



Governance Committee Meeting – 06.02.2021 (with correspondance for 2.1 Elections)

Attendance: SWC (President), MP (VP), EM (Stool), JC (JRO), MR (JRO), AJ (JRO)

Location: A Zoom Call. SWC eating perhaps crackers, JC & EM sitting on their couch

Motions

BLM Updated motion

SWC *raises concerns over how this motion relates to the education act – later thinks it is fine*

No further governance issues

SCSCFS Budget

No governance issues

Potential Auto vonc

MP AIJ (Local Students Rep) has missed 2 communities committee meetings and 1 SU Comm meeting – RM (PR Officer) believes that he is mandated to go to SU Comm.

We can't find anything in the Standing Orders that says he is mandated to go to SU Comm, so this won't be run



Elections

President - AW

JC I've got no issues with his written materials. With his hust: at 5.50 he says that he thinks that over his time here he thinks he's written more motions than anyone else – I suspect this isn't true

MP I think we should get him to change this

SWC The point is still the same.

MP I think this is the sort of thing we would change this if it was a written hust, and I don't want candidates to be held to a lower standard because it's a video hust.

JC It does primarily serve to get across an idea. Because he says uses the word think it isn't factually incorrect.

SWC I'm not passionate about this but I'd lean toward not asking him to change this.

MP Equally don't think it's the end of the world but in favour of changing this.

Consensus to have it changed

JC 8.00 he says he wants a publicity exec role

SWC He means just dedicated to publicity, but it is odd considering the existence of Publicity and Relations officer

EM If we split Publicity & Relations, they might not have enough to do to warrant being on the exec.

SWC It's not uncommon for their responsibilities to be divided differently in different colleges.

MP It could be possible to shift things around with VP and FCO – I feel we should ask for clarification on this

SWC Again this is quite a minor complaint.

JC We could ask for more detail? He doesn't have too much time for this left in his hust.

SWC He could just mention a reshuffle of responsibilities?

JC We should tell him to change the language from create to reshuffle if he want's this in his hust.

SWC Agreed.

AW contests these complaints. Because they are relatively minor, and GovComm asked for a video hust and not a written hust, we agree that his video is acceptable in its current form

No further governance issues



Vice-President: MF

EM No issues with written material, nothing factually incorrect. Hust no issues.

MP Profile pic is fine to me, allowed to use the JCR logo.

No further governance issues

Vice-President: KM

EM No issues with written material. Any issues with hust?

SWC She's said she's handled £250,000 of JCR money – perhaps this is a misleading statement for finance comm? To me it's a slightly misleading statement. Handled to me says "has control over". A small thing.

MP Fair enough beef. I'll ask her exactly what she means by that and we can come back to that

over Messenger after the meeting is over

MP KM's got back to me on the £250,000 claim

"Yeah it was the annual turnover from the overall budget and i was on the accounts and did all of the bookkeeping until the pandemic and helped write the overall budget for this year"

Are we ok with this?

JC Personally I'm happy for her to say she handled the money

SWC I'd prefer a different wording but it's not a hill I will die on

MP I think it's just about ok personally

Complaint about KM and MW (FCO) tagging each other in unrelated posts – decided that this shouldn't be allowed in this election

No further governance issues



Vice-President: BT

SWC I think the hust I have issues with. He's done a campaign video where he should do a hust. It's not a huge manufactured campaign video, but I think it's excessive.

EM In theory a lot of what he's done could be somewhat emulated in person (wearing stash and holding a pint in the dining hall). But it's unfair that no one else has done this.

SWC In GovComm we usually discuss use of props. LM (Presidential candidate 18-19) wasn't allowed to. Bringing a pint in is fine. But the way the video is structured is unfair. It's more engaging, because in my eyes it's more than a hust. We've specifically voted against videos in the past.

EM I'm concerned about the precedent it sets.

JC We could allow this now, and later specify this isn't allowed.

AJ There are no set rules, so it seems unfair to do so now

SWC "Video Hust" implies to me that it's a typical JCR meeting hust, videod. BT is on GovComm, but I think if no one else among us were under the impression that this is allowed. It's an advantage over the candidates to have made this. We should apologise to BT for not having clarity, we realise there weren't any explicit rules, we haven't done this before, but we feel this is a campaign video not a hust.

EM We should specify that we don't have any issues with props being used such as a pint or wearing stash.

AJ Are we planning on specifying rules in the future?

SWC Yes

AJ Then I think it's not unfair to ask him to change.

JC I think we should specify that you're not allowed to go to a Cuth's location in your hust – by that I mean you should have a relatively neutral background.

SWC Just personally it's not what I expected.

MP I don't think it is unreasonable to expect "video hust" to be interpreted as video'd hust. Candidates in previous elections since the pandemic have all understood this.

SWC BT says he sits on the Trustee Communities Subcommittee – this technically isn't true. He doesn't actually sit on this, he's invited to go.

EM I think that is fine. The distinction is really quite minor. We could clamp down on it, but it's far from a game-changer.

MP I feel like since we are asking for a rerecord it's reasonable to ask for this to be amended.

SWC Ask for "attend" – he is invited for his insight. KM is allowed to say it as she is a trustee.

No further governance issues



Logistics for Running the Meeting

SWC to prepares a tribunal

JC We're not using dropbox because we need more storage than is available on the free version. I think our system of running video hysts is wrong. We should ask for written hysts, and then ask to refilm. We have been a bit annoying here.

SWC We didn't really specify if someone on the tribunal if someones running in election – 3 people are. It'll be SP & JP, (trustees) EM & JC (as acting chair and SRO), and then a couple of exec.

EM Let's make a vegan election (no beef). I will sort prizes now.

MP Need to advertise greggs vouchers in meeting then immdiately after.

AJ I think do more greggs vouchers if we have anything.

JC "I love getting a pasty in my email" [sic]

Also seen as important to do a post specifically about the vouchers during the election – this got an increase in voting

SWC Who's laptop are we playing video through

EM Mine, but others should also download.

AJ volunteers.

JC JROs need to set up DUVSO and and some form of form for the greggs. We will autonomously sort this

AJ I don't mind – just be make it clear what is being done.

The Rules

SWC Do we want to get the candidates together and run them through the rules

6.45 MP, SWC, JC, and EM will be there – AJ and MR welcome.

MP Campaign team mebers can also come. If we make the rules super super clear we can be very strict.

SWC Obviously all online – no posters at all.

JC The big thing is sending all manifestos over messages.

SWC Everyone read it over.

MP I'll write a summary. I won't glam it up as I am only advertising to like 4 people.

This goes ahead and all things considered the rules are relatively well followed



Anouncing the results

Unable to use the house 8 Balcony, so MP lives streams SWC announcing the results from her window onto the Bailey – goes relatively well, but SM (Keeper of Couplets) criticises the annoying sound of MP clearly chewing gum

FCO

EM What are we going to do for FCO? Would we take it back to non-sabbatical if no one runs?

SWC There are conversations to be had. I'm not worried right now. As people get rejected from grad schemes and want another year at uni they'll apply. I don't think FCO needs the same set of skills as President – you can be a bit more 9-5 with it. I'm not worried that we might not get the single most intensely JCR person. If no one runs conversations will be had. We could potentially pay a student to do it. We should at least run it twice before we get super worried. Is it really that shocking given that things haven't been super on with the JCR this year? I think it's a good thing we have at least one contested election.

EM to advertise the in freshers groups on the morning of the meeting, and do an instagram post. Reference the parish council meeting. (a recent meme). JC will advertise elections Monday morning. MP will make a beautiful Super Sunday themed graphic.