



## JCR Meeting 1.4 - 06-12-2020

Attendance: SWC (President), MW (FCO), MP (VP), JS (PG&M), ES (Senior Welfare), BT (JCR Chair), TB (Sports & Socs), MF (Facilities), AW (SRO), JG (Male Welfare), GG (WCS Rep), SP (Trustee), KM (Trustee), EM (Stool, Formals Manager), EGr (Finance Comm), SB (Social Comm), DM (Social Comm), GT (Welfare Campaigns), JC (JRO, PG Treasurer), SG (DUCK Rep), EJ (Outreach Comm), CT (Project Coordinator), KW (PG Academic Rep), JR (Head Frep), CP (Bailey Wardrobe Manager), KBro (Environment Rep), LS (Gym Manager), CH (Assistant LGBT+ Rep), TAF (Welfare Campaigns, Assistant International Rep), CA (YAPL Rep & Social Comm), JP (Trustee), EBo (Outreach Comm), LD (Outreach Comm), SM (Keeper of the Couplets), ZH (Assistant Librarian), AnJ (SU Comm, JRO), PA, JB, AS, EM, EO, IU, AS, JN, JR, DT, DA, CC, SMa

Apologies: JGa (Female Welfare), AG (Social Comm), IA (Welfare Campaigns), SoB (Events Manager), NG (Social Comm), HH (Campaigns Manager), BC (Welfare Campaigns), HM (EM Rep), LH (LGBT+ Rep), LB (Outreach Chair), ER (Librarian), RM (PR Officer), SS (Social Chair)

Absent: LuH (Social Comm), SU (Social Comm), EG (Social Comm), GF (Welfare Campaigns), MO (Social Comm), AJ (Local Students' Rep), SR (Finance Comm), NE (Social Comm), RMu (Assistant WCS Rep), EB (Fashion Show President), AD (Trans & Non-Binary Rep), MPi (Welfare Campaigns), DB (Outreach Comm), CL (Outreach Comm), EW (Social Comm), MH (SU Comm), LF (Stock Manager), EMC (Outreach Comm), HR (Social Comm), JWa (PG VP), HD (Stock Manager), RP (Bar Liason Manager), JL (Outreach Publicity), IE (Social Comm), LJ (Social Comm), JW (Finance Comm), EP (Social Comm), KB (Finance Comm),

Location: A Zoom Call



## Agenda:

Exec Reports

## Motions

Facilities Reform Motion (1)

Cut the Rent Motion (2)

Method 1 Election Rules Reform Motion (3)

Boat Club Subs Motion (4)

## The Raffle

## Elections

International Rep (I)

Sports & Socs Reporter x2 (II)

SU Comm Member x1(II)

Postgraduate Welfare Rep (II)

Assistant EM Rep (II)

Assistant SwD Rep (II)

Fluffy Socks Manager (IV)

\*Minutes Pass\*



## Exec Reports

### SWC (President)

- Planned, delivered freshers' week and two online freshers' weeks
- Ran weekly drop-ins
- Interviewed candidates for committees
- Attended most committee meetings
- Set up board games and equipment loans
- Helped get gyms up and functioning
- Helped get the music room re-opened
- Opened up a music practice space in a marquee for livers-out
- Attended lots of meetings about wider student experience this term
- Attended lots of meetings about wider student experience next term
- Attended SU Assembly to represent JCR President's committee
- Negotiated with the university to recoup some of our sports and socs covid cost
- Helped coordinate a response to rising accommodation fees
- Organised household reps and had the first meeting
- Did Find a Friend with MW
- Organised some first aid training for JCR Presidents
- Worked to help students, answer questions etc
- Done student representation in misconduct meetings
- Reviewed our SLA
- Chaired JCR President's Committee

### MW (FCO)

- I've done some work to increase the participation fund and divide this fairly among JCR members who've applied for it.
- passed the JCR's accounts from last year through our auditing company and the trustees
- I've monitored forms for people wanting book pitches at MC and board games.
- worked with SWC to make sure student experience this term can be as good as circumstances allow
- worked with MF and ER open the gym and the library



- taken the levies and updated membership lists
- interviewed and chosen finance comm members who've been keeping our accounts and passing some budgets

## MP (VP)

- I've attended dozens of meetings and minuted them
- I've organised a stash order
- I've been sorting old minutes on the website – taking longer than I hoped but will be fully sorted by the start of next term
- Helped sort Uni Challenge trials & Gyms
- Had a lot of fun!

## SS (Social Chair)

Hello everyone, sorry I'm not here to read this but to quote a wise and eternal soul (MP) 'such is life'.

Obviously, Covid-19 put a bit of a spanner in the works for social events this term, meaning we were unable to put on Michaelmas ball as usual. Sadness (no trains for me 😞)

But we have been putting on a series of smaller social events. Before lockdown, social comm and I organised a Halloween Party in Cuths which completely sold out and was a massive success.

I've tried to organise online events throughout the term, but the uptake for these have been limited. However, we have run a pup quiz, 'berties bingo' and 'paint with me'.

At the beginning of this month, Social Comm and I organised an online 'formal from home'. Bistro Italiano did a deal where they made us meals for £6 a head. We then arranged notecards to be written and delivered to every house that got a ticket. We sold 99 tickets and EA did a zoom address that was well attended.

I've been chatting with other college social chairs about plans for next term and the summer. Obviously, nothing is confirmed, but we've been discussing options for balls/ formals if lockdown measures ease up.

That's all folks!

## JS (PG&M)

Became chair of MCR Prescomm and sat on COVID community committee

Joined the accommodation fees working group and due to join a working group with the SU Welfare and Liberation officer in January



Worked with College Officers and the SCR to host some research forums, talks, a research slam and an end of term PG celebration

Allocated PG families and ran a 'meet your family event'

Ran committee applications and elected a new PG Academic Rep

Worked with other MCR presidents to host some inter-MCR events and planned some ideas for over Christmas

## ES (Senior Welfare)

- Moved Drop-Ins online, holding them on Microsoft Teams every week.
- Looked at ways to get drop-ins up and running in person, hopefully will be able to do that next term (depending on covid).
- Managed to get the Order Form up and running (We won't be doing any more supply drops in Michaelmas Term), for both livers in and livers out.
- Been planning and running Campaigns, Take Time to Sign, Looking up in lockdown, and currently in the process of planning one for over the holiday break.
- Attended Welfare Forum on tackling sexual violence
- Looking at ways to use our increased budget, by expanding our range of sexual health supplies, upgrading condom brands, bringing in flavoured products and looking at getting STI testing kits. Also looking at getting in other things such as stress balls or fidget toys for anxiety etc
- Been in contact with other welfare officers about trying to better ways in which welfare can operate, and also about issues in student areas right now and what we can do about it.

## TB (Sports & Socs)

This term has been a strange term for sports and socs this year. Most the term has been spent organising covid officers and practices. I also had to organise the naked calendar which has arrived and will be on sale on Tuesday with socially distanced/household photos. Hopefully sports will get back to normal next term with team Durham's return to play.

## RM (PR Officer)

Been a busy and COVID-19 filled term for me, so I didn't do all I wanted to, but I did to these things:

- Produced the weekly newsletter
- Produced the Housing talk
- Ran SU committee applications (pls run for the last junior SU rep spot tonight!) and appointed a webmaster
- Been to a ton of SU rep meetings including SU assembly twice.



- Sat on the SU Democracy Review steering group (please fill out the survey, I helped design it)
- Ran Uni Challenge trials (with amazing effort from TB and MP) and organised some friendly matches for a college tournament.

### MF (Facilities)

- Liaised with college and SWC to reopen our gyms safely.
- Accepted applications for Gym Manager.
- Arranged new gym equipment and COVID safety posters.
- Recorded induction videos for both gyms and amended gym service agreement to reflect COVID stuff.
- Opened gyms to livers-in.
- Helped with content on the website like booking forms.
- Music room open to livers-in.
- Managed a few internal Green Machine Hires pre-lockdown

### LB (Outreach Chair)

Not submitted

### ER (Librarian)

- We've extended opening hours to 9:00-23:00 every day
- The new online booking system is working relatively well
- The Bar Space has been open to livers in as a study space
- Reintroduced prepackaged, Covid-safe biscuits
- Allowed the library to be open with reduced hours until the 18th December
- Book Club has been happening on Zoom with relatively good turnouts
- The Click and Collect system works well and is used pretty frequently
- The Assistant Librarian and I are being catalogue trained

### HM (On behalf of Communities committee)

- Removed the role of Communities Chair, JCR motion passed that enabled for one member of Communities Committee to attend JCR exec meetings
- Assistant LGBT+, International and Working Class reps elected, as well as our first Trans and Non Binary Rep!
- Students with disabilities rep elected
- Frep week
- LGBT+ Coffee mornings during frep week



- LGBT+, Working class, and Ethnic Minority rep delivered Anti-discrimination workshops for JCR Exec and Sports and Societies Exec
- Working Class Rep working with FCO on getting the bursary extended
- Anti-Racism Workshops delivered by Frep volunteers to Freshers
- Formation of an Anti-Racism society
- Formation of a Working Class Students Society
- LGBT+ rep attended more meeting with the LGBT Associations on better socials
- Open Letter as part of 17 Letters, Four Words: A Racism Free Durham Campaign
- Looking towards creating Forums where minority students can share their views/concerns

### BT (JCR Chair)

- Updated the 'Elections' page, the FAQ, and the Election Calendar on the JCR website
- Worked on collecting more sample husts for the hust bank on the website
- Looked at participation fund applications with MW
- Set up the Cuth's MS Teams for us to use for JCR Meetings (and other talks)
- Attended meetings of the Board of Trustees Communities Committee
- Updated Standing Orders
- Organised and chaired JCR Meetings
- Organised and chaired GovComm Meetings
- Held drop-ins with AW for JCR Meetings
- Helped people write motions
- Been helping out in the JCR in general, for example helping ER get the Library open, helping MF get the gyms open
- Introduced much better raffle prizes, using GovComm's budget very wisely



## Motions

### Facilities Reform Motion (1)

#### This JCR Notes:

- The Facilities Committee operates differently to many other committees of the JCR and it rarely has meetings.
- The Gym Manager position was vacant most of last year and has been successfully filled since it was temporarily made a Method III position.
- The Green Machine and Hires Manager and the Green Machine Technicians do invaluable work at college events such as silent discos and are not compensated for time given.

#### This JCR Believes:

- Meetings of the Facilities Committee should only be scheduled if required.
- The role of Gym Manager would be more accessible and attract more applicants if it were permanently made a Method III position.
- Facilities Team members who assist in the setting up and clearing up of significant college events should receive up to 40% discounts on ticket prices, in the same way Social Committee members do.

#### This JCR Repeals:

#### **Positions in the JCR Order**

##### 11. Facilities Committee

11.1. There shall exist a Facilities Committee who shall have responsibility for the upkeep of all JCR owned facilities (the gym and the music room). They shall also have responsibility for the maintenance and usage of JCR owned tech equipment, such as sound decks, speakers, and silent disco equipment.

11.1.1 There shall be a termly meeting of the Facilities Committee, with the date to be decided by the Facilities Manager.

##### 11.2 Gym Manager

11.2.1 Elected via: Method II, Meeting 3.1

11.2.3 The overseer for this role if this becomes an application position shall be the Facilities Manager

##### 11.4. Green Machine Technician

11.4.3. The overseer for this role if this becomes an application position shall be the Facilities Manager



## This JCR Orders:

### **Positions in the JCR Order**

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11.1.1. There shall be no scheduled meetings of the Facilities Team.

#### 11.2. Gym Manager

11.2.1. Elected via: Method III.

11.2.3. The overseer for this role shall be the Facilities Manager.

#### 11.3. Green Machine and Hires Manager

11.3.5. They may, at the discretion of the President and the Facilities Manager, receive up to 40% discounts on ticket prices for significant college events, on the premise that they are fulfilling their role adequately, and are involved in the setting up, organising or clearing up of the event.

#### 11.4. Green Machine Technician

11.4.3. The overseer for this role shall be the Facilities Manager.

11.4.4. They may, at the discretion of the President and the Facilities Manager, receive up to 40% discounts on ticket prices for significant college events, on the premise that they are fulfilling their role adequately, and are involved in the setting up, organising or clearing up of the event.

**Proposer:** MF

**Secunder:** MO



## Discussion

MP How does it work with the VP sitting on the committee if there are no meetings?

MF If a meeting is required you'll be there

\*No further questions\*

AW I think there should be meetings. Without a meeting you can lose communication. It polices the Facilities manager.

MF I don't think the motion is against communication, just removes enforced pointless communication.

AW Amends to minimum of 1 meeting per term

\*No questions about the amendment\*

\*No amendments to the amendment\*

\*MF & JR Oppose\*

\*Amendment passes\*

\*No further amendments\*

\*No opposition to amended motion\*

\*Passes on a general aye\*



## Cut the Rent Motion (2)

### This JCR Notes:

- That rent in Durham has been a contentious issue for some time.
- That accommodation fees at Durham University have risen almost every year for over a decade, often above inflation.<sup>1</sup> Over the same time, provision of services has decreased, including a reduction in operational and catering staffing levels (BPR1). Further such cuts, to cleaning provision, were proposed but delayed due to COVID-19.
- That during the COVID-19 pandemic, the university has removed cleaning provision from college rooms and there has been no corresponding reduction in fees.
- That a set of demands agreed on by JCRs, MCRs, the SU and Ripped Off groups was recently passed in SU assembly.

### This JCR Believes:

- That students should not need significant parental support to attend Durham University.
- That high rent prices correspond to an exclusive and elitist university and are directly linked to the cultural issues evident in Durham's student population.
- That rent prices should be reduced.

### This JCR Resolves:

- To stand by, and lobby for, the following demands:
- An immediate cap on fees for a standard, single catered rooms to be £6746.<sup>2</sup>
- An annually published breakdown of how college accommodation fees are spent.
- At least 25% of rooms to be at 50% of the maximum maintenance loan, which will currently be £4601.50.<sup>3</sup>
- To have a significant discount for returners living in college, to enable the university to reach its aspirations of housing 50-55% of students in College-affiliated accommodation by 2027 to maintain strong college identities and communities.<sup>4</sup>

**Proposer:** SWC

**Second:** JP, GG, RM



## Discussion

SWC This motion is the result of a lot of work and meetings; many people had a chance to comment on this.

JC I like a lot of it. As the motion is currently written the 25% rooms could potentially not be spread across colleges. This could cause a college to become “the cheap college” and segregate communities.

SWC I understand that. I don't want to change the central aims. I am opposed to segregation. I would promote a random sample. It's more work for the uni but fairer. I'll propose that amendment.

JC That amendment would make me happy.

\*No further questions\*

SWC Amends to add to the resolves section that in addition to supporting the aims, we aim to not create a segregated community.

\*No questions about amendment\*

\*No amendments to amendment\*

\*No opposition to amendment\*

\*Amendment passes on a general aye\*

\*No further amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

\*Passes on a general Aye\*



## Method 1 Election Rules Reform Motion (3)

### This JCR Notes:

- According to the current standing orders, a large number of JCR position holders are excluded from joining campaign teams on the grounds that they have an unfair influence in elections or it would be a conflict of interest.
- There is widespread discontent with the current election rules concerning online campaigning.
- A small number of active JCR members who do not hold excluded positions are repeatedly asked to join campaign teams, to the annoyance of those individuals.

### This JCR Believes:

- Many JCR members that do not sit on the Executive committee have far more “influence” than those on the Executive committee.
- Making campaign teams smaller would make campaigning less annoying for everyone by reducing the amount of social media campaigning that occurs.
- If campaign teams are smaller, it is reasonable to allow some members of the Executive committee to campaign, though it would still be inappropriate for those holding sabbatical roles, the Vice-President, the Senior Welfare Officer or the Postgraduate and Mature Students Representative to campaign, given the prominence of these positions.
- Likewise, the restriction on Exec-elect members campaigning would no longer be needed.
- The committee chair of the position that will be elected should be neutral to prevent the potential for hostility, e.g the librarian should be neutral in the election of the Assistant Librarian.
- Restricting election posts to only the approved posters, manifestos, and profile pictures with accompanying text - ensuring that all posts contain all candidates’ corresponding manifesto or poster - would discourage excessive campaigning whilst ensuring that the general JCR membership are better informed on the platforms of all candidates.
- Candidates should campaign on their own strengths so, beyond forming campaign teams, they should not affiliate with any other JCR member in their campaign materials.
- These measures taken together would make campaigning less stressful for candidates by reducing the pressure on them to engage in excessive, irritating and aggressive social media campaigning.



This JCR Repeals:

**Method 1 Rules Order**

3.5.5. A campaign team may contain no more than:

- 1) 10 members in a Method I Election, and
- 2) 15 members in a Method I Presidential Election.

3.5.8. Campaign team members must not:

- 1) Be a member of an opposing candidate's campaign team,
- 2) Be a previous holder of the position (on the exception that the candidate is re-running for a position),
- 3) Be a member of the Executive Committee or Governance Committee,
- 4) Be a Student Trustee, nor
- 5) Be a member of the incoming Executive Committee for the next year.

3.3.1. Campaigning via social media is permitted, however, you and your campaign team are:

- 1) Only permitted to campaign from personal accounts,
- 2) Not permitted to make use of videos to campaign,
- 3) Not permitted to make a campaign website or repurpose an existing website for that purpose,
- 4) Not permitted to make or post on any Facebook pages, groups or events.

*(3.4.1 Candidates and campaign team members are forbidden from:)*

- 8) Associating or affiliating with any member of Governance

Committee, the Executive Committee, Student Trustees or the incumbent. Any photographs that include any such persons must be authorised by Governance Committee.



## This JCR Orders:

### **Method 1 Rules Order**

1.3.1 The candidate may at any time submit to the SRO for approval profile pictures for them and their campaigns team to use for the purposes of campaigning.

3.5.5. A campaign team may contain no more than:

- 1) 5 members in a Method I Election, and
- 2) 10 members in a Method I Presidential Election.

3.5.8. Campaign team members must not:

- 1) Be a member of an opposing candidate's campaign team,
- 2) Be a previous holder of the position (with the exception that the candidate is re-running for a position),
- 3) Be a member of Governance Committee,
- 4) Holds the position of Vice-President, Senior Welfare Officer or Postgraduate and Mature Students Representative (with the exception that the candidate holds one of these positions),
- 6) Hold or have held a sabbatical membership of the JCR,
- 7) Be or have been elected for the next term to chair the committee the position will sit on, nor
- 8) Be a Student Trustee.

3.3.1. Campaigning via social media is permitted.

3.3.1.1 All posts or private messages on social media should contain the candidate's manifesto or poster alongside the corresponding manifesto/poster of all other candidates, with accompanying text at their own discretion.

3.1.1.2 Candidates or campaign team members may change their profile picture to the images approved by the SRO for campaigning purposes without reference to other candidates.

3.3.1.3 All campaigning should be from personal accounts.

3.3.2 For campaigning purposes, candidates and their campaign teams are explicitly not permitted to:

Make use of videos to campaign.

Make use of any material other than approved manifestos, posters, and profile pictures, and text, to campaign.



- 2) Make a campaign website, or repurpose an existing website for that purpose.
- 3) Make or post on any Facebook page, group or event.

*(3.4.1 Candidates and campaign team members are forbidden from:)*

8) Associating or affiliating with any other JCR member in their manifesto, poster, hust or content of their campaigning.

**Proposer:** AW

**Second:** MP

## Discussion

AW This motion restricts social media campaigning – the total aim is to reduce spam.

\*No further questions\*

SWC I would prefer all of the exec to not be on a campaign team. I think it's easier to have a blanket ban. The Exec does have a certain responsibility. Easier for everyone if the exec is neutral.

CA I agree.

SWC amends for the Exec, and the Exec elect to not be allowed on campaign teams.

AW I am not totally against the amendment. Part of my logic is that some people are targeted a lot to be in campaign teams. By limiting numbers and letting more people do it we could reduce this.

AW amends amendment to only include current Exec

\*No questions or further amendments\*

\*SWC Opposes\*

\*Amendment to amendment passes\*

\*No questions about the amended amendment\*

\*No further amendments\*

\*No opposition to the amended amendment\*

\*Amendment passes\*

\*No further questions\*

\*No further amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

\*Passes on a General Aye\*



## Boat Club Subs Motion (4)

### This JCR Notes:

- That current sub costs for SCSBC are as follows:
  - Competitive (Senior): £75
  - Competitive (Novice): £65
  - Non-Competitive: £35
  - Cox: £25
  - Social: £20
- Whilst competitive subs include race entry fees (costing around £10 on average per seat excluding the cox per race) there is a large disparity in the number of races that each senior attends. For example, a 1st VIII rower might attend up to 6/7 races per year, whereas a 3rd IV rower may only attend 1/2 races, and novices often less.
- That in the proposed 2020/2021 budget, the club is due to make £6,105 from subs, and a further £12,285 from the JCR. The current budget predicts a net surplus of £8,674 with an expenditure of £9,716.
- That currently, the Boat Club's reserves are built up through subs. The reserves are then spent on larger purchases, such as new boats.
- Changing the way that subs work as outlined in the rest of this motion would predict a net surplus of £854 in the Boat Club's annual budget.
- The cost of subsidising half of the race entry fee is not included in the proposed budget due to its unpredictability, but in a normal year would cost the JCR approximately £1,600.
- The proposed changes would result in a predicted £2,135 less being raised each year through subs, representing an annual saving of approximately £5,700 from the JCR budget (excluding larger purchases made from reserves, and the approximate £1,600 to normally be spent annually on subsidising race entry fees).
- Large boat purchases are generally made around 5-7 years apart, and the current fleet is in decent condition.
- SCSBC have already passed this motion at a club general meeting, agreeing to take this motion to a JCR meeting.
- Finance Comm have approved the amended budget and the JCR's trustees have no issue with changing how the Boat Club keep their reserves.

### This JCR Believes:

- That the subs charged by SCSBC should be reduced in order to prevent the large build-up of reserves. When the boat club wishes to make larger purchases, they can do so by requesting them to the trustees. This would not have to be passed at a JCR Meeting.
- That the changes to control over the Boat Club's money will be aided by a 5 year spending plan, that will allow for more sensible financial decisions and make it easier for the Boat Club to reduce their expenditure.
- Reducing subs for SCSBC and paying for British Rowing race licenses will make the Boat Club more accessible for members of the JCR, while reducing the amount of



money the club takes from the JCR on an annual basis (excluding larger purchases made from reserves and subsidies on race entry fees).

- The system of subsidising race entry costs on a per race system is preferable due to its flexibility and for its fairness, assigning costs based on the number of races competed in rather than the current system that financially disadvantages those who do not race as frequently.
- The Boat Club will still operate at a net surplus in order to fund smaller purchases, such as small boats or oars, and provide a financial safety net in case of emergency.

### This JCR Resolves:

- Subs are reduced to the following amounts:
  - Competitive (Senior): £45
  - Competitive (Novice): £40
  - Non-Competitive: £25
  - Cox: £20
  - Social: £15
- Entry costs to races are to be subsidised half by the JCR, rather than being fully funded by subs. The rower would be responsible for paying half of the seat fee, and the other half can be requested from the JCR (as happens with climbing and swimming).
- The cost of British Rowing race licenses will be fully subsidised by the club. All competitive members will be entitled to reclaim £38 from the Boat Club when they have provided evidence of purchasing a British Rowing student race license for the academic year in which they have paid competitive subs.
- The yearly cost for novice competitive rowers will be reduced from £103 (subs + race license) to £40 (subs) plus 50% of each entry fee (~£5); likewise, the yearly cost for senior competitive rowers will be reduced from £113 to £45 plus 50% of each entry fee (~£5).
- The Boat Club has around £14,000 in reserves which will be spent on large purchases in the next 4-5 years, before large sums of money are asked from the JCR.
- Large purchases, such as new boats, would be agreed with the trustees and then paid for out of JCR reserves, rather than building their own reserves through charging subs which currently makes a net surplus of nearly £9,000 per year.
- The Boat Club will come up with a 5 year plan of large purchases they plan on making, which will aim to reduce expenditure by ensuring that purchases are in line with this plan, and are not made on a whim that loses the Boat Club money.

**Proposer:** JR

**Secunder:** MW



## Discussion

JR This essentially shifts the responsibility for money on the Trustees who have better *institutional memory*. The changes in subs make the boat club more accessible.

AW Given that in the motion the savings come from the 5-Year Plans, how can you ensure that the BC won't ask for more money than they are asking for now. This could cost the JCR more money as it does not have the oversight of budgeting.

JR This motion will not necessarily save the JCR money. If the BC need more money, we may need to fundraise more. Any purchase over 5k will be passed by the Trustees. The motion isn't really trying to save money – I expect it will though as we won't request 20k over 5 years – highest ever purchase 14k.

AW That mostly answers my question, but the BC has been spending this much money – there's not guarantee that they will no longer spend this money. My question is how confident are you that spending levels will go down?

JR Even purchases with own reserves need to be approved by the trustees. Our fleet is in good nick, but the BC could spend a lot of money if they want – now the trustees an approve or deny more easily – 5-Year Plan will be more held to. I can't guarantee the motion will save the JCR money – but I think it will. Over the next 5 years though, it certainly will. It's better that the BC asks for money when it needs it vs just stockpiling.

\*No further questions\*

JC As the motion is written it's to the trustees to decide, not the JCR. I am opposed to the idea that the largest expenditure isn't agreed to at a JCR meeting.

JC amends to require expenditure to be approved in JCR meetings

\*No questions about the amendment\*

\*No amendments to the amendment\*

\*JR Opposes\*

JR The reason for the motion not being like that is that in 3 or 4 years JCR members might not know about this motion, so the BC could wrongly be seen to be asking for too much. In that amount of time the JCR may have little recollection of this.

\*Amendment does not pass\*

\*No further amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

\*Motion passes on a General Aye\*



## The Raffle

The Grand Prize - £20 Take-Away Voucher – MW – rerun – AnJ (GovComm looks after its own)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Box of Quality Streets – LS

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Some Mr. Kipling Mince Pies – CH

## Elections

International Rep (I), Sports & Socs Reporter x2 (II), SU Comm Member x1(II), Postgraduate Welfare Rep (II), Assistant SwD Rep (II)

No candidates, to be re-run at next meeting

### Assistant EM Rep (II)

Candidates: DM, RON

DM's Hust

- Introduces himself
- Interested in taking part in increasing inclusivity
- Can relate to EM issues

### Questions

DT On Open Days I get asked “what it like to be a student of colour in Durham” how would you respond to this?

DM I do not think the community is big. To be fair and effort is being made to be more inclusive. More could be done. I do think the experience can be positive.

CA Can you expand on “EM issues”?

DM I mean anything brought to my attention. For example, I've complained a lot about the treatment of asian students. If students face a structural disadvantage, I want to give them attention and combat it.

DT As EM Rep you'd be part of the College Rep community – how would you work with other colleges?

DM I feel like it's always a good move to be the first one to reach out with ideas. I'm open to new ideas from other colleges. We need to stand as a united front.

\*DM Elected\*



## Fluffy Socks Manager (IV)

Candidates: JG, PA, BT, EO, IG, JR

\*JR Elected\*

\*SWC reminds people to talk to those who hold positions they want to run for\*

\*Meeting Adjourned\*