

Meeting minutes 27/02/2024

Minutes

For the meeting on 27th February 2024, 4pm in the Leslie Stephen Room. Ellen Thomas chaired the meeting.

Present:

Ellen Thomas (President) Zeeshan Hossein (VP) Krishna Mahendrakar (Treasurer) Georgia Brooks (Welfare) Taylor West (Welfare) May Brown (Green and Ethics) Eugénie Bourette (ASO) Florence Assetto (BME) Baz Chan (LGBTQ+) Kai Zhen Tek (International) Sophie Mason (Women's/nb) Jamie Hore (Webmaster) Haily Ching (Frep) Jen Price (Frep) Lily O'Sullivan (Ents) Wilf Vall (Access) Claire Ding (Secretary)

Apologies:

Teymour Taj (VP) Tyr Högsander (Treasurer) Maya Kunchur (Frep) Georgia Emmanuel (Ents) Wes Treasure (Ents) Billie Kilburn (Ents) Martha Shawyer (Class Act)

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Points of Discussion:

1. Introduction of current JCR (President)
 - Posts will be sent soon after the order has been worked out.

2. Committees (President)
 - The Equality, inclusion and diversity (EDI) committee has now added Women/ NB officer since this year is the 50 anniversary of the college admitting women.
 - The maximum number of officers in one committee is currently three, but all liberation officers should be able to have access to the agenda on Moodle.
 - It is important to have at least one member of the JCR to attend each committee meeting and preferably members can ask about wider college opinions before attending (via email).
 - The International and the DSO will speak to the senior tutor about joining committees.

3. Committee meeting notes (VP)
 - The VP will double check the senior tutor about emailing the summary of each committee meeting to college members or it could be added to the end of weekly listings.

4. Stash (Freps)
 - The Freps will take over from distributing Stash in the future.

5. Marriage formal and Reimbursements (Freps)
 - Formals are not handled by the treasurers, so the Freps will get in touch with the senior tutor.

6. Green social media (Green and Ethics)
 - The Green and Ethics will use the JCR Instagram account to promote relevant content.
 - Green and Ethics content will be added onto the weekly listings.

7. SU and Class Act (Class Act)
 - The SU Class Act campaign will be published on the JCR instagram and upcoming weekly listings.

- (The Class Act officer was able to attend the meeting today and had asked the Access officer to pass this message on.)
- 8. Funding for anti-spiking products(Welfare and Women/NB)
 - The Women/NB budget is taken up by period products, so the anti-spiking products will likely come from the welfare budget
 - The treasurers may reallocate the budget for Women/ NB at the beginning of the next academic year.
- 9. Compulsory training for essential skills for supporting students (Welfare)
 - All members of the JCR will have to receive training for essential skills that last around 2 hours and the date is yet to be confirmed.
- 10. Equality, diversity and inclusion training (President)
 - The training will last at least 2 hours and will be attended by some members of the JCT: liberation officers, welfare and Freps etc.
 - The college is still working on the provider of the training and hopefully it can be done before Easter term has started.
- 11. Instagram post for accommodation and hall (ASO)
 - Posts will be sent out to collect feedback on accommodation and hall food.
- 12. Menu and alcohol (DSO)
 - The DSO suggested to the ASO to give clarification on alcohol vs. alcohol* on the hall menu as some students want to know the differences.
- 13. Liberation instagram (Women/NB)
 - The Women/NB is currently in charge of the liberation Instagram and the details will be sent to other liberation officers e.g. the DSO so they can post on and have access to the account.
- 14. Liberation officer posters (welfare)
 - The posters of contacts of the liberation office will be updated around college.
- 15. International women's day (Women/ NB)
 - The Women/NB noted that the St Patrick's day bop falls on the same day as International women's day (8 March).
 - Anti-spiking posters will be put up in the Aula.
- 16. Events for celebrating cultural festivities (International)
 - The international budget is currently small and shared under the liberation office.
 - The president suggested if there is an event going ahead, the international budget can be reworked at the beginning of the next academic year.

17. Collaboration between BME officer and international officer (International)
 - The international and the BME hope to organize collaborative events going forward.

18. Rice cooker in Gyps (International)
 - The international proposed to have a rice cooker in every Gyp (like King's, Christs etc.), which the ASO agreed and was willing to assist in contacting the senior tutor.

19. BME drop-in sessions (BME)
 - The BME proposed to have drop-in sessions starting this term, which will take the form of sitting and talking in the JCR for students in need.
 - The BEM suggested future collaboration with other colleges' BME officers to put on events.

20. Nathan Cofnas (BME)
 - The case of Nathan Cofnas and the campaign against him will be raised in the EDI committee meeting.
 - Further arrangements if needed will be discussed with the senior tutor.

21. Access and Ability pledge (DSO)
 - The DSO proposed that all JCR members should sign the Access and Ability pledge this term.

22. Terrace room (DSO)
 - The DSO asked the Ents to open the terrace room for students in need to access.

23. Medical fund cut (DSO)
 - It was pointed out that the cut of medical funding will affect provision of therapy for students in need.
 - The President suggested this issue required talking to the senior tutor.

24. Intermission support plan (DSO)
 - It was pointed out that when students intermit, leaving is easier than returning as the latter requires proof of medical fitness.
 - The DSO hopes to start a support plan for students who have intermitted.

25. StELA action plan (DSO)
 - The DSO pointed out the plan as a means for students to work out how to approach academic challenges with their DOS.

26. Bereavement support group (DSO)

- The DSO proposed to start drop-in groups that will help students to deal with issues surrounding bereavement, parental divorce and loss etc.
- The DSO will work together with the international officer on this as such issues are likely to be more challenging for international students.

27. Freshers' workshop (DSO)

- The DSO proposed inclusion of Freshers' workshops on disability and mental health, as well as exam mitigation.