

JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting on 18.01.2023 at 18:45 UK time

List of Committee Members

Names, initials, pronouns and * to mark non-attendance	Role
Neve Baskar, NB , she/her	President
Jacob Hougie, JH , he/him	Vice President
Oliver Law, OL , he/him	Treasurer
Daisy O'Connor, DO , she/her	Secretary
Luke Tyler, LT , he/him	Welfare
Julia Sinkinson, JS , she/her	Welfare
James Walker, JW , he/him	Welfare
Jess M, JM , she/her	Academic and Access
Ryan Simpson, RS , they/them	Green
Yifei Zheng, YZ , he/him*	Catering, Accommodation and Facilities
Amit Ramakrishna Prasad, AR , he*	Sports and Societies
Neela Nee, NN , she/her	Ents
Freddie Sehgal, FS , he/him	Ethnic Minorities
Cosma Rubben, CR , she/her	International Students
Harley Chidley, HC , they/them	LGBTQ+
Maisie Johnson, MJ	Gender Equalities
Claire Collins, CC , they/them	Disabled Students
Eleanor Lewis, EL , she	Class Act
Dylan Mankin, DM , he/him*	Computing (non-voting)

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Summary of Key Points

The Committee updates each other on the current projects and initiatives of its members.

Action Points

Committee members are to continue with their respective projects, no overall Active Policies in progress.

At the end of Lent Term to decide on whether to offer sexual health testing services during slacks or ParTEAs.

Committee members are requested to answer **JH's** RSVP form for the Handover Brunch.

Talk to Iain Sutherland concerning society formal tickets and an MCRonly formal.



0. Administrative Matters

Meeting begins at 18:56.

YZ and **AR** absent with apologies.

1. Introductions and team-building (**NB**)

The Committee members introduced themselves, and team-building games were played¹.

2.1 LGBTQ+ Officer Updates (**HC**)

HC is currently working with the Liberation officers and EDI Team to create an educational and informative booklet for staff and students, and pronoun pins have been made available in the post room and at Plodge for collection.

2.2 Committee Social Media Usage (**NB**)

HC is the committee's unofficial social media officer, and is currently considering creating a TikTok account. **NB** tells the committee to feel free to upload relevant information to the committee Instagram account, as there is an effort to make it more active and engaging.

2.3 Ethnic Minorities Officer Updates (**FS**)

FS is currently working on increasing the celebration of religious and cultural events at college events, and creating more events. He has spoken to Iain Sutherland and Matt Bullimore about which events to

¹ **JH** would like it mentioned that he was triumphant in the game of 'splat'.

celebrate, and college staff have agreed to the creation of a formal hall for Eid.

2.4 Academic and Access Officer Updates (**JM**)

JM reminds the committee of the offer holder day in April, and that all offer holders will visit on the same day this year. She is working on the creation of a Women in STEM programme, aiming to start it in summer 2023. Additionally, **JM** is working on students visiting schools, particularly locally and in link areas.

2.5 Welfare Officers Updates (**JS, JW, LT**)

The welfare officers met on the day of the meeting and are currently organising an updated contact sheet and this term's ParTEAs, which are currently planned for 7pm every Thursday in the JCR. A current initiative being planned is a session of animal therapy, and yoga sessions are a possibility. **EL** suggests the Committee advertise internally for an instructor to keep costs down. The welfare officers mentioned the sexual health testing initiative offered by a charity, and the Committee discussed whether the programme is best set up at either ParTEAs or slacks in order to preserve anonymity. The current plan is for the service to be available at one slack, and at one ParTEA, in order to decide which is more suitable.

2.6 Entertainment Officer Updates (**NN**)

NN has currently scheduled 5 events for the Lent Term, including an Open Mic Night with SolidariTEE on 20th January, followed by 3 slacks and a pub quiz, scheduled for the 1st March. King's College students have reached out to **NN** concerning Corpus student interest in joining the 'où est le poulet' group. **NB** informs the Committee that Halfway Hall is scheduled for the 24th February, and if any JCR members want to get involved in the planning, they should contact **NB**.

2.7 Treasurer Updates (**OL**)

OL informs the Committee that he is likely to send out budget application forms sometime next week (w.c. 23rd January).

2.8 Secretary Updates (**DO**)

DO tells the Committee that the JCR jumpers are meant to be arriving on the 19th January, and that she will bring them to the JCR room for collection.

2.9 President Updates (**NB**)

NB has posted the JCR Committee on the social media, and has introduced the Committee to members of staff. She mentions, and the Committee agrees, that although dates have not been set for JCR meetings, they can be ad hoc. Depending on the active policies, Open Meetings will be set where necessary, meeting the requirements of at least two meetings per term.

2.10 Vice President Updates (**JH**)

JH is working on a new Active Policy for cultural events with **FS**, and is following up with **DM** concerning Committee email connectivity issues.

2.11 Green Officer Updates (**RS**)

RS has met with the sustainability committee to discuss the environmental practice of the college. They are organising a first Green Week with other Green Officers

2.12 Disabled Students Officer Updates (**CC**)

CC is continuing work on a scheme to inform college staff of the needs of disabled students, as well as a quiet period in hall with social distancing for those who need it, as well as DisabiliTea events. Also,

they are working on room ballot issues and on installing a handrail and a motorised entrance in college to improve accessibility.

2.13 Gender Equalities Officer Updates (**MJ**)

MJ intends to organise an international women's day formal in March, possibly with merch. She also intends to change the name of the Isherwood Society. **JS** mentions that someone submitted to the Vent Box a request for designated hours for women and non-binary students to use the Leckhampton gym. **NB** says that the gym is currently under renovations, and therefore this might interfere with designated hours, though the Committee finds no issues with the idea in principle.

2.14 Class Act Officer Updates (**EL**)

EL is trying to secure funding for the transport of current students to and from Cambridge, and for incoming students for offer holder and open day events.

3. Any Other Business

It is worthy of note that the handover brunch date has changed, and therefore Committee members are requested to answer **JH**'s RSVP form.

Some societies have reached out asking about buying tickets for formals, including the MCR requesting MCR-only formals. The Committee decides it is best to talk to Iain Sutherland to see what is possible.

A journalist from *Varsity* has reached out for comment concerning antisemitism and the NUS. As a politically neutral college, the Committee were not sure whether we should give comment, though **JW** and **CC** recommended talking to previous Committee members in order to establish a precedent. Meeting ends at 19.43