



# Postgraduate and Mature Students' Committee

## Meeting – 11.11.2021

Attendance: JS (PGM President), AW (President), KM (VP), RD (Postgraduate Rep), JC (Treasurer)

Apologies: FR (Mature Students' Rep), JWa (PGM VP)

Location: Zooooooooom

### Introduction to the Committee

JS: Just want an idea of what you guys think of the committee. I have been struggling with the SU at the minute, they left us in the dark with PGM prescomm and assembly due to a restructure within the SU. We do have two co chairs for prescomm and have assembly this afternoon. Within college we need some social events, I'm aware we haven't been able to do them and don't want people to forget we do fun social events. Academic events have been ok, difficult to get people free at the same time to do them. Those are my two priorities for this term. Want your ideas for the term and priorities for the year

JC: We should organise something social pretty soon - even just a night in brooks bar

RD: A lot of the pgs living in are in brooks and to meet them it would be best to meet in brooks

AW: In the next week or two we probably won't be able to use brooks - no good news from me

JS: Cheers for that AW. I know spoons brunches in the past have been well attended and we could do something like that in the meantime. EMe (International Rep) is keen to collab, our joint events over freshers week had good turnout. AW keep us updated on brooks. JC I know we don't have anything to treasure - is there anything you envision for what we do have?

JC: Not particularly, we could order food at the social. Been discussions of day trips out to places, obviously hasn't happened for a while but we have money to spend on a trip somewhere if there is demand

JS: We could do a poll to see if there is anything that sparks joy. Was hesitant to do a trip but the Arnison trip in freshers went off without a hitch so we can look into that. Don't want to leave you in a position where you can't do your position. RD, I've never had a pg rep - any specific thoughts, feelings for the role?

RD: In the PG community you have a lot of one year master's students so things like a spoons brunch to just start a conversation would be good. We need to remember it will be a lot of first experience not just for the first years this year but the PhD students in their second year too. Would like to post on social media the turnout events so people know there is a



community. I would like to focus on the social ideas, spending a bit of money would help but opinion polls too to find out what people want - I'm happy to help out with that

JS: From other colleges I know people are keen to come into college for events, Chads are able to do loads in college due to different catering arrangements. Formals at christmas are going ahead and that includes pg formal

AW: I am not sure it does - I was told yesterday morning there will only be two formals before the end of term - one priority second years and a no priority christmas one

JC: We could do our own version of a christmas formal - put a suit on and head to spags

RD: Could we even book out the SCR for drinks? Even if we can't have a formal we could do some sort of formal christmas event

JS: I know college are in a charcuterie board phase

AW: "Charcuterie"

JS: JC's idea has been done before and I know it has worked. Is anyone able to look into external venues?

JC: I can do that

JS: Would like to get numbers - AW can you check our budget

AW: £1000

JS: Iconic, we can do something with that

AW: I like the idea of a Christmas meal - smart casual?

JS: Christmas jumpers!

AW: I don't know how it would work if you wanted to cover some of the cost - could be a subsidy per person

JC: We subsidised pizza express before, paid it and got people to pay me the rest

JS: Would not be huge numbers but it would be worth it for the ones that do attend

AW: You could even find somewhere with a Christmas roast menu

RD: Could we bring in the international community? We could do a joint social first as we have a lot of pgs from se asia who don't tend to get too involved but it would be good to get them involved

JS: I know EMe has a strong committee, we could easily get that sorted. I am away next week and there is a research slam on tuesday - is anybody around to attend that?

RD: I probably can

AW: It is the day of the ball



JS: The pgs I've interacted with wanted to get involved so I'm guessing at least a portion of them would have tried to get ball tickets

AW: Some of the pg levies had not shown up on our register so I had to chase them and I contacted 25 post grads - quite a lot

JS: Will advertise the slam this week but maybe it is not worth doing. Will do another meeting this term for strategy over christmas and making next term strong. Only event in the calendar so far is the murder mystery formal next term, probably in the first half and it is not a huge workload. Do let me know of ideas for the committee for this term and the year and feel free to go beyond the scope of your role and work with the other reps. Want to come back strong and boost engagement with a strong social calendar for next term

AW: If you want mince pies college have so many, if you did a drinks reception I think college would give you a load