



Governance Committee Meeting – 04.01.2022

Attendance: EM (JCR Chair), AB (SRO), AW (President), KM (VP), MB (Stool), ML (JRO), AF (JRO), MF (JRO)

Apologies:

Absent:

Location: Zoom, MF is wearing a backwards cap and big headphones over it - I feel like we are in 2009

Dates

EM: There are three meetings this term, briefly discussed with AW the dates of the presidential meeting. We like to do it on a Sunday and campaigning is the week following, having it on a Sunday gives us a full day to prep. Any thoughts?

AB: Last time there was a meeting on a Sunday people didn't want to come because they're busy, if we want more people to come I think it may be best to not have it on a Sunday

AW: No issue with attendance at the presidential meeting

ML: Which other positions are elected at this meeting?

EM: FCO and VP. Meeting 2.2 is a long meeting purely because of how many positions are elected. Ideally we wouldn't have a lot of motions.

AW: Really we shouldn't have any - only what is really necessary

EM: We have two options for dates: we don't want it too early because of covid restrictions but we could do a semi in person thing if necessary so that gives us Sunday 30th or Sunday 6th

AW: Sunday 6th is fashion show

EM: Done then 30th it is. It also is more ideal so we don't have to cram in the last two meetings into the rest of the term. That leaves the other two: classic would be a tuesday and a thursday so I think Thursday 17th and Tuesday 1st or 8th but 1st is close to the 17th

AW: I would like to avoid Feast being in the campaign period. It is on the 25th

EM: If we did 17th then it wouldn't clash. I want to make sure people don't have deadlines around then. For meeting 2.3 we have Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th or if necessary Thursday 3rd?

AW: Lets provisionally put in 8th

EM: So we have 30th, 17th, 8th - go check deadlines and we can change if necessary



Presidential Meeting

EM: It's big and held in the dining hall, normally over 100 people. We still have motions but we don't really want many as each candidate for President and FCO husts for 10 minutes and they each have a proposer for 2 minutes

AW: We requests their husts in advance

EM: We have a lot of questions. The order is Vice President , then FCO, then President

MB joins

EM: The meetings are long and so we order pizza

AW: I wondered if pizza is a good idea as people complain that it isn't vegan or vegetarian. It was a presidential manifesto point from a candidate a few years ago

EM: We got vegan pizzas and we did get chips!! I think we should get vegan pizza and any other takeaway is hard to do. Chips feel a bit..

AW: Not very covid. We need a more ordered approach to pizza as I managed to get a whole pizza before

EM: We can do that

AW: We need to be incredibly on it over the next few weeks as there hasn't been, whilst I have been here, a set of sabb elections without contentious points about pre campaigning. The President one was fine last year but for FCO there was pre campaigning and accusations that the exec were not impartial. SWC year was fine but the year before was beefy. If you hear of anything be subtle to find out anything and let the govcomm group chat know. Last year MP made an infographic for election rules and that was a game changer. I can send it to you AB. I used MP's and updated it for each election and then did a meeting summary and I definitely think we should so those again

AB: Is there any point in making a new one or should I just use what you have got?

AW: I can share, I don't think the election rules have changed since these

EM: Last year in the hours before the meeting we had a meeting where we invite all the campaigns team for those elections and then lay down the rules of what you can or can't do to avoid anyone using the excuse of "oh I didn't know"

AW: Prize draw - are we doing one?

EM: Yes and it should be good - will do a brainstorm with MB. Last year we had the greggs voucher for voting and that could work well for a contested presidential election. We will have a raffle in the meeting too

AW: I think smaller but more prizes is a good idea as people are more likely to vote as they're more likely to win



EM: I chose greggs because I love greggs but any other suggestions are welcome

AB: We all voted last year with the incentive of greggs

EM: So let's do greggs vouchers again. For later meetings the things like mugs were good prizes but I do want a good prize for the presidential meeting

AB: Go to tesco or yorkshire trading co as they are getting rid of all their christmas stock

Cuths Needs You

EM: AB technically your domain

AB: I haven't had any specific thoughts but I do want to do it

AW: How good are you at photo editing?

AB: I am ok

AW: Depends how you want to do it - I followed the pattern of the previous year but design wise got them to take photos and cut them out. Some people took ages to do it and it was really difficult

AB: I want to follow that format but change the style

AW: You could get people to just take a photo and then use a frame. The difficult thing was getting people to do a photo in their exec top and to do a pose that you can easily crop. I also gave dates for people to change them so it followed the dates of meetings. We also had infographics on what the roles do but I think it is better to make new ones this year and think about what platforms those go out on. I could do a special cuth's needs you email

AB: You said people don't read your email

AW: People who run in elections read them. The other things would be drop ins. BT did a presentation on the roles but doing drop ins before the meetings would be good, IC and I are going to run a sabb one

Resigning from GovComm/Running in elections

EM: Last year was carnage with AW and BT running in elections but the only things that need to happen is that a week in advance you need to tell me and probably AW what you are running for and you leave the govcomm group, I remove you from the page, and you aren't a member of govcomm until the elections is over - even if you drop out of an election. I will have individual conversations with certain people as there might be certain things to manage. Ideally let me know sooner but if you haven't decided yet no pressure

EM mutes himself to take a phone call



EM: Please message me basically, the big thing is if anyone of you want to run for things we will redistribute rolls and as soon as someone has left the group we can discuss the logistics

Social

EM: We will have AB's SRO bar crawl with garlic bread and everything. An event has been made and that will be good. I would like an actual govcomm social maybe bring back the famous govcomm ficomm battle social

AW: I am updating RJ's spreadsheet of the bar opening times. AB find the trevs time. I want to do the ficomm social

EM: We will set a date and stuff closer to the time

AOB

AW: We are going to do the announcement of the president from the balcony in house 8 right?

EM: Yes it's a good tradition

AF: When is the next govcomm meeting

EM: Probably the friday before the sunday but will let you know