



Minutes of the 1st JCR Meeting of Term – 20.10.14

- Minutes of last meeting?
 - No
- President's report
 - Working on food in hall – prices have increased – college have not justified this – prices not reflecting what you're getting. Already had a quick chat with someone. Trying to figure out who he needs to talk to. Got a meeting scheduled with Ruedi and Debbie. Are going to try and present a breakdown of costs to hopefully see where the money is going. Trying to get college to be more transparent with costs and to communicate better with students.
 - Rent negotiations – take place in Michaelmas for subsequent academic year.
- Treasurer
 - Enrichment fund – 'fun fund' – 1000 pounds for someone from the JCR's idea.
 - Working on rent negotiations with Leo
- Secretary
 - Nothing to report
- OUSU rep
 - Something to chat about later on from the meeting last week.
- Social
 - Dinner dance this term, will be telling everyone about from Monday.
 - Bop 4th week.
 - Girls' formal this week. If can't come to formal meet in bar at 8:30.
- Entz
 - Thurs night new night at Warehouse. Big push for that.
 - Going to organize a Ski trip party soon. Might do an opening night at Warehouse.
 - Apart from that Wednesday Park End, Friday Wahoo.
- Welfare
 - Sexual consent workshops Monday. Emails sent around soon.
 - Welfare weekend later in term.
 - If you want welfare supplies send an email.
- Access
 - Setting up ask a student on the website 'gonna be huge'.
 - Lots of people signed up to be student ambassadors.
- Academic affairs
 - Any complaints or problems with work go to him nothing to report this week.
- Equal opps
 - Looking for BME rep or perhaps an inter-faith rep.
 - If anyone thinks there should be another position on the sub-committee let him know.
- Arts
 - Check emails –sent an email today.
- Sport
 - Not present

- Charities
 - Next Sunday there is a charity run in Oxford. It's an underwear run to raise money for cancer awareness.
- Green
 - Nothing to report.
- Bar and food
 - Bingo on Thursday was 'sick'. Hopefully having a darts competition on Thurs night.
 - Ski trip launch Friday.
 - If anyone wants a shift message Daf.
- IT
 - Contact her if you have any issues.
 - Anything routine email IT support because they will sort it quicker.
 - Hall menus and welfare information are on the website.
 - Sports round up this evening.
- Questions?
 - Can Leo get a list of previous rent prices when doing rent negotiations – can't find that information anywhere.
 - Please can you explain heating subsidies – if you live in Stevens or Hazel Court there's a heating subsidy where if over the course of the year you pay individually over 250 pounds college will pay half of the excess.
 - What was the general utilities bill last year for living in Stevens:
 - Ranges. Lower end 70/80.
- Ellie Armstrong is meeting Krebs on Wednesday about the 40th anniversary of women coming to Jesus. If anyone wants to help her organize a drinks event that would be very helpful. This event will be women only.
- Leo has to leave – gives up chair to Proudfoot.
- Motion 1: Turl Street Homeless Action
 - Jonathan – says it's really worthwhile. Every other term it has passed unanimously.
 - If you want to volunteer email Jonathan.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously.
- Motion 2: Condemn NUS for their failure to criticise ISIS
 - Proudfoot read out motion but then had to give up chair as it is his motion. Sam will chair.
 - Proudfoot's case – what really pissed him off is that a motion was brought to the NUS to condemn ISIS, everyone agrees that what ISIS is doing is disgusting. NUS decided to make a statement about. They have condemned lots of things including UKIP. They said criticizing ISIS would be criticizing Islam. Argues this is deplorable. Says this really doesn't represent our views. Wants to check back on them for this to make our feelings heard.
 - Tim has a point – the black students NUS officer has vowed to rewrite the motion – they will come back to the issue themselves.
 - Question from the floor – please could you read out the motion. Proudfoot read out the NUS motion.

- Flossie question – problem NUS had is that they’re linking ISIS with Islamophobia. Asks how they might change it. Proudfoot agrees the motion is already palatable and therefore it is bad that they rejected it.
- Dan – are any other colleges doing the same thing?
 - Proudly unaware but only condemning NUS on this specific issue.
- Daf – where would it be?
 - Proudly – release a statement.
- Sam – we would write a statement to condemn actions.
- Vote: 3 absentions, everyone else in favour so motion passes unanimously.
- Football funding
 - David – Want a good crowd to support their team and have a good atmosphere.
 - Questions:
 - Sam – we did this last year and won.
 - Tom – Lucy Harris said she was keen to get everyone involved in supporting college teams. Want more of an incentive for people to come down.
 - Sam – no excuse for 3rd years not to go.
 - Vote: passes unanimously.
- OUSU Council Discussion
 - Last week at OUSU council a motion was proposed that supported free education and against austerity. Funding for coaches to demonstration. This is already approved. This motion is about the fact that they weren’t comfortable voting without asking JCRs. Tim and Leo decided to consult our JCR. Should we support this campaign? Proudly has some info on the campaign.
 - Tim: 200 pounds 10% of OUSU discretionary budget. Reads out details of the motion. Him and Leo decided to abstain because they got the agenda for the meeting late before the meeting itself so weren’t able to consult student body. Affiliated to a different campaign to NUS, this campaign supports free education.
 - Tom: I too support austerity and free education but can’t see how these policies can work together. Seems like a flaw.
 - Proudly: Not spelling out how they would deal with the spending issues.
 - Reinard: Adds details from the motion. Not just about free education. Seems like a very broad motion. OUSU is getting involved in more than just unis – is talking about taxation.
 - Tim: To clarify the only thing that would go in would be supporting free education.
 - Proudly: Personally thinks we should reject this motion. Whilst a lot of us would agree with free education and are against austerity that wouldn’t be the view of all students. This is agreeing to quite a specific set of taxation policies. Gives his view – thinks we should have a better fee system but this isn’t necessarily the way forward. OUSU does a lot of good stuff but also pass a lot of things that have a lot bound up in them and needs more scrutiny.
 - Jessy: By specifying a way OUSU and the NUS suggest it is funded would legitimize it.
 - Proudly: A potential solution – if we want to reject this we can do so with a note saying we support some things.
 - Mark: Don’t think it’s fair to say it’s about a specific taxation policies. Main reason of the campaign is to be anti-austerity. If you reject it you are not doing anything.

- Anna: Argues it's hard to remove policies behind it as they are necessary to bring it about.
- Reinard: Hard to be against all of it or for all of it. People would be likely to agree with some things and disagree with others.
- David: Asked if we've been emailed it. Tim offered to forward the email from OUSU. Says it's hard to make a decision without the motion in front of him.
- Proudly: Totally understands this.
- Tim: Long motion but gives some parts of it.
- Proudly: Getting late and we have more to discuss. Should move towards a vote. If people would like to propose an amendment they can do so. Proudly wants to make an amendment: support some aspects of the motion regarding supporting students but not all of it.
- Tim: Each college body has 3 votes.
- Tom: If we put an amendment onto this how will you guys vote at the council?
- Tim: The main thing we can do with the amendment is state it. Most likely the motion will come back. Can bring it up as a point of discussion.
- Proudly's amendment: Jesus JCR supports student activism and believes that the funding system for UK universities currently has major issues and we are critical of the current government policy but we don't necessarily support all of the details of the motion.
- Bethan and Jessy: Question of free education – this amendment doesn't support it.
- Bethan: When we vote for the amendment doesn't make a difference with voting at OUSU.
- Proudly: The amendment clarifies our position.
- Tim: Could take this as a point made by the members of the JCR. Can do the votes by the poll.
- Proudly: Need to vote.
- Tom: If someone else wants to propose an amendment supporting free education they can?
- Proudly: Yes
- Vote for the amendment Proudly proposed: 20 in favour, 6 abstentions, 8 against.
- So amendment passes.
- Vote on motion with the amendment standing (voting on initial OUSU motion): 5 in favour, 16 abstentions, 11 opposed. Motion falls.
- So in OUSU Jesus will vote 2 abstentions, 1 against.
- Eggheads Funding
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- Enrichment fund
 - 1000 pounds set aside to show the JCR is open to students ideas, trying to improve peoples' time in college.
 - 6 nominations:
 - Redoing the JCR – Dougie – beanbags, table with high stools, for coffee, plants, decorate the walls etc.
 - Question from Flossie – would it be better to do this at another meeting with more people – this has gone on for a long time.

- Anil agrees – so many people not here – would an electronic vote be better.
- Laura – issue – if we did a vote we'd have to do it on paper. OUSU has stopped using my vote and doesn't have a replacement.
- Rosie: could do poll on fb.
- Alex – doesn't think that's fair – few people aren't on fb. Thinks fairest way would be at next JCR meeting.
- Decision: defer this till next meeting.