



Governance Committee Meeting – 15.11.2020

Attendance: BT (JCR Chair), AW (SRO), SWC (President), MP (VP), EM (Stool), JC (JRO)

Location: A Zoom Call

Motions

Bar Steward JCR Membership 2.0

Already discussed last week, no new thoughts

No further governance issues

Caucus Voting Motion

No governance issues

Motion to un-Officer the Communities Committee

AW Could this raise an issue when the exec have to take a vote on something as they will no longer have an odd number

SWC A formal exec vote is very rare, and even then it's likely that the vote would concern someone on the committee, so the voting number would now be odd under the new rules

*Various hypothetical JCR scenarios raised, the meeting briefly descends into something akin to the *You Are The Umpire**

No further governance issues

Yoga at Cuth's

BT Another society was founded under this name but they failed to ratify?

MP Has the former society been notified of this?

EM I did mention it to the Founder, she thought was absolutely fine with this (not that it needs permission)

No further governance issues



Record of Resolutions Motion

MP volunteers to second the motion

SWC Do you want this to be combined with the records of the donations that we make? The FCO already organises that, so they could expand it to include this.

AW It is similar, but I think this is sufficiently separate to warrant being organised by the Chair. It should be kept in the same part of the website though.

SWC This is also in line with a new (slightly silly) university policy.

No further governance issues

Reports Motion

MP volunteers to second the motion

SWC Given that communities committee doesn't have an representative, it's important that a delegate gives one.

MP I think they should give a report with the exec, as it wouldn't be an increase in length from how the current one is supposed to work.

No further governance issues

Elections

XR's Manifesto and Poster

SWC Don't know how he'll sort COVID safe snacks, but he's within his rights to say it.

AW He's missing a signature, I'll tell him to add it

No further governance issues

ZH's Manifesto and Poster

SWC's point about snacks applies here too

No further governance issues

SG's Manifesto and Poster

AW Needs to cut any reference to people who hold positions.

No further governance issues



AOB

More Lavish Raffle

BT AW & MF (Facilities) are both very on-board for a very good raffle (for example a £15 dominoes voucher) – the slightly questionable items from SWC's flat can still be raffled off though

Positions List

AW I've made an extensive list of JCR Officers. Adding Volunteer Librarians to this would pretty much double the list. Are we enforcing them attending JCR meetings?

MP I don't think it shouldn't be a JCR role – I don't think we should just be expanding and codifying the JCR roles indefinitely

AW I think the point of having it as a Method III position is to keep it fair and have oversight. It should be in the standing orders – if we want to make exceptions to the rules we need to change the standing orders.

SWC I'm happy to say that they shouldn't come to JCR meetings. We should find a way of phrasing it correctly.

MP I think the role of VP might also need to be looked at for auto VONC exemption – a slightly lazy 24 hours could easily see me kicked out.

AW I do think we need to enforce attendance better. Last week was fine, but we continue on a downwards trajectory. SWC please prod TB (S&S Chair) to bully sports & socs to come.

BT It may become unenforceable for in-person positions, as 82 Volunteer librarians might not be able to fit into the bar.

SWC We need to repeat the message. JCR is the bigger picture – engage! We can create an exemption, but either way they should be hyped up by ER in the Facebook group.

AW Technically speaking MP should be emailing people about attending.

MP That is true but I think due to evolving JCR communication, increasing JCR positions, and GDPR laws that have come in since that was written, I think that is no longer a reasonable responsibility. I will have a think about communicating about meetings, but I also might write a motion to remove the responsibility.

No further governance issues

Getting the Ball rolling

AW Can you ask the exec to ask questions about motions to make it more chill for other people to do so – get the ball rolling.

SWC Yes I will do this