



Postgraduate & Mature Students' Committee Meeting – 28-01-2021

Attendance: JS (PG & M Chair), JWa (PG VP), JC (PG Treasurer), KW (Academic Rep), MP (VP) SWC (President)

Updates and Events

JS Last term was busy, hopefully a more predictable one this time. Just meeting to get your thoughts. I've spoken to EA (Principle) and JW (Vice-Principal) to discuss their plans. Any thoughts for stuff to do this term?

JC It'd be nice to do a big PG social event. We're at the point now where we just need to be able to meet each other.

JS Yeah. EA is keen to do an online murder mystery formal in some capacity. We could do break out rooms. I agree. I know KW said she wanted to do something with Poetry

KW A Poetry society has been set up – we could collaborate with them.

JS It'd be nice to do a more creative academic event. EA says she'll be in touch this week. SM (SU PG Academic Rep) is doing a cross campus "to PG or not to PG" campaign – we could do events around that. We could do a PG & M Comm drop in potentially for general advice. We could do a couple of events with SCR members talking about their subjects and PG avenues to go down. EA said it'd be good to have a session with people doing research grants.

JC I think we should include someone on the grant side – I've never interacted with them and it's probably important.

JS JW (Vice-Principal) has arranged a research slam on the 8th Feb. He'll be in touch with KW. MM (SCR President) will do a presentation, and I'll talk to people on my course to see if they are willing to give a presentation. EA has been in touch with SCR members to do talks. We'll have the fellow's lecture at some point – that'll have to be on zoom. Potential Policing and Racism talk with constabulary – could be a difficult dialogue or some other style event

SWC We should make sure that this discussion includes the voices of POC. It'd be nice to have some experts in, it does seem a little lazy to rely on our Anti-Racism Society or EM reps past and present.

JS Inter-MCR events have been going pretty well as far as zoom goes. I think this term people are going to struggle to be on zoom at much in the evenings – I'm cautiously predicting a downward turn in turnout – have to work with this. We could do more afternoon events, which could be more time zone friendly.

JC I like that as an idea, you don't need to "lose your whole evening" – it could work with minimal entertainment



JS I'm doing tea and chill, I think they have been decently attended. Lack of them at the end of last term – appreciative of EA's enthusiasm. Have some thoughts about more specific events that we can fill the calendar with later.

General Committee Responsibilities

JS Due to info was changing day to day last term a lot of stuff had to be done on the fly without consulting the committee – but now we have things set up. I know there isn't too much for JC to do as PG Treasurer – do you want to be involved with anything else? – any part you enjoyed when you were PG&M chair?

JWa I feel I haven't really done anything. I'm very happy to pick up slack if that is going to help, I feel somewhat symbolic atm.

JC Likewise. No burning need to take more on but can help out where needed. If it will make your life easier send things my way.

JS Good. I'll be sure to delegate when appropriate.

KW If we're doing more casual drop-in sessions, I'm happy to step in,

JS Thanks. It won't be too frequent but a few every now and then wouldn't go amiss.

Murder Mystery

JS Obviously everyone here is keen to do something normal – the transition to online poses challenges. Any ideas?

JC It would be nice to keep a similar structure – we could have a course system, even if there isn't necessarily food.

KW Should we do randomised breakout rooms or teams?

JS Normally we'd invite all colleges – with it being online why not invite people, as this is particularly transferrable. Random breakout rooms could work well. If people want to come with flats we'll have to work around that.

JC We could let people have preferences, but randomly allocate aside from that.

JWa Like that. Do we want to promote a call for writers – we could do it as the committee, but getting ideas and getting others involved could freshen it up.

JS Fairly fresh info. She mentioned it to IU (Cuth's Drama President) – she seemed keen to recruit people through drama directory – we could do a call for writers as well as performers. A team could definitely help. I had potential thoughts for killing someone on zoom – do they just lie on their desk for 50 minutes? It'll be a fun hill to get over.

JWa I think we need to go lower concept than last year as it went over lots of peoples heads.

JC I'd love to wear a monocle again.



- JS Obviously the Committee has priority to take part.
- MP I'm more a of a model but I'd be keen to act.
- JS It seems like a nice thing to do.
- JC To take away and think – think about acting in a zoom call – do it live or pre-record it?
- JS Some sort of intricate screen share thing?
- JC A zoom call to the actors in broadcast to the guests zoom call?
- JS Something to play around with and test before hand.
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- JS Any further Q's drop me a line – hopefully less hectic this term! Stay safe!