



Governance Committee Meeting - 16.09.2024

Attendance: DM, LG, CR, RF

Apologies:

Absent:

Location: Zoom

Action Log

Who	What	By When
Louise	Officers Groupchat message to remind officers not to use laptops in the meetings.	06.10.2024
Caleb	Message chairs of committees with a reminder of the Auto VONC rules.	06.10.2024
Dan	Check the JCR camera and see if we can use it to livestream. Look into creating a youtube account.	06.10.2024
Ruairidh and Louise	Talk to freps and stress the importance of communicating to freshers the roles in the JCR.	28.09.2024
Dan and Louise	Create a report on thoughts concerning the JCR survey.	06.10.2024
Caleb	Create a motion that addresses and regulates social media that now is used to campaign.	03.10.2024
Ruairidh	Create a motion to update the role of Stool.	03.10.2024
Louise and Caleb	Create a cheat sheet to be used in the first meeting.	06.10.2024
Dan	Discuss with Thea the possibility of creating tiktoks to advertise roles running in 1.1.	28.09.2024
Louise	Choose the date for the next GovComm meeting using the frepping timetable.	23.09.2024

Laptops in meetings

LG I don't want any laptops in meetings. If people are coming they should be listening.

DM Could be reassured by exec standards.



RF I think if you're not using a laptop for something productive towards the meeting you don't need a laptop.

DM I think the same interest needs to be shown in every election. How do you want to implement this?

LG Put a message on the officers group chat and to say something in the first meeting.

DM We want everyone to feel valued for contributing so we should say it.

Auto VONCs

CR I'm fully intending on following the auto VONCs as they stand. There will be lenience but there's no reason these rules cannot be followed. I'll speak to the chairs of committees and stress the importance of attendance.

DM It opens opportunities for others.

LG Does the role change method if it is auto VONC'd?

DM I assume it stays the same method.

Live stream

DM Do you think facebook is the best place to do it? Should we use instagram?

CR I don't agree with switching the platform to instagram because we'll face the same problems. We could have someone monitor the livestream and we need an archive of recordings.

DM Collingwood uses youtube and it may work out better but I don't know about engagement though their recordings are high quality. We would need a youtube following. Let's think about setting up the JCR camera and microphones.

LG I think we give the job to the publicity officer as we're already so busy during the meetings.

Drop-ins

LG I think holding an evening drop-in at 5-7pm before the deadline could be useful. It's just when we think the most people will attend.

CR Are we holding them in person or online?

LG In person



DM I think holding them 48 hours before the deadline is better.

RF Anything less than that will feel last minute so I agree.

Fully signed election form

LG The standing orders state that people need a fully signed election form. Are we going to chase people on that?

RF So many peoples don't actually know their campaigns team so it will require that communication which is good.

LG It would be worth doing.

CR Can people submit electronically?

RF Even sending an email to the SRO account and getting them to write an email is more than just saying yes.

LG It can be done when you hand in your poster just as it will cause too much faff otherwise.

GovComm TikTok/ Advertising

RF I will happily if GovComm allows tiktok but I just want more transparency from us and then GovComm when it's fully formed.

LG We should do introductions to GovComm next week so people know what GovComm is. Advertising the meeting and the roles. Getting freps to talk to freshers about it.

RF I didn't know about the meeting in my first week so we need to make sure that we get it across.

LG The JCR meeting is the last thing on people's minds.

CR Tackling that through the freps is essential. The freps need to want to come so that the freshers will tag along.

JCR Survey Summary

LG I want AF's thoughts on the survey but I can't seem to reach her.

RF There were a lot of big ideas I remember. It's worth reading through all the survey responses.

CR I believe DM has access to the results so it may be worth speaking to him to see if he has any thoughts on it.



JCR Meeting Dates

LG Provisional dates for meetings:

Sunday 6th October

Thursday 24th October

Thursday 14th November

Monday 2nd December

And we can try do 6-8pm if no nights work well for you RF.

Standing Orders Social Media Campaigning Methods

LG I think the standing orders are too vague currently and irrelevant. We can remove references to profile pictures. We need to strengthen the standing orders so we have no grey areas addressing instagram stories, bereal and tiktok.

CR I fully agree.

LG When we have our GovComm meeting a motion to amend the social media campaign methods for the first meeting.

CR I'll put something together so we can look at it in person at our next meeting.

Handover's suggestion on the role of Stool

LG The stool currently only does the raffle so can we add more responsibilities or get rid of the role?

CR They could create the polls to create engagement with those watching online.

RF My concern is how do we restrict the polls to only JCR members?

CR You could ask for an email that we could then verify?

LG The online poll won't sway that much and who is watching the JCR meeting if not members of the JCR.

Hosting the first meeting



LG DM wanted to move into the dining hall which I do think is too big.

CR I agree the dining hall is too big but the bar is too small.

LG I think we move to the dining hall if there's too many people but stay in the bar otherwise. If we do go into the dining hall we need to figure out how we lay out the tables.

CR I think making the call on the day is important.

Length of the first meeting

LG What time are we starting the first meeting because it can run long with the elections and with this meet and greet at the start? 7.30pm or 8pm?

CR I think it ran long because of silly questions so if we can keep that under control. Meet and greet only needs to be half an hour.

LG I don't think committees or the exec should sit together because it can be isolating for those who don't know how things work.

CR If RF or LG welcomes people in at the door and explains who a few people are then it can be a more natural building of relationships between freshers and exec.

RF I think explaining motions and all at the start of the meeting is essential is better than relying on the handbook.

LG I think if we have the handbook on the tables it will work.

CR My issue is that a handbook can be distracting as it's something to flick through if instead we create a cheat sheet with quick terms and explanations and then a qr code which links to the handbook.

LG If we have some physical copies to distribute as well those people are probably more likely to read it as well as having a link on instagram.

CR I think it's useful for the people who win JRO would be hugely useful.

New election rules

LG Do we want to recap the rule changes?

RF It's useful but in the first meeting could fry someone's brain.

LG I think if you look at last year there's a lot of people who frepped who then got involved and did not know the rules.

CR Ask people individually if they want to know but if not then just leave it to individually communicating.



Pushing freshers to run for Method II

LG Other than the meet and greet how do we encourage people?

CR It will just have to be freps talking about it?

RF In my head that's where a tiktok or something on instagram comes in so we have short form content that explains it.

LG I like that over texts on a slide.

CR I really like that with the Tiktoks and using specifically chairs of committees to describe what their members do would be huge for freshers.

LG Only thing is the 'Cuth's needs us' is on the governance account so is that now moving to the general account?

RF Dual posting. Have the information on both accounts.

Pushing freshers to run for Method III

LG Having all the Method III elections in the linktree so everyone can access everything in the one place and it's easier to follow as well as better advertisement for method IIIs.

CR I can say to those when the elections come up and have a procedure in place so that the process is fair and everyone has an equal opportunity. Posting in the same place, etc.

Pushing people to run for Method I

LG For the POC rep or Dev Officer how do we advertise those? Do we want to reach out to people who did it before?

RF I think giving a friendly face creates that interpersonal link but there's value in having the person who did it before.

CR I think some of those roles will be easier than others but I don't know if there's any better way to address roles like Tech Chair.

LG Or PGM president. The role is so daunting as there's so much responsibility and to just start into a new college and take on that much. It's difficult to imagine someone running.

CR I think that's a role that is so inaccessible we will need to address if no one runs for it in a few election cycles we may need to amend the role. Introducing a co-president? But we'll circle back to it later.



AOB

LG When are we having a GovComm meeting?

CR I'll share with you the frepping timetable and you can figure out when it will be free.

Meeting Adjourned.