



St John's College Junior Common Room

Minutes - 1st General Meeting, Michaelmas Term 2021
Thursday 14 October, TW Bar , 7:30pm

The meeting opened at 7:38 pm and was chaired by Zara Hussain (Chair), with minutes taken by Aoife Hegarty (Secretary).

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes were received.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were arising.

3. Reports from Officer and Reps

Welfare Officers:

Alex Foster said things are going well. Had a movie night. Ariadne is pidding condoms. Email is in your junk folder.

Entz Officers:

Luke Moore hopes everyone is excited for the bops x2. One in Bridge. COme be a bop angel at 11:30, or a bouncer at 10:45. They will do it otherwise.

Women's Officer:

Simone Dawes said to get your free sanitary products. Next week is the first women's lunch. Will be a top meal. Will be risotto (the Secretary and the Chair noted that this is a college classic for women's lunches).

Not present:

- Treasurer: Maya Blanco
- Environmental Ethics Officer: Elliot Cocker
- Equality & Diversity Officer: Naomi Reiter

4. Ratifications

Descriptions of the positions available were given, and where the current Rep or a past Rep was in attendance, they briefly detailed the role.

- Facilities Rep

Phil Fernandez ran to be Facilities Rep. They gave a short hust, saying that they wanted to remain relevant in the JCR, and breathe some new life into the JCR DVD loan scheme and get Adam Berbic's legacy alive.

Nick asked a question. They asked whether people used DVDs anymore. Could we get a JCR Netflix account or DisneyPlus account? Phil said that their specialty was in DVDs, and that the JCR DVD collection was what Netflix wanted to be.

Joshua Sharkey said that the IT scheme had adapters to watch DVDs on Laptops.

Korben asked what games Phil would buy. Phil said that they played the Wii and liked Fifa 12.

Phil was **ratified**.

- Sports Rep

Freya Peers had submitted a short hust for Sports Rep, which was read aloud. They want to make college sport more accessible and welcoming, and get everyone involved.

Freya was **ratified**.

- Charity Rep

No one stood.

- Art Rep

Lily Middleton- Mansell said that they would like to be Arts Rep because they would like to be art rep.

Lily was **ratified**.

- SU rep

No one stood for SU Rep.

- Social Media Rep:

Lola Perle submitted a hust in advance, saying that they want to be social media rep to make it more fun and interactive.

Lola was **ratified**.

- PRAT

No one stood for PRAT.

- Returning Officer's Assistant

No one stood for Returning Officer's Assistant.

- Chair

No one ran for Chair.

E&D Reps:

- Disabilities (1 vacancy)

Zara Hussain explained the work of the E&D Reps.

No one stood for Disabilities Rep.

- Class (1 vacancy)

Korben Bailey ran for Class rep and said that they were working class and would like to help other people who were also working class. They might run some fun dinners.

Korben was **ratified**.

- LGBTQ+ (1 vacancy)

Simone Dawes (Women's Officer) ran for LGBTQ+ Rep and said that they liked women.

Simone was **ratified**.

- Women's (1 vacancy)

No one stood for women's rep.

5. Items of Discussion

a) Room booking and college events policy

Emmet said that they were JCR President and wanted to give a bit of the update about COVID. They didn't want to put in an item of discussion about COVID but said that college had been putting in a lot of new rules.

Emmet wanted to update everyone on room bookings and alcohol policy. They said that we'd always needed decanal approval for some events but that college had increased this another step. Today, Jake and Emmet are the alcohol managers and so can't drink. Emmet said that there were some positives like an online room booking calendar but notes that this is on the intranet which no one uses.

Wilf asked why college had introduced the new alcohol booking system, and Emmet said that it was to come more into line with licensing rules and that we'd always done bop juice illegally.

The Secretary said that it had been annoying to get permission to hold the JCR Meeting, and that it did not sound right that a JCR meeting and a cocktail evening have to have the same level of supervision from Alcohol Managers, given the different focus of the events. They do

think that the JCR should have to get decanal approval for JCR meetings, given their representative function.

Luke asked whether we could get repeating permission for JCR meetings. The Secretary said that they hoped so.

Ozan asked if the Junior Dean policy was new. Emmet said no, that it was not new that we'd need decanal approval for events, but that the changes in policy around alcohol were new.

Alex asked if there was a way for us to say that we really did not like this rule, and said that it was not right that college could make rules in the name of Covid that were not Covid-related. Emmet said that we knew that things were not run fairly and that a lot of powers had been delegated to the infamous Bronze Group. Emmet was concerned that the college were implementing new rules through the Bronze Group without following proper procedure. They said that now new rules would go to the Domestic Committee, and that while we did not get a vote, this would let us kick up a stink. They said that Maggie was aware that these rules would not be popular in the JCR.

Zara asked where the bottle opener was. Luke Moore said that they had their own bottle opener. In writing the minutes, the Secretary notes that this is an incredibly prepared Entz Officer.

6. Agenda Items

Alex Foster said that they were putting on a play at the end of Michaelmas. Alex described the play which they were putting on, saying that the writer was an award-winning student at Mansfield. £300 was not all the money that they needed, but was a lot. The play is about students leaving school in 2020 and is about hope, friendship and has three characters.

They need £300 from the kendrew arts fund to buy costumes and stuff for the set.

They asked that we please vote to give them money.

Zara asked for any short factual questions.

Nick asked about the Beehive situation. Zara asked that any short, factual questions related to the motion.

Emmet asked if Alex would advertise the play for JCR members. Alex said that they would and that you could add them on Facebook or on Snapchat, where they advertised heavily, if you spent £5 on them in the JCR bar.

7. Any Other Business

Nick asked about the outcomes of any negotiations about any potential refund relating to the former residents of the Beehive, who were resident in the Beehive in 2021, which they believe to have been undertaken by the JCR President on behalf of the Beehive residents.

Emmet said that they could give an update but that it was not a positive one. This had turned into a conceptual discussion around rent - College claimed that it was unclear what portion of the rent had been paid for the common parts. We had used this to argue that the room grading system be reset and that the JCR system was transparent but the college system was not. College just says this room is an A or B etc. They need to make clear how they come to reach the decision. That is the progress. They have not managed to get any compensation. Emmet notes that the Beehive kitchen is now open to freshers.

Nick Rix-Perez said that any real token of compensation would be appreciated. Nick said that College should 'come on'. Nick asked that Emmet bring it up again.

Emmet said that the college knew that we were unhappy about this, and that they would bring it up again.

Nick said that they appreciated the president's effort on this.

Ozan said that they had not even replied to their [Beehive residents'] emails. Alex Foster gave a brief round of applause for College's communications.

Korben asked when the JCR coffee machine was coming. Emmet said that it was complicated. They want people to pay for the coffee, because otherwise it's a cost to the whole JCR. They have a meeting in a week about all the JCR rooms which need to not be so dark and unpleasant.

Ozan said if there are any problems with the bikes, please tell them otherwise they do not find out. Some people have asked about booking bikes, but they cannot do this right now but hopefully there are more bikes on the way and there will be 5 more bikes in the next few weeks. Ozan asked that we not break the bikes.

Someone asked about whether we could have a shared microwave. Emmet said that they had already asked College about using a microwave in communal kitchens. (On their request, I will

note that this request is coming from the group of First Years sitting by the heater, TW 1, 2 & 4 residents and as such is really a request from the JCR as a whole.)

Someone said that their toaster did not work. It was suggested that they email Stores or Works, and get this fixed.

The Secretary was asked to note again that the JCR really wants microwaves.

The meeting closed at 20:23.