

JCR Meeting: 08/10/2018 at 17:30

Upper Hall 1

Present: Adnan Allawala; Finn Manders; Bea Goddard; Joe Everest; Matt Bond; Will Legood (*Minute Secretary, sub*); Matt Hill (*Chair*); Angus Williams; Tom Knight; Yaron Bernstein; Caitlin Walker; Yusuf Uddin; Joe Young; Henry Sainsbury; Jordana Price; Rachael Wilson; Bill Anderson-Samways.

Apologies: Zoe Cohen; Georgia Gridley; Emily Insanally; Ramnik Uppal; Ben Haigh; Tom Benn.

Non-attendance: Ellie Brain; Richard Sharman; Iona Mac; Tom Walden; Mel Melissa.

Minutes

A: Welcome Back & Subcommittee Updates:

1. **International Freshers:** very successful with double the expected international freshers in attendance; starting family/buddy system for international students. Over budget due to increased numbers.
2. **T&A:** not hugely active through freshers' week, but are keen to encourage early participation in T&A and have had strong interest from freshers. Promotion of the 'Shadowing Scheme' has already begun.
3. **Gym:** inductions signups high, and no complaints about WOH from freshers. Bea to recirculate the explanatory paper to the freshers mailing list for their reference. WOH have been renamed on posters to "Women's Only and Non-Binary Hours".
 - a. **Action:** Bea to recirculate paper.
4. **Green:** Caitlin/Joe following up on the implementation of composting bins in strategic locations, as agreed at the Environmental Committee; the summer recycling/reuse scheme was very successful; leaflets have been distributed to freshers about green activities in Cambridge; Caitlin/Joe will be investigating potential of recycling bins in rooms.
 - a. **Action:** Caitlin/Joe to follow up on composting bins and investigate room recycling.
5. **Academic Affairs:** turn out of approximately sixty freshers at the pub quiz, which went well; Matt will be organising the University Challenge team for Fitz this term, the plan being to advertise via posters in the buttry and plodge and to conduct trials in early November, narrowing down interested participants to approximately thirty by practice quiz and then a practice buzzer round like on the show.
6. **Treasurer:** the card reader was successfully used during freshers week at both the gown sale and FULS: £1300 of gowns (~40%) were sold by car, and £600 of drinks at FULS (~35%). Increased uptake is expected as they were advertised as cash and card events due to concerns about reliability which have now been assuaged.

7. **Welfare:** impronauts event was a success, but clashed with the bar crawl so different dates should be investigated next year; weekly welfare has started again, and attendance is expected to follow its typical pattern of increasing over term; massages have been booked for Michaelmas; freshers packs were successfully distributed; yoga will be running weekly from 19:00-20:00 on Wednesdays.
8. **Communications:** TGP will be published again in Michaelmas; Ben and Tom have written an alternative prospectus over summer which will be finalised and uploaded soon, pending college approval.
9. **Vice-President:** college families was successful for the freshers, excluding two freshers without an assigned parents – these two freshers have not properly identified themselves to Rachael so this should be taken with a pinch of salt.
10. **Women's:** consent workshops were successful and all freshers bar approximately ten attended – these ten seemingly missed by accident and are keen to catch up. Jordana will contact college to ascertain precisely who has missed as there is no comprehensive list of freshers available to the JCR; the first FemSoc of term was well attended by approximately 30 people and Jordana is keen to follow this up with additional events, including a potential FemSoc formal. Jordana is investigating possible self-defence training opportunities, including potential liaison with the Union.
 - a. **Action:** Jordana to finish consent workshops and catch-up.
11. **Sports & Socs:** Fitz Freshers Fair went OK – unfortunately, the hired room was not set-up as requested and therefore some societies did not have their own table; Joe received an unfortunately forthright complaint which suggested they would contact their Senior Treasurer, but the JCR agreed there was no fault on Joe's behalf.
12. **Entz:** ran Freshers' Week to great success as per verbal feedback, but are keen to gather formal feedback (see below, C) and it was noted that this should be used to formulate better plans for Freshers' Week 2019 which build on present successes rather than merely replicating previous years. In particular, FULS went well as did the card machine, and Entz are keen to maximise revenue via card going forward. FULS ran a significant profit of approximately £1500 due in part to better than expected sales and also due to college-enforced budgeting that was comparatively pessimistic. Entz is to consider further options about spending this profit (in addition to below, D) and to ensure budgeting next year draws figures from the correct FULS.

B: CUSU Council Voting

13. **BME Campaign Funding** – unanimously approved.
14. **Disorientation Guide Funding** – unanimously approved.
15. **Renewal of access statements** – unanimously approved.
16. **Remembrance Sunday** – unanimously approved.
17. **CUSU-GU/UCU working document** – unanimously approved.

Please see CUSU Council Agenda for additional information.

C: Freshers Week Feedback

18. Matt will be compiling a Freshers' Week feedback form to be sent out to freshers, taking questions from all subcommittees.
- a. **Action:** subcommittees to coordinate and send submissions to Matt by Sunday 14 September.
 - b. **Action:** Matt to then send feedback form before next JCR meeting.

D: Surplus Funds

19. The JCR is currently, after Freshers Week, operating a surplus of approximately £1250. The Entz Team, who have a separate financial set-up, also have a profit of approximately £1500. The JCR is keen to spend this additional money for the benefit of our members, and to hopefully make some quality of life improvements which have previously been financially impossible. The JCR are to consider and investigate any proposals they may have in preparation for the next JCR meeting.
- a. **Action:** bring proposals to the next JCR meeting for consideration.
20. Ideas discussed include:
- a. Concrete bike fixing stand (as in Downing Site).
 - i. **Action:** Matt Bond to investigate.
 - b. Week 5 Blues event
 - c. Fitz Fireworks / Bonfire Night event
 - d. JCR Christmas Party
 - e. Funding for FemSoc if Fitz Grant is not renewed
 - f. Food Bins
 - i. **Action:** Joe to investigate.
 - g. JCR improvements, including repair of table football or air hockey table.
 - i. **Action:** Joe to investigate.
 - h. Fitz Student Hardship Fund
 - i. VGA/HDMI cables for JCR
 - j. Prize to Snapchat Filter winner

E: Snapchat Filter

21. Matt presented the three Snapchat Filter submissions. The student body is to vote on their preferred option before the next JCR meeting.
- a. **Action:** Matt to set-up vote and send to student body before next JCR meeting.

F: Election & Handover

22. Matt explained that elections would begin in Weeks 5-7, and encouraged second years on the current JCR to run for positions again. He has advised that departments begin considering their handover documents ready for handover at the end of Michaelmas.