

JCR Meeting 4 Minutes

17/01/21

Apologies

Saoirse Ellis (husting)

Quorum reached/ not reached (x)

Exec Officer Reports

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

- Not much
- Technical issues mean they can't email undergrads big sad
- Their mic is fucked so I hope that's it. ^^

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

- Sports has been derailed by lockdown rip
- Gym is open for livers in, households only with lateral flow tests within past 7 days.
- Competitive socials against other college sports teams potentially.
- Team Durham's home workouts on their youtube channel
- Physical health is just as important as mental health

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

- Stash is open ATM for 1 week. For livers in, out, and those studying at home. Follow facebook link.
- Contact Emily she's lonely.
- Volunteering coordinator going up this meeting. Email Max. *Emily tries to sell position and gets phlegm throat*

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

- Welfare contact hours are happening again this term on zoom.
- Videos coming soon to reintroduce welfare officers.
- International week coming up soon.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Speaking to susan about getting badger printed and posted to promote reading of it

- If you want to write anything (short or long) message Saoirse, meeting on Monday about it so let her know and she can organise. A5 page(s) A5 each.

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

- Wider competency questions added to fincom
- Leave deal will be completed soon
- Leaving gonna be spenny... unless Rob can make it not.
- His role is going to be completed soon uwu.

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

- Refreshers week moved to next term so hopefully something can happen.
- Talking to staff about impact of lockdown

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

- Been in palatinate talking about concessions uwu BNOG
- Him and Rob been hanging out sorting out leaving
- Re-householding households for shits and gigs
- Kinda shit being in lockdown
- 3 year plan, new policies, organisational fun !
- Run for things please.
- He doesn't bite.

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

- Nothing to report
- Hardship fund exists

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

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

- No formals in person 😞
- Online formals potentially coming for Valentine's day: Bridgerton theme ??????
- More formals positions going up this meeting.

Myles Cooper (He/Him) (MC)- Tech Chair

- Nothing to report

Joe Chanyacharungchit (He/Him) (JC)- Bar Steward

- Nothing to report

Hustings:

JCR President

Candidates: Joe McGarry- 3rd year- maths

Hust summary:

(Pre-recorded so watch for yourself if you don't like my summary)

Max can't hear

He was head frep, he always wears shorts, drinks beer a lot

Post-offer visit day misconceptions challenged by open day reps and how welcoming they are

Open day rep, outreach comm, bar, E team, head frep

Loves freshers week and hates his degree

Wants to make more people love JCR and hate his degree

talks about what the JCR does (run events, sports and societies, representation and inclusivity)

New committee might not be as experienced, he can help with admin and paperwork and creativity.

Financially epic

No one applies to Aidans so we need a stronger identity, wants to promote engagement and celebrate successes more.

Celebrate fashion show

Uni is problematic and doesn't create a safe environment for drinks and drugs

Durham grant king, C Curve party justice

Not the best to represent everything, recognises that and will include others to compensate accordingly. Eg. Through involving reps. (potentially create a working class student rep)

Questions from the TC

Question	Candidate JMG- has bad wif
1 What are the necessary skills and qualities for prez specifically (differentiated from other exec roles)?	Calmer , not as passionate or argumentative, neutral, supportive

2 Attitude towards dealing with college staff + priorities involved in the role?	Attitude: get on with, chat when he sees them, trust (experience as head frep and bouncy castle and Leslie gait) Priorities: professional, help others to fit in through autonomy from college staff to a certain degree, advocate for student wellbeing.
3 How do you see the role changing when we're fully independent?	Role of being relatable will remain the same. Perhaps need to be more professional, no vaycays. Responsible and accountable to trustees 9-5 <u>office</u> work is more important Maintain high standards
4 Meet the parents. Important tech has broken, security not sufficient, unmanageable cue, fresher and frep throwing up. How do you proceed?	Safety is priority How drunk are the fresher and frep? If fine + with mates, check and leave with mates for comfort If need immediate attention, prioritize Once stable, look into tech. Delegate: tech chair, venue staff, utilize other freps Alternative options such as other DJ sets
5 If you could take on 1 trait of each JCR prez you've met. Which would they be? Fun or serious.	Clara- accent. Actually No. French Passport + EU citizenship. Actually no, Tom's

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate JMG
Q. (from Tom Cox) Given the unexperienced exec with normal college life, how will you guide them with college life?	Address at exec meeting at start of year. Reimnd of the help available in the exec Talk one on one, like Tom Recognise their mandate from being elected so facilitate (within reason) what they want to do, their vision. Benefits of fresh perspective Well-rounded with regards to committees so can help lots.
Q. (from Rosie Knighton) How would you fund sports better, as per your hust?	Talk to sports captains E team train differently to other football teams. Other teams pay better. Have to pay for minibus every time. Could change to 'give it a go' so JCR pay for the minibus to promote (quality and quantity of) engagement and trying it out. Spaces in college (behind car park, in front of plodge) Planning permission to potentially save 30k to put astro on there. Or at least work towards it. In line with other

	colleges. Promote lives out engagement +student wellbeing. Can fundraise as a charity+ ask the gov. for help. A crumb of a crumb pls sir.
Q. (from Anon) What would you do to prevent a Trend of disengagement in the JCR in line with COVID restrictions potentially easing during his term?	Individuals= important in his experience. Talk to others, esp. if on a committee. Advertise
Q. (from Chit) Which flavour VK best resonates with your aims as Prez.	There's only one: blue. Doesn't taste of anything but blue.

Voting will be ONLINE

Exec – JCR Secretary

Candidates:

Saoirse Ellis, 2nd year, Biol and Psych

Hust summary:

babbling in Irish-English and with straight hur

Re-running bc she hasn't done it all yet

Published Exec meetings this year and summaries

Highlighted work sports and societies do on insta

Handbook, many memes, bog rolls, badgers. Neek.

Loved doing all that work (??)

Summer handover is bad for writing handbook bc its not digital so you have to type everything. Wants it to be proper good.

Wants to print badger bc covid meant less people can access it. Susan and exec means potentially posting them.

Tech comm joint role to source photos easier.

Badger as a record of what's going on in Aidan's.

Cancel facebook

TANKS for listenin'.

Questions from TC

Question	Candidate 1- SE
Q1. What is ur fave badger feature and why?	Storytime bc Arabeth told her about 'St AIDans ' feature Loves sexual antics
Q2. New ways for journocomm to communicate?	More emphasis on Journocomm facebook page Content calls to get a wider range of people writing + engaging. Another weird screenplay or radioplay pls.
Q3. If you could minute any meeting in the world past or present, which one?	Coronavirus to see BoJo's reaction Or an old exec meeting to see what went down, beefy.
Q4.	

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate 1- SE
Q. (from RS) Can you guarantee you won't publish content outside our new policy insurance's cover?	No , old boys' disclaimer
Q. (from Joe chit) Is the tab or the palatinate better?	Palatinate bc it's 'quite good', 'it has proper articles in it', 'no sexy storytimes so the badger', 'it's very boring but quite interesting.'
Q. (from Mcgaz) U accidentally delete the badger the night before it's due. What are you drinking? How do you respond?- max said no to mcgarry's question 😞	That happened . Get my tech savvy friend to use his contacts. Autorecover file.
Q. (from Jeaton) What makes a good article writer?	*copies Jeaton* What do people wanna know, bring it back to Aidan's. Read the palatinate if you want wider content.

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Exec – Sports & Societies Officer

Candidates: Vedika Bedi, 1st year (?),

Hust summary:

Loves sports

The more the better, more enjoyable, physical and mental benefits of sport

Winter-theme socials and matches to promote exercise in the winter.

Inter-college competitions and socials.

Sports in the summer: three day festivals, beach sports.

Music at matches, to encourage people to come and watch.

Make up for lost sports time due to COVID

About more than the sport, not too strenuous.

Questions from TCX

Question	Candidate 1 VB
Q1. How are you?	I'm good
Q2. How will you help people get involved post-covid / when restrictions ease in every respect?	Another freshers fayre, fresh start. Lockdown will mean people want to meet others outside their household. Lots of meeting and interaction.
Q3. What ideas for college-wide events do you have?	Inter-college competitions. Different households against each other. Darts. Socials Involve everyone
Q4. Who's the biggest BNOC in college?	IDK.
Q5. Fave piece of sports equipment and why?	Cricket bat bc you can hit sixes with it Corridor cricket is for everyone.

Questions from the floor

Question	Candidate 1 VB
Q. (from anon) Most important characteristic/ skill for the role	Inclusive and confident to promote participation Approachable
Q. (from aasa) What society would you be?	Watching games Darts club
Q. (from Tom Chapman) Name 3 societies	Physics Fashion show
Q. (from anon) What kind of relationship will you have with rebellious/ mischevious sports teams?	Friendly to promote respect and so they listen. Won't tell them off.

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BREAK

Motions for Discussion

1. Motion to change the PFO role to a Vice President position -proposed by RS, 2nd TC

Tom Chapman: *explaining motion*

RS: licks the bum hole of the motion. Let's be like the cool kids and kittens in other JCRs.
Possibility of another sabbatical role.

Chit: I'm ex-chair, against the motion and was previously but couldn't because I was chair.
Do we need the position now? As an independent charity we have a trustee body. How much do other colleges use these, could fulfil the role of 'Vice-Prez'

Supports sabbatical treasurer role due to financial stresses of President

Execs are underutilised, could be delegated more responsibilities. Too much pressure on the vice-president. Would be to the detriment of the 'exec role experience' if the vice pres was doing the most.

Vice pres as a stepping stone to a president is a concern. Minimizes the experience of the exec and the president's background. Important to have diversity in president experience, come from different committees. Hence PFO is a better role or an alternative name.
Compliance officer perhaps as well as financial officer/ treasurer? Held accountable by trustees.

RS response:

Trustee point : Vice pres will be a student trustee.

There will be others too. [in response to question from Chit]

College officers: Vice president will not change what happens at the moment. Will not organise events. Won't tread on others' toes. Won't be in any more college officer meetings than anyone else

Stepping stone to presidency: recognises concern but this is a well-established ideas that exists in other JCRs who do not experience this problem. Still diversity with respect to presidential backgrounds.

Too much work for one person: A valid point, but applies to all exec roles. Chair should keep the president in check. Or speak to in-house line manager to readdress work load.

Chit: Financial duties = majority of workload so how would they help?

RS: Limited due to no. of signatures on account is limited to 2

TC: Could help in other ways with financial responsibilities.

Anon: Where would they stand in terms of authority?

RS/ TC: Like any exec member, unless standing in for president.

Mk: Exoffitio member, no voting powers

Confusing with regards to authority?

RS: no, most people go to president anyway

TC: Specific tasks would be given by the president. Wouldn't be much confusion about who to talk to, could talk to either.

RS: Would absorb some PFO responsibilities too. Not completely undefined roles.

If sabbatical treasurer do we need a VP?

TC: Yes, but not next year due to financial situation due to COVID and going independent.

Josh Short: We have previously got rid of other VPs, do we need to copy other colleges

RS: Things have changed, fundamentally different organisation with different demands.

TC: We're different now. We're not copying but literally everyone else is doing it. Not blindly following it.

RS: Vice-president is important to going independent to manage workload and maintain student experience.

Anon: Not sufficient Pfo workload to have a role, so why need a VP

RS: My workload is kinda high and is going to change so need someone to cover it. It's not in my mandate. Ongoing bits.

Anon: Two vice presidents?

RS: maybe. Constantly changing organisation

Anon: Unofficial presidential assistant instead?

RS: VP= accurate description of workload, but call it what you want

TC: Will formalise the assistance. Mandate required to hold someone accountable.

Role could be removed soon, what's the point?

RS: At least 18 months, lots to be done in that time. Same as other exec roles. 18months is best case scenario.

Not every college has a sabb president

RS: but they're not independent. Yustinov = only exception and is post-grad so difficult to compare.

Chit and Myles (seconded) amendment(s):

Name should be compliance officer

3rd bullet point: president (and the exec) to officiate further

Receive equivalent training/ stand in= not necessarily appropriate. Delegate among the exec to share workload.

Another bullet point: remove role of compliance officer should sabbatical treasurer be added.

RS: opposes all.

Compliance officer – ok, but accept it's vital. Not entirely accurate/ reflective.

JC: reflects with my amendments and bc it's not paid.

RS: why pay a vice president?

TC: I like VP

Silly to be avoiding VP simply because VP is controversial title.

RS: find the objections odd

JC: people don't want to run for VP, expectation to be president.

RS: disagree

RS: accepts amendment to add exec approval

Same training not necessary, delegate to all exec: different with pres on trustee board.

JC: Is it appropriate if they're not paid?

RS: highlight particular duties, not too general to hold all exec accountable

TC: VP would attend meetings in pres's place. Specific commitments necessary.

RS: President and VP could delegate respectively. VP would need to delegate.

Mcgaz: our exec is bigger than any other college

RS: disagrees. Not true, wouldn't make exec bigger.

Mcgaz: It's true and bigger exec means easier to delegate. Secretary has less responsibilities than other colleges, for example.

Doesn't like uncontested presidential elections

VP election= proxy presidential election , evidences Cuths. Uncontested elections= bigger problem at other colleges.

Will minimize the roles of the exec, minimising their mandate.

COVID is not an appropriate time to change the exec, lots of people don't understand what the exec roles do. At least delay this motion vote.

My main opposition is the name.

RS: name is flexible

Myles Cooper:

agrees with Chit

Utilise IT marketing officer and tech chair.

Don't introduce a new role into an exec that is already struggling to be filled.

Doesn't like the name, not fair if VP is not paid, supports Chit.

TC: particular projects, would have their own respective jobs.

JC: Wrong meeting. All of this is gonna happen again. I feel sorry for the secretary who has to minute it then.

RS: massive time pressure. We HAVE to do it now.

TC: It can go up now.

MK: needs further discussion with regards to if it is going up.

Questions, Comments or Amendments

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Elections

Tech – College Marketing & Photography

MK: *explaining role*

Anon: idm

MK: who r u

Joe McGarry: It was Beth

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AOB

Anon: college fees situation

TC: *explains*, no payments going out in feb. Message for more details.

JC: Motion needs to be a referendum

MK: I know.

Meeting adjourned 21:45