

## **Minutes**

For the meeting on 24th June 2023, 2pm in the Stephen Hawking Room.  
Ryan Ko and Safy Oshoala chaired the meeting.

### Present:

Ryan Ko (Co-President) Safy Oshoala (Co-President) Reema Pujari (VP) Chris Ryan (VP)  
Michael Hargreaves (Treasurer) Angelo Smith (Welfare) Ellen Thomas (Welfare) Lucas Wolman  
(Green and Ethics) Ella Weaver (Green and Ethics) Hannah Dixon (Womens and NB) Zeeshan  
Hossain (BME) Anya Penderis (Frep) Anjali Darling (Frep) Isaac Hall (ASO) Harvey Challinor  
(Webmaster) Faye Blackshaw (LGBTQ+) Lucia Laffan (Access) Izzy Solomon (Secretary)

### Apologies:

Audrey Chow (International) Téa Endeladze (Frep) Jack Millar (Ents) Honor Langhorne (Ents)  
Reuben Baldwin (DSO) Alex Price (Class Act) Mila Edensor (LGBTQ+)

### Overview of Points of Discussion:

- [1. General comments about roles/commitments/expectations \(Raised by Presidents\)](#)
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Points of Discussion:

1. General comments about roles/commitments/expectations (Raised by Presidents)

- The Presidents have received feedback at the governing body meeting that some members of JCR are not showing up to committee meetings. Please try to make an effort to attend.

2. Benn Bursary for Alex (Raised by Presidents)

- Class Act not present. The Presidents want this sorted over the summer, so that people know how to apply and have a plan in place for increased applications.

3. Freshers week-General (Raised by Vice Presidents)

- 24th-1st september is the freshers week
- The committee normally arrive on the 23rd
- The VPs will make a timetable and organise things with college and then let the wider JCR know.
- The whole committee is not needed for freshers, but everyone is welcome.
- We will have subsidised rent for the week
- ENTs officers need to purchase clubbing tickets
- We also need to order stash

4. Freshers week-Talk feedback (Raised by Vice Presidents)

- We should have information on rent, the Benn Bursary, budgeting and living at uni. We could also host Workshops where people run through their budget and see if they qualify for bursaries (ASO)
- Class Act should put together guide to how to live in Cambridge and still do fun things (VP)
- For the consent talks, we should rehire the same people as last year, as they did a good job when we let them know about discussing things more diversely. (LGBTQ+)
- We will also have a talk from Lisa (Welfare)
- We should also have a talk on binge drinking and sports culture at university. There's some dangerous cultures around timing drinking around work and need to discuss how to appropriately regulate drinking. (Women's and NB)
- Claire wants to do a talk along with a member of staff who has been part of the JMC before, and wants to talk about what the process is. It would be good to also have a student who has been involved in the process to explain their side of things (Presidents)
- The concern form should be mentioned and we should encourage students to come to the JCR for support on filling out forms.

- The 'timetabling efficiently' workshop last year was fast paced and stressful. It could be delivered a lot better (Webmaster)
- Potentially run some group mock supervisions (Freps)
- Committee members could discuss how they handle their workload across subjects
- Get rid of 'how to send an email' workshop

5. Freshers week-Event feedback (Raised by Vice Presidents)

- Potentially host a bop in the lecture theatre, as well as the usual freshers bop
- Something in the master's lodge/fellow's garden could be good for freshers. Mary may also want to give a short speech to the new students
- We also need to inform students how to interact with Silly appropriately, eg feeding, petting, chasing etc.

6. Update on Barclays dispute and end of year finances (Raised by Treasurer)

- The Treasurer can now get into the account, but there are worries that the bank will freeze the account in the next few weeks. They are consistently sending the wrong forms and are worried the college is laundering money. We may experience some disruption over the summer due to these difficulties
- Early next term we will have information for new and continuing societies

7. Streamlining reimbursement process (Raised by Treasurer)

- Wants to make the form shorter, it's got areas that are duplicated and is unnecessary complicated

8. THMS emails for weekly college news (Raised by Webmaster)

- The THMS sends out too many emails and this should be in the College's News, because it is a lot of emails.
- The Webmaster will email Communications and the THMS to let them know

9. Updating website/removing large parts (Raised by Webmaster)

- Lots of info is out of date or just on the college website already, so this will be scrapped
- Will be completed by freshers week

10. Planning Freshers week ents (Raised by Freps)

- A WhatsApp group needs to be started for the new freshers, different ways of doing this were debated. Sending out a link via Vicky may be a good idea?
- They are also trying to integrate more and get more events going
- Staircase tea was given as an idea
- They also want to organise a couple of college swaps, but keep them scattered so that it isn't too overwhelming and so that everyone can get a chance to go at some point
- The Pub crawls arranged in previous years were very expensive, a spoons trip may be a better alternative (ASO)
- Games like 'assasins' and 'Murder frisbee' were also thrown around as potential events to arrange during freshers

11. Drop in sessions (Raised by Freps)

→ The Freps also want to organise drop in sessions throughout Michaelmas

12. Green Handbook/manifesto for freshers (Raised by G+E)

- Have tried getting recycling bins by the punts. Has emailed Glen, is trying to nudge this along.
- Is going to create a handbook for freshers, to help them know how to be as sustainable as possible.
- They will be given information on sustainability, e.g. what the college does and what they can do themselves.
- It would also be ideal if there was a section somewhere for JCR to sign, so the JCR can show the college what the students want to do

13. College environmental policy on JCR website (Raised by G+E)

→ Get this on the JCR website

14. Consent/Sexual health talk (Raised by Welfare)

→ This will be done during freshers week (see 4)

15. General Welfare to do list (Raised by Welfare)

- New welfare lockers
- Get the Hot water dispenser clean
- Find paper cups- and bulk buy them
- Restock the locker
- Organise a taskmaster or sports day event with the first years.
- Run Welfare tea and a freshers arts and crafts
- Ensure there is always a non-alcoholic option at all events
- Get on families over summer, will talk to previous officers to make sure they have a good system for matching people
- Would like to move some of the drink covers to the toilets too.
- Welfare also raised that we need to let the Treasurer know who is coming back early for freshers week

16. Locking system update (Raised by Women+NB)

→ Waiting to hear back on this for finalisation, further information

17. June event- anti-spiking stall (Raised by Women+NB)

→ Anti-spiking measures were put in place at the June Event by Hannah

18. Re-ordering things for freshers week (Raised by Women+NB)

→ More of the cup covers and other safety equipment, period products etc will be made available to freshers

19. Liberation instagram (Raised by Women+NB)

- Please access this and follow the instagram and also the JCR committee are encouraged to post
- It was also raised that we should be putting information on social media accounts/emails with resources, as the funeral is being held next week.

20. SU Accessibility Pledge (Raised by DSO)

- <https://www.disabled.cusu.cam.ac.uk/accessibility-pledge/> Pledge link here
- <https://www.disabled.cusu.cam.ac.uk/training> Self training here
- Above are links to both the accessibility pledge and self training. JCR members are strongly encouraged to undertake the training to sign it over the summer

21. Listings update and listings next year (Raised by Secretary)

- Secretary outlined that the listings were being engaged with more now that a new system has been implemented
- Encouraged members of JCR to give feedback and to contribute to the listings if they had something they wanted to feature in it

22. Massive thanks to Hannah (Raised by Secretary)

- A big thank you to Hannah for organising the new woman of the week section in the listings and also for keeping everyone safe at the June Event with the cup covers.

Any other business:

Broken things for pool table (raised by BME)

- It was suggested that students could use the pool equipment that is used for more 'serious games'

Ballot (Raised by ASO)

- It will be on the 3rd-4th July
- Before this happens we need to have a meeting about access with DSO, Presidents etc
- Although, they have to ensure that evidence has been submitted prior to meeting, as this is a key component of what will be discussed.

Update videos (Raised by Access)

- The college wants a few student volunteers to say that the college is a lovely place on video. In the coming weeks members of the JCR may be asked to help with this

Feedback form (Raised by Secretary)

- It was asked if there had been much engagement with the form and if there was anything raised via it that needed to be discussed in the meeting.
- The Webmaster reported that there had been feedback left and it has been forwarded to the relevant members of the JCR