

Exeter College JCR Committee Meeting

10th October 2023 Week 1 Michaelmas Term

Agenda

1. Apologies

Maisie Young; Jasmine Ashworth; Luisa Mayr; Will Bidwell; Cosima Clarke; Giorgi Gvaradze

2. Present

Freddie Crichton-Miller; Kerensa Pickering; Kate Harrison; Emma Little; Chloe Abulencia; Matt Holland; Faith Mackintosh; Rayvell Wijaya; Ruby Rowlands; Eve Campbell; Ava Milne; Holly Moody; Nina Savedra; Maya Kerr-Davis; Matt Brayshaw; Kathleen Lai; Jacob Newman; Finn Gosling; Anuj Mishra; Havana Coyne; Natalie Turner

3. Updates: settling in, questions, handovers etc.

- Good turnout for the meeting, exciting to have a new committee with fresh ideas
- Havana notes that the class act team are interested in holding a Class Act week 5 movie night- not a monday or thursday
- Motions- bring back the class act £5 formal- £1000 to subsidise each person's ticket, could cut costs by BYOB
Chloe notes that she can discuss this with the college finance team
- Kate asks what the specific actions need to be taken in relation to the suspended students point of contact for welfare
- Freddie notes that at the moment this is just about having this included with the job role- can contact Andrew and Helen about what you can to help

4. Fresher turnout at next week's General Meeting

a. Motions

- pool table
- £5 formal
- Finn notes that the JCR could discuss releasing a statement against The Prime Minister's attitudes on trans and LGBTQ+rights
- Libya aid- Rayvell notes that he is happy to organise this motion with help from students with connections to this issue

b. Committee turnout

- Freddie notes it would be amazing to have as many of the committee possible at the meeting next week

5. Welfare Updates

a. Handbook (KH)

- Kate notes that the Welfare handbook is almost completed, with the main focus of new additions being the addition of more up to date

mental health support, and removing the details of peer supporters who have now left the college

b. Welfare Noticeboard (FCM)

- Freddie notes that it would be good to utilise the noticeboard space in the JCR, with one for entz and one for welfare

6. Welfare Week Plans (MKD, MB)

- Kate notes that there has been lots of planning and brainstorming activities for welfare week including yoga and pizza, academic workshops and jewellery making with the women's rep
- Class Act reps note there are plans in the works for workshops in 7th week for advice with collections

7. The news in Israel, Palestine, Gaza (FCM)

- Jacob notes that there could be potential debates about the Palestine flag in the JCR
- Ruby notes it would be controversial to make a political statement on either side
- Havana notes focusing on the humanitarian aid would be better, without reference to politics
- Ruby notes it would be good to have advance notice on the motions so they could be put in the weekly bulletin, so that there is a good turnout for this sort of motions as to be most representative of the JCR's views
- Does this mean that there needs to be a motion for all flags to be taken down? (Country flags)
- Havana suggests that If the flags will be taken down, this should be replaced with a notice I.e with support for the Gaza Strip, peace board
- Kathleen notes that this could be coupled with a motion to donate to a humanitarian cause
- Matt H notes the flag removal would have to be a constitutional amendment
- Rayvell notes that this could be made into a special meeting rather than in the general motions

8. Opening Fellow's Garden on Saturday (FCM)

- Freddie notes that we are trying to get the fellows garden to be open for matriculation and will be able to discuss this at the Liaison Committee tomorrow

9. Williams Students

a. Update on Parents (JN)

- Jacob notes that this year Williams students have third and fourth years as parents which on the whole has been relatively successful, although there was excess stem parent sign up vs humanities, but this system does work- could be pushed earlier in the year next year

- Finn notes that he has been contacted by some Williams students who have not been contacted by their college parents yet
- Jacob notes that they have also have had students enquiring and would ask anyone to direct any issues about the parent system to them via email
- b. Williams and Exeter Parents Mixer (RW)
 - Another integration event at college- Freddie suggests beer pong
 - Ava and Ruby suggest that there could be a separate Williams rep, Freddie notes that we don't want to expand the committee too much- have lots of reps that could assist with their integration- Freps-
 - Rayvell notes that the Williams students have representatives similar to our freps
 - Emma notes we could arrange entz x william's representative events

10. Sports Updates (AM)

- Freddie notes that email reminders could be sent about Exeter sports teams
- Ava and Ruby note that this could be added to the weekly bulletin
- Ava notes she is trying to arrange a sports dinner, Exeter-Emma sports day planning in advance

11. Tortoise (EW)

- Emily notes she has been having constructive emails about the tortoise, meeting with Babis in the next few weeks, assess where the tortoise could live and who would pay for it, make it part of the reps role to take care of the tortoise over the vac, working out how to source the tortoise- has to be from a charity, can have a vote on the name of the tortoise

12. Any other business (any upcoming plans, etc)

- Nina asks what we will be bribing freshers with for the first meeting, Freddie suggests bens cookies
- Ava asks who the returning officers are- Freddie notes this is Misha and Kate
- Havana notes the equalities pub quiz has been moved to next Tuesday