

## Minutes

For the meeting on 17th October 2024, 2pm in the Terrace Room. Ellen Thomas chaired the meeting.

### Present:

Ellen Thomas (President) Georgia Brooks (Welfare) Taylor West (Welfare) May Brown (Green and Ethics) Eugénie Bourette (ASO) Florence Assetto (BME) Sophie Mason (Women's/nb) Jen Price (Frep) Claire Ding (Secretary) Georgia Emmanuel (Ents)

### Apologies:

Teymour Taj (VP) Maya Kunchur (Frep) Wes Treasure (Ents) Billie Kilburn (Ents) Martha Shawyer (Class Act) Zeeshan Hossein (VP) Krishna Mahendrakar (Treasurer) Tyr Högsander (Treasurer) Baz Chan (LGBTQ+) Kai Zhen Tek (International) Jamie Hore (Webmaster) Haily Ching (Frep) Lily O'Sullivan (Ents) Wilf Vall (Access) Amelia Dublin (DSO)

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| 1. Freshers week feedback (President)  |  |
| → Well done VP Zeeshan for organising freshers' week   |  |
| → The day of taking people to places but there was not much to do e.g. Mosque, Zoology museum maybe replace it by a free day |  |

- More communication between talks e.g. liberation officer introduction at Lisa's talk and JCR introduction was repetitive, no one came to the self-care night
- Welfare officer explained he thought it is important for liberation officers to talk about the issues they represent to everyone, but there was poor communication between welfare, Lisa and the liberation office - BME officer and Women NB officer said it will be better the liberation officers were more involved
- Frep said next year porters should be arranged on moving in day to help with the traffic
- ASO raised that overall we have more talks than other colleges during freshers' week, maybe some can be cut based on freshers' week feedback

## 2. College Sports (President)

- Potentially having a sports officer for the JCR like other colleges, currently all the central sports emails are sent to the President
- ASO raised that Sports captain can be an alternative to a sports officer
- Welfare officer said for the time meeting we can try to set up a group of college sports captains and have a shared sports Instagram amongst the to try things out before Lent term JCR election

## 3. Aula Quiz night (President)

- A quiz night for Clarissa's campaign to raise money
- Welfare officers mentioned they are also organising an event related Clarissa's campaign event in November to raise money, so we need to make sure the two events do not overlap
- Green officer mentioned she is organising a quiz night at Fitz with the Fitz green officer

## 4. Sponges (ASO)

- Sponges are not provided anymore for environmental reasons, however, students are still buying them and the plastic bushes are not useful
- In this case, it might be better for college to provide sponges in the kitchens

## 5. JCR decorations (ASO)

- Pictures for JCR decorations will be shortlisted, chosen and then displayed
- President suggested to put up a pin board that displays bop, June event, society photos etc. in the JCR
- ASO said the dart board idea was nice, but it is difficult to put it up following health and safety guidelines

## 6. Representation in college (ASO)

- There is a need to display art of women in college (and in more visible place), but ASO is wary in just putting up photos of women, which does not have the prestige associated with portraits
- President mentioned the terrace room used to have pictures of women associated with college - but now are replaced by nature photographs
- BME officer mentioned the need for BME photos, for example, Newnham displays photos of students, who come from and represent BME students

7. Boho common room (ASO)
  - Frep raised the need to fix the Boho common room e.g. broken pool table
8. Upcoming exhibition (ASO)
  - ASO is planning an art exhibition for early January and if anyone in the JCR is interested should get in touch with her
9. JCR space (President)
  - President said she will contact the tutorial office to get the JCR office back
  - Women NB said the JCR cupboard is difficult to access, only when the terrace room and lecture theatre are free she can go - the organisation of the cupboard only improved after welfare officers have re-organised it
10. Gareth Hughes talk (Welfare)
  - Wellbeing has invited Gareth Hughes on 7th November to talk about wellbeing and academics and the wellbeing team hope the welfare officers can help and promote the event
11. Context poster (Welfare)
  - Need to update the context poster for the JCR committee
  - Frep mentioned frep elections will be in 3 weeks so maybe print the poster later
12. Reimbursement reminder (Welfare)
  - Need to find the Treasuries to reimburse freshers' week expenses
13. Recycling and food information (Green and Ethics)
  - Will put up new posters for recycling
  - An email on food waste information has been sent and Green and Ethics officer will remind students to read the email via WhatsApp
14. Green week plan (Green and Ethics)
  - Green week is at the end of October and a range of activities have been organised e.g. wellbeing - plant adoption, pop quiz, green formal (but not vegetarian, locally sourced meat, seasonal ingredients and recipes), clothes donation organised with five other colleges, the walk with the master now becomes part of the Green week
15. Reusable cup scheme (Green and Ethics)
  - Students can buy reusable cups in the Aula that have the college crest
  - Will check with the Treasuries where the reusable cups came from
16. Period products (Women/ NB)
  - Need to get in touch with the Treasuries on the funding and provision of period products
  - According to the SU all Senior Tutors have agreed that period products should be funded by the college not from the JCR

- The President said we chose to do it independently for sustainability, but since the college make an agreement to pay it should
- The President and Women/NB will go to the Senior Tutor to discuss what kind of period products the college should provide

#### 17. Black History month (BME)

- BME officer had arranged various events for the celebration of Black History month e.g. Fences social, Clare formal, BME showcase
- Events are promoted on the weekly listings but in general it has been difficult to promote
- College did not give any financial contribution towards the Clare formal, which would have been helpful but the problem has been solved

#### 18. International and BME socials (BME)

- The reception of the international and BME socials were not great
- BME officers would like to find better channels to promote events in the future

#### 19. History society talk (President)

- President history society is doing a talk on 4th November related to BME and the BME officer could get involved

#### 20. Listings (Secretary)

- Listings are much read and it is generally difficult to improve the readership
- Secretary said perhaps it is better to have information in the email so students will not need to open the attachments
- President said it will be important to get the student body accustomed to listings as the place to look for college news