

General Meeting Agenda - 16/02/20

Present - Andrew Salkeld, Jack Bailey, Kesavan Sivanesan, Alex Jarvis, Hebe Robinson, Tolu Mustapha, Ayan Addow, Leona Kuame, Tami Briggs, Alexandra Nikolin, Mayuran Visakan, Tom Noden, Etien Jasonson, Cerian Craske, Priya Kaler, Ben Tudor, Beth Brown

Apologies - Ellie Fox, Tomas Andre, Apriya Millan, Dana Skotarenko, Joanna Neve, Daniel Carter, Elizabeth Torley, Daisy Green, Kirstie Goodchild, Stefan Vintila, Maise Mathews, Hassan Akhter, Craig Stewart

Agenda Points:

1. Food and Beverages Meeting Feedback

Alexandra Nikolin + Etien Jasonson attended

Ideas for theme nights:

Moroccan

Greek

Turkish

Mexican

Korean

Spanish

Italian

Lebanese

German

Last year's buttery redesign to improve ergonomics - do students agree?

General consensus - improvement

During Ramadan - difficulty in catering for food, later food is required and buttery staff leave after dinner

Proposal that on formal nights that food is provided later since staff are in later + collaboration with other colleges to provide for the whole week

Could coordinate with BME representatives

Action - BME Officers

Increase from 1 to 16 Halal servings per term, this coming term (of the 22 ruminant meat servings)

2. Admissions Committee

Email from outreach, Admission Committee 2nd March

Please contact Jack Bailey before 21st February

We would like State Comprehensive vs Grammar breakdown + BME breakdown

Most admissions targets have been reached, apart from POLAR targets

Concern that admissions focus is too London centric

Possible new targets needed

Diversity Working Group Meeting - no news yet

3. Strikes

Last time there was strikes, a statement was released.

We would like to release another statement - possibly preface + edit prior statement

Have asked to have another room to be booked minutes

4. Student rents

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lqxNuPmYuSu3ZOeGc-FrTIQYOuW-fQ9Q/view?usp=sharing>

New energy deal - 25% increase

See document

Next year may not be financially good for the college - Coronavirus effects on conferencing business

Structure of kitchen fixed charge will remain same

Minimum meals charge will fall by 25% (will be phased out eventually)

Will be more difficult to get rid of the KFC

£25,000 set aside for Laundry budget - may be used to offset cost of KFC in Wolfson Court being same as outside houses

5. Puffer Jackets

Soon

Action: Andrew Salkeld tomorrow

6. CUSU Motions

<https://drive.google.com/a/cam.ac.uk/file/d/1d21FSRZ1eV8XKhCR8SZpbzKK7JoFZHNC/view?usp=drivesdk>

See voting record

New amendment on Firearms Motion - Replace with: 'CUSU resolves to ban all non-sporting societies and external organisations from bringing firearms of any sort to the CUSU Fresher's Fair or any other CUSU-run or supported events. Sporting societies may bring firearms but must remove them during Access Hours.'

CUSU Motion 7A

Support from Andrew - pushes university to come to an agreement

Currently the university puts the money saved towards bursary

Ben Tudor - Interested in the UCU stance on this as it is related to the commodification of education which the UCU opposes. Feels that the wording of the motion (title specifically) is misleading

Beth Brown - Questions the likelihood of achieving refunds

Jack Bailey - Feels that it is possible

Cerian Craske - Feels that the morality of strikes is not being accounted for, only personal financial cost - wrong message, it decontextualizes the reason for the strikes

Feeling that the mechanism (financial compensation) should be overt rather than masquerading under the guise of the ends (resolving/supporting the striking staff)

Mayuran Visakan - Feels people will not worry about the semantics

Andrew Salkeld - Feels the optics of current wording is better

CUSU Motion 7B

We have set up a WeChat Group - feeling from internationals that this is not wanted

Andrew Salkeld - we need to boost international engagement with JCR e.g. more events

Beth Brown - main focus is in internationals fresher week

Mayuran Visakan - Feels that international officers should engage more and propose suggestions

Alexandra Nikolin - Is facebook advertising the issue?

Andrew Salkeld - Found that international student do check Facebook, international students find that events are culturally irrelevant

Alexandra Nikolin - Maybe international officers should play a more role across the sub-committees

Mayuran Visakan - currently international students are not interested

Proposal that we consult international students more

Tami Briggs - MCR hold a potluck, could we do something similar?

Ben Tudor - Happy to email more about events -> with FitzUp; boost in ticket sales after email

Andrew Salkeld - More jokes in the bulletin

Could utilise the JCR bulletin more for event advertising

Alexandra Nikolin - More integration of sub-comms may be beneficial in increasing international engagement

Leona - @Kesavan, @Apriya Event Posters on instagram

7. AOB

Mayuran Visakan - Budget has been updated

Action: Mayuran - Fewer Versions

Reduced cost of gowns

Alexandra Nikolin - Green Officers feel that JCR Jumpers are wasteful

If extra money is provided for jumpers

Opposition to jumpers in general - feels unnecessary to have specific names and roles

Could use degoat jumpers and t-shirts

Alexandra Nikolin - feels sashes are more effective

Andrew Salkeld - already buying sashes

1. Do we need jumpers at all?

2. Do we spend jumper money on something else?

Mayuran Visakan - Doesn't want to pitch jumpers and not spend it on that?

Andrew Salkeld - Feels we can change our minds after getting the budget

Ben Tudor - Feels some sort of identifying feature is important

We will keep budget as is

JCR Refurbishment

Colour for painting

Blackboard on the wall

Pinboard maps - pin where students are from

Cerian Craske - Would like to have input to improve access

Andrew Salkeld - This is mainly an aesthetic change, accessibility is a separate, bigger issue which can be done in surplus

JMA - new folding football table which can be moved to the De Smith room over the long vacation

Ben Tudor - need more games

Action: Will get an inventory for games in the bar

Alexandra Nikolin - Access issue can be raised at the JMA meeting

Etien Jasonson - Would like cream coloured JCR?

BME Officers - would like anti-racism training for JCR Executives in early easter

Rescheduled BME Bop also hasn't been given a bar extension

Fitz Society applications have been sent