



JCR Meeting 1.2 - 19-10-2021

Attendance: AW (President), IC (FCO), KM (VP), EW (Social Chair), JS (PG&M), JG (Senior Welfare), EM (JCR Chair), JW (Sports & Socs), LH (PR Officer), TB (Facilities), CL (Outreach Chair), ZH (Librarian), LM (Male Welfare), MB (Stool), ML (JRO, Outreach Comm), AF (JRO), MF (JRO), PA (EM Rep), CH (LGBT+ Rep), EMe (International Rep), ES (Assistant Int. Rep), BT (Trustee), KB (Trustee), MA (Social Comm), JF (Social Comm), HR (Social Comm), SU (Social Comm), KH (Social Comm), HC (Social Comm), JC (Social Comm), IF (Formals Manager), RP (Social Comm), IM (Social Comm), SB (Michaelmas Ball Manager), GM (Environment Rep), EL (Environment Comm), SY (Environment Comm), SR (Environment Comm), JR (Environment Comm), AA (Environment Comm), MA (Environment Comm), JH (Outreach Comm), YN (Outreach Comm), HD (Outreach Comm), MS (Outreach Comm), JV (SU Comm), AD (SU Comm), WS (SU Comm), SL (Outreach Comm, International Comm), NM (International Comm), YW (International Comm), IE (International Comm), SJ (International Comm), AC (Campaigns Manager),

Apologies: DB (Communities Chair, SwD Rep), JN (Local Students' Rep), NT (Trustee), EB (Outreach Committee), TA (Female Welfare), BS (Outreach Comm)

Absent: KB (Fashion Show President), JR (Head Frep)

Location: Bailey Bar



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Minutes Pass



Correspondence

AW: The Michaelmas ball event is up, tickets go on sale on Friday. JCR only. Oktoberfest tickets on sale tomorrow and Thursday 12-4pm - priority second year.

JG: I want to state in this correspondence that Cuth's JCR stands against the stance taken by the Durham University Student Wellbeing Office through their 'Don't Get Spiked' campaign. As Senior Welfare Officer, I believe that this campaign, which is focused on 'preventative measures' along with the tagline 'Don't Get Spiked' lays the blame of spiking onto the victim when in reality this blame always solely lies with the perpetrator. A campaign like this is damaging to student welfare, heightening the difficulties faced by victims of spiking, a traumatic event that often leads to long-term physical and psychological consequences.

This goes against what we stand for as a Society and goes against the consent culture which stamps out victim blaming, a culture we aim to promote through consent workshops and campaigns. There are, of course, measures you can take to try and prevent yourself from being spiked such as covering your drink and not leaving it unattended, but the nature of the University's campaign suggests that these measures are a guarantee, and you would be at fault for the spiking for not taking said measures. It is false to assume that through these actions you will not be spiked, and an argument of this kind often leaves victims of spiking left feeling as though they 'should have' done something. Whether or not you have taken precautions does not mean you have control over whether or not you are spiked, and any conversation around what someone 'should have' done is victim blaming and excuses the perpetrator for the spiking.

The blame always lies with the perpetrator, and therefore this JCR stands against the tagline 'Don't Get Spiked' and we want to ensure our student community knows that it goes against our values as a society. Instead, we want to hold perpetrators of spiking accountable and empower students to seek help when needed, without fear of victim blaming.

The welfare officers, Alfie and I have complained to the Student Wellbeing about this campaign and we intend to pursue this point with University leadership over this year.



Motions

MAS

This JCR Notes:

- Cuth's does not currently have a music appreciation society.

This JCR Believes:

- Cuth's would benefit greatly from such a society.
- Similar to a book club, music will be discussed and listened to in a relaxed and social environment. Cuth's lacks a music society like this that is not 'hands-on' and music is very popular so it would attract a lot of interest.
- Members of the society, including Freshers, have expressed their interest in such a society.
- This would be a good environment for Cuth's students, particularly second years who did not get a chance to meet more people last year, to meet like-minded individuals.

This JCR Resolves:

- To establish a Music Appreciation Society (MAS) for members of St. Cuthbert's society.
- To enable students to listen to music together in a relaxed environment and make new friends.

Proposer: JN

Seconder: HR, JV, CP, TI, IM, AW, DB, MR, EL, JC, TB, KM, MW, MB

Discussion

BT: Please do your best impression of appreciating music - 1970s vibe

A lil foot tap from JN

JW: Will you have a budget?

JN: I would propose we have a budget if needed but not right now

No further questions

No amendments

No opposition

Passed on general aye



EM: I propose we postpone the Postgraduate and Mature Students' President motion

Procedural motion to postpone motion til JS arrives

No opposition

Passed on a general aye

LGBTQ+

This JCR Notes:

- Currently the position and society are labelled as LGBTQ+ Representative and Society.
- The use of the acronym 'LGBTQ+' is becoming increasingly acceptable and preferred within the LGBTQ+ community.

This JCR Believes:

- The addition of the 'Q' in LGBTQ+ would be more inclusive of members of the LGBTQ+ community, especially those who specifically identify with the term queer.

This JCR Mandates:

- The JCR Chair to change all references in the Positions and the Sports and Societies Standing Order to 'LGBT+' to 'LGBTQ+', other than when referring to Durham University's LGBTQ+ Association.

Proposer: CH

Second: LH, CL, ZH, CW, TA, RL, LM

Discussion

No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Passed on a general aye



Assistant Librarian as Method II

This JCR Notes:

- The Assistant Librarian is currently elected as a Method I position, which requires submission of a manifesto, poster and campaigning.
- The position of Assistant Librarian is not often well contested.

This JCR Believes:

- Few skills displayed in a Method I election are relevant to the role of Assistant Librarian.
- More candidates would run for Assistant Librarian if it was elected by Method II.

This JCR Mandates:

- The JCR Chair to update the Standing Orders to make Assistant Librarian a Method II position.

Proposer: AW

Secunder: KM

Discussion

ZH: Just because it is moving to method II doesn't mean it is less work, it opens it up to a lot more people as a method II position

EM: (POI) You can run on the spot rather than planning in advance with method II

No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Passed on a general aye



Postgraduate and Mature Students' President

This JCR Notes:

- The current title is Postgraduate and Mature Students' Chair
- The PGM chair sits on MCR PresComm but is not titled a President
- In every other college the equivalent role has 'President' in the title

This JCR Believes:

- That the role name of Postgraduate and Mature Students' Chair should be changed to "Postgraduate and Mature Students' President"

This JCR Mandates:

- The JCR Chair to update the Standing Orders to reflect the change in role title

Proposer: KM

Secunder: JS, AW

Discussion

JS: Cuth's has a different structure to most colleges as we are one common room rather than split into two, everyone in other colleges refers to their equivalent position as President. Chair doesn't encompass the nature of the role

AW: I constantly have to refer to JS as MCR President anyway otherwise no one knows what I'm talking about, it's just a fair reflection of what the role actually is

No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Passed on a general aye



Straw Poll: Facilities Review

EM: JCR Chair egos are huge

BT: Are you talking about me

EM: No...

TB: As facilities manager we are undertaking a facilities review to make more use and better use of space so we want your opinion. Just shout out suggestions - we have money to spend so let's spend

HH: Trying to use the study room for yoga and it is full of shit! We don't really have a big space and I know we cant magic up space but can we do anything about that

TB: There will be a new building at parsons after Christmas which will have a function space that is bigger than the spaces we currently have

AW: There will be building work starting on November 9th and so for third term that new building will be up and ready for use

CL: I want bees!

EM: Mary's has a beekeeping society

MB: A space to have a projector where we can watch films and beanbags too

EM: Beanbags!

A lot of shouting out and over that a lot of suggestions got lost - oops

AC: Karaoke

CL: Bees! (Again)

Some horrible and very CRACAS suggestions

MP: A communal space in house 13

KM: Wine Cellar

JR: Juke box

MF: Toastie bar

KB: Convert back bar to toastie bar

LR: NO. Ventilate it. Buy a fan

HR: A ball pit

JC: A ventilated dark room

SR: Rugby balls and tackle pads

ME: Gender neutral bathrooms



HS: Couches

JG: A welfare office that isn't shared with college

AW: Exec Office with windows

MA: Wendy house for President and FCO then make Presidents flat an art room

ME: Soundproof the music room

HR: A bike shed somewhere else

LR: It would cost 6k plus labour to make the tennis court a football pitch for a 5 a side

EM: People in Cuth's built that by hand

MA: Looks like it mate

EL: Public phone charging ports in the JCR

A lot of Ooo's and Ahhh's for EL

MA: That is my hot frep!

EM: Facilities review committee consists of me, IC, TB. College have given us money to revamp the JCR with things like sofas. We will be hosting focus groups and we want a mix of people coming, it will be an informal chat to discuss how to improve spaces in Cuth's. Thank you for the participation, I think that worked well

KM: It did not work well



President's Inaugural Address

KM: I love Britney

AW looks nervous but has a fun powerpoint slide. He begins with the history of the inaugural address starting with el presidente Amy Kuner. AW then moves on to the new addition to las tres grandes disciplinas académicas! AW compellingly tells the life story of Britney Spears. AW sings "Hit Me Baby One More Time", a little shy but he tried. AW sings again but "Oops!... I Did It Again" this time, more confident but worse vocally. We move onto the Free Britney movement but AW really struggles to say conservatorship, it's like he doesn't know whether to say it in English or Spanish everytime. AW believes Britney's music is in society and the Society's interest due to high quality with "Hit Me Baby One More Time" being the best pop song ever. He concludes that Cuth's JCR did nothing to support the #FreeBritney movement until 26th June 2021 when it was too little too late. He finishes strong but with a lack of spanglish at this point with

AW: We must act sooner to stamp out toxic attitudes in the JCR towards struggling celebrities. You all need to gimme more effort in aiding artists in need. As President you pay my wages, so I'm a slave 4 u, and I should do more to fix this oversight as well. We should review our efforts regularly, so we don't find ourselves saying: Oops!...I Did it Again. Gracias!

CL cries

MA sheds a singular tear and chuckles

EW wretches

EW: AW is a gilipollas for ruining the rugby social

Raffle

JH won a toblerone

AC wins the extremely chocolatey biscuits

JC wins lindt choc

AA also wins choc

Much fun was had

MA: That was the most exciting part



Elections

Bar Liaison (I)

Candidates: MP, RON

MP's Hust

For many students, using the Bar is a regular and important part of their interaction with the college. Particularly for those who are less involved with the JCR and the many clubs and societies on offer, the bar provides a crucial service, giving an opportunity to meet and socialise with other students both within and outside of the college. Indeed I know from experience as both a regular patron and a member of staff, how valuable the service that the bar provides is, and therefore how important it is for the JCR and the Bar to work together smoothly. I can also see that the bar's connection with the JCR provides a number of opportunities for closer collaboration in the future, and could provide a closer bond between the JCR and the college as a whole.

Why I'm suited for the role:

First of all senior bar staff; ins and outs, know the other staff well.

Allows to provide Insight into the bar for the JCR and relay the thoughts and feelings of staff and students alike

Particularly last year, it provided a really important social space for me to have fun and meet new people, and I have developed a real fondness for it

I like to think I'm a team player and can take charge or do what I'm asked and I think that is very important for this role

What I would do as bar liaison officer

Primary function is to provide the students with a place to socialise and have fun with their friends.

As such I think its really important to provide them with a way of making their thoughts about the bar known.

I would set up surveys and face to face meetings in order to facilitate greater interaction and get a better idea of what the student body wants, whilst simultaneously understanding the limits of what can be done in the context of the bar.

Help further relations between the bar and the JCR.

For many students the bar is one of the most common interactions they have with the college. I believe that through closer collaboration between Bar can be used by the JCR to get more people interested and actively involved in the college. Possibility of flyers and posters.

My real focus would be on re-invigorating brooks bar



The brooks bar seems like a place that should naturally be very busy. It is after all in the middle of parsons' field where hundreds of students live. Despite this fact, the Bailey Bar regularly makes more than five times the money that Brooks does in a night. However, the Brooks bar does have potential. The continued success of the pub quiz points the direction that it should take; as a space to facilitate regular and one-off events. If we can entice both college and university societies to organise events at Brooks bar, there is no reason it cannot become a success in its own right. If elected, I would take on this responsibility and help to organise and facilitate this change of focus.

In summary, as your bar liaison officer, I will facilitate better connections between the JCR and the bar, I will provide a platform for the student body to make their thoughts and suggestions towards the bar known, and I will help to re-invigorate the Brooks bar so that it can take on a life of its own, out from under the shadow of the Bailey.

Thank you

Questions

LR: If a rugby had block booked the Bailey bar would you have booted them out for the JCR

MP: No comment

LR: Well you are getting RON-ed

EM: A RON campaign can have your JCR membership revoked

MB: Frog or brownie

MP: Frog, a lot of good memories that started with frogs

JR: Would you introduce a college mocktail?

MP: It's a pretty good idea and I think it is a good suggestion, that's the point of the surveys so ideas like that can be brought to the bar

AW: If you got 40k from the uni for renovations what would you spend it on

MP: Reworking all the things out of date like flooring. If we had enough to re-organise Brooks bar I would like to make it more of a bar rather than a room with a bar attached

MB: With the increase in spiking, what would you suggest to combat this?

MP: Everyone needs to play an active role. It's very distressing in comparison to last year where I barely heard of any spiking incidents. Staff need to be vigilant and we need to spread awareness through both staff and students so we know what is going on and appropriate action to take

To be voted for online



Postgraduate Welfare Rep (II)

No candidates, to be elected in the next meeting

Trans and NB Rep (II)

Candidates: LJ, MA, RON

MA's Hust

- I came out as non-binary 8 months ago
- Have always been engaged with LBGT+ issues at student council, local council
- Especially in NI there wasn't a lot of acceptance but amazing what can be changed with a little effort
- I'm very passionate about these issues

LJ's Hust

- They/She/He are my pronouns
- I would like this role as it's a group that is often ignored and marginalised
- In the collegiate life you want someone who will speak for you and be a voice for you
- Having a rep as a minority is very key for certain individuals

Questions:

CH: As LGBTQ+ rep, do you have any ideas for campaigns for trans and non-binary students

MA: Making pronouns more normalised, I used to assume and there are a lot of people who do assume my pronouns, would like to make a point and raising awareness

LJ: I agree, with pronouns not just among students but with staff. It creates a safe and comfortable environment as they are the ones facilitating learning. Other things would be more widespread resources, if someone gets things wrong it isn't always ignorance or malice just a lack of awareness

LH: Besides the gender expression fund, what else could the JCR do to help trans and non-binary students

LJ: As mentioned before, gender neutral bathrooms and we have a male and female officer but people who don't fit in those categories don't feel comfortable

MA: I was going to bring up the welfare officer thing, if you have a welfare issue, the male and female officer roles are restrictive. Someone who is a female welfare officer might not understand what I'm going through and that would be useful for trans and non-binary students



AD: How would you go about creating awareness

MA: I think throughout the social medias, if there was a JCR wide campaign on all the social medias to spread awareness and that would be really useful and it would reach those who also aren't comfortable enough to come out

LJ: It is not just trans and non-binary students who need the information, everyone needs that information or its harmful otherwise. Having sex ed or a discussion that is inclusive of trans non-binary and intersex students who are normally excluded would be beneficial

LJ elected

Assistant Ethnic Minorities Rep (II)

Candidates: JR, RON

JR's Hust

- Last exam season I experienced islamophobia and racism. made a post on Overheard 3 times before it got posted
- I didn't want to burden anyone even though I know I could go to welfare
- I don't want anyone else to go through that again
- I want to help and offer support
- DPOCA has been great with parent scheme and I would like to do a college parent scheme within college

Questions

PA: Do you have any ideas for social media campaigns

JR: If we had a welfare officer scheme, send in stories anonymously for help and then we could create a support scheme for those who experience racism and islamophobia. We could do interviews and zooms for the college kid scheme

JR elected



Assistant LGBTQ+ Rep (II)

Candidates: AD, MA, RON

MA's Hust

- Again I am really passionate about LGBTQ+ issues
- I love the events they have done so far and would like to be more involved
- It would be nice to have a role which is more important than I am

AD's Hust

- Last year I was trans and non-binary rep
- This year I was in a different role in the LGBTQ+ soc, I want to help with events and campaigns
- Last year we helped organise queer the wear and put us at the forefront of queer culture
- I want to make sure as a college we remain that way, and promoting things like the gender expression fund

Questions

CH: Can you identify issues faced by LGBTQ+ students and how to solve

MA: LGBTQ+ soc is really helpful with this but I know there is always the issue of not always heard and taken seriously. We are combatting the not being heard through things like this election and campaigns to actively make changeS through the year

AD: The gender neutral toilets, I know there is one in the jcr but if it was signposted it would make more people aware

CH: Can you give a favourite LGBTQ+ film or tv show

AD: Can't think of any of the top of my head, it's a sin was good to watch this year

MA: Can't pick one but love young royals, swedish

LH: Within the soc drinking is big but with no limits for no drinking events what would you do

MA: It is good to do movie nights and trips, not quite sure where but travelling with a historical connection to the community and connecting with the past is an important part

AD: Board game nights, nothing better to bring people together or tear them apart, especially over teas and coffees

MA elected

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Assistant SwD Rep (II)

No candidates, to be elected in the next meeting

Assistant Working Class Students' Rep (II)

No candidates, to be elected in the next meeting

Best Frep Team

Candidates: JR, AS, BT, ABrin, AB, JD, MA, JS/Postgrad

Silence or minimal cheers for everyone but MA

MA wins by a landslide, the cheers would not stop, the crowd was uncontrollable

New cuth's chant is 'We love you Maxim'

Correspondence pt 2

JW: If you have received an invite for the sports and socs training you are expected to attend.
There will be free drinks!

Meeting Adjourned