with as many societies as possible	Social media, want to have vent it out, casual group venting e.g. over pool
3 if you could do any campaign what would you chose to do and why	Women's week, physical health, engage people who aren't sporty and find fun activities, sports day	Disability week or address loneliness like what sasha said	Women's week, especially with everything being going on right now, live in kent	Body positivity week, issue faced by all genders but women face it more, create conversations

Questions from the floor

Question	sasha	Candidate	fern	sifat
Q. (from JM) frep, how would you encourage people to use help in freshers week	Coffee morning at beginning of freshers week, here but also students, not counselling	Freshers week only see consent workshops as first impression, encourage friendly faces and empathetic	Drop in in freshers week, tea and cake	Social media, highlight all the roles we have, not about counselling more about signposting
Q. (from josh short) look after ow mental health?	Self care, being aware of where I'm at with mental health, engaging with welfare team	Self care, mediate a few times a week, important we remember we are students too, welfare is open to us as well	Know the warning signs of burn out or stress, excited for rugby, drawing, drawing on Tuesday on the insta takeover	Take a day off every week, put my own mental health first, protecting against burn out

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Elections

Steering- 2x vice chairs

MK: *explaining role*

Candidates

Candidate 1:

Amelia o'keefe

Candidate 2:

Ed vickery

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Shop- stocking officer

DR: *explaining role*

Candidates:

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Shop- marketing

DR: *explaining role*

No applicant

Socials- Marketing Rep

TD: *explaining role*

Candidates:

Candidate 1:

Zoe Belison

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AOB

TD: bar staff applications hopefully early next term so keep an eye out

TD: thanks for buying pride t-shirts £269 raised

Meeting adjourned 21:20