

JCR Meeting 7 Minutes

09/05/21

Apologies

Quorum reached/ not reached (x)

Exec Officer Reports

John Loudon (He/Him) (JL)- JCR Chair

- succinct points

Vedika Bedi (She/Her) (VB)- Sports and Societies Officer

- nothing to report

Hannah Cooney (She/Her) (HC)- Outreach Committee Chair

- Working on the beach trip, green move out in collab with ecocomm

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

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

- Current aidnas students and aidans graduates

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

- Nothing to report except sorry for no badger yet, we've all been quite busy

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

- Trustee meeting, bringing matthew midlane in as a trustee, updating the constitution e.g. paying the sabbaticals, sorting out the gym with susan issue

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

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

- Tennis courts open to livers out, 17th of may things opening again, shop will be open for counter service and will update in weekly wipe, events calendar ready, summer ball and fashion show happening which is exciting, participation fund applications, working on documents for going independent, working to make sure smaller events

like pub quizzes can go ahead from 17th may, petting zoo hopefully soon, pool should return soon and hopefully livers out too,

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John Heatley (He/Him) (JH)- Shop Chair

- Shop delivery service has been good, will be open for counter service from the 17th hopefully

Rosie Rattier (She/Her) (RR)- Formals Officer

- Not much, sports and societies formal got cancelled and we will reschedule full and half colours for later in term, hopefully some in person formals in June as well

Hustings:

Music Coordinator

Candidates:

Candidate 1: Ellen Fasham, 1st, liberal arts

Love music and have experience playing in ensembles, accessible and inclusive scene which is non-audition, non-audition does not mean poor quality, firstly reinvigorate exiting ensembles, promoting rehearsals, acapella society, strong links with other colleges, king of the hill host, music module and uni orchestra

Candidate 2: Micheal Cheong, 1st, psychology

Passion, learning and playing lots of instruments, giving opportunities such as open mic nights, busking and battle of the bands, collab with different committees e.g. social and outreach, involve aidanites at planning level, take on board anyone willing to learn, years of exp in organising e.g. galas

Questions from TC

Question	Candidate MC	Candidate EF
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1 daunting to get on stage, how would you make sure they feel engaged/involved at an open mic night	Not just be an event by itself, run side by side with something at the bar/shop, alcohol make it easier, promoting is a huge factor and can be daunting so getting people there together, make a social event	Want it to be sociable and tight knit if someones feeling nervous then say oh so and so is doing it we can do it together, reach out to people who are shy, make it family like env
2 scenario- night of king of king of the hill, missing a part of the drum kit	Connections, planning for backups, run around and get it done, so contact other people in close proximity and see if we can source anything last min, collab with durham music	Should have a lot of links with other colleges so connections with other colleges, see if anyone has it, links network and communication, be creative so maybe team say we can make so and rely on the network
3 name a song you wish you could have written and why	Sweet caroline, everyone bops to that, any occasion	Any abba song, nothing beats it, feel good factor, make people feel how I feel when I listen to it

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate MC	Candidate EF
Q. (from Tom cox) sing africa	abstains	*singing Africa backing track*
Q. (from sarah appleby) what is one style of music aidans is missing rn	No ensemble has been able to do much this year but in terms of style, more of a gig/jam session, more relaxed and accessible aspect of music	Acapella soc, non-audition and anyone can get involved, something bigger and well known for

Voting will be ONLINE

BREAK

Elections

Shop- Tech officer

JH: *explaining role*

Candidates: Sarah Appleby

Questions from JH

Happy with general aye

Sarah has been duly elected

Motions for Discussion

1. Motion to formalise eco-comm -proposed by Mark Chambers, 2nd Silas Welsh

MC: *explaining motion*

TC *explaining sub-exec*

SW *also explaining motion*

Questions, Comments or Amendments

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2. Motion to explore options for sabbatical treasurer -proposed by TC, 2nd AHT

TC: *explaining motion*

TC all models could work but would require budget cuts elsewhere

Questions, Comments or Amendments

Teddy Toh: ensure finances become ultimate responsibility of the treasurer, they are essentially becoming a sabb and pres taking ultimate responsibility undermines, stash paid for unclaimed and unpaid for, can't just keep ordering from jcr bank, if treasurer becomes sabb then treasurer can hold pres accountable

RS reject amendment 1) pres is ultimately CEO 2) pres is responsible for financial agreements, would need to be negotiated with the wider uni

TT: since we have gone independent so accountable to board of trustees so not just pres, need to understand president doesn't have financial training

RS president does get financial training

TT: if everyone has the right training it should be better than it is now, if the treasurer is responsible to the trustees then no breach, if the pres is same age same background etc then pres shouldn't have any more power

RS they are the figurehead of the organisation

TT: yes but financial officer should have discretion, president steam roles you, signed up not to be silenced not a chess piece, agree sabb should be full time thing, but if spending 17k on sabb then they should be given autonomy, president has authority to challenge but it should be the other way around too and it needs to be changed

-Amendment to be submitted-

MK: I have concerns about this change to election being decided by FinComm not the whole JCR, like that decision seems a big one that will last longer than this year. I feel like the JCR should decide on the sabb model and then hold elections (though that does delay things I know)

TC fincomm would meet and decide which option is viable, if we're thinking about the jcr deciding then I say we need to decide that now by adding an amendment

MK: concerned about the massive decision being made by a small group of people, need to make the line clearer about what is paid and what isn't paid, something that the whole jcr should decide, should have a recommendation from fincomm and then jcr to decide as a whole

MK holding an emergency meeting wouldn't be the same as all this and the meeting would just be a discussion about this motion

Matthew Midland: Is the treasurer position usually contested? Is this the first time that we have struggled to fill the position, or has this been a consistent thing in the past us not being able to fill the position at the first time of asking?

TC: through the motion we could decide which motion we would accept

Max to submit an amendment to discuss viable options at a separate meeting

Amendments to be added

Gym update- Tom Chapman

explaining asset register and gym accounts

TC: decision needs to go before jcr, need to decide a model we will be happy with, pros and cons on each side, ability to renegotiated in future, cons: liability, more info on voting system and I hope to understand the view of the jcr into the next meeting

JL *running through interview positions*

AOB

JC asked a funny question

Meeting adjourned 20:25