

TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Meeting

18th February 2018 6:30pm

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Italics are mine

ABSENT

Abi Johnson Serena Espuete Dan Thomas Elise Boothroyd Laura Hosford
Grace Harwood Emma Maynard Lydia Kingston Daisy Langford
Alistair Stark Laura Buckingham

EXEC REPORTS

SU REP

Darcy: Elections are now open for the new Undergraduate and Postgraduate Academic Officers. We can vote on both. Trustee elections are also open. The trustees are in charge of making sure the SU meets financial and legal obligations and planning long term. There are four that you can elect and there happen to be four people from Trevs running! Look at the manifestos, they are online. If Trevs has the largest turnout, we get something like £150 for pizza!

Darcy: The SU has also given a statement on the UCU strikes. They essentially say that they agree with the reasons behind the strikes but don't appreciate students being used as bargaining chips. Essentially do what you want about the UCU strikes. They will be disruptive, but do your best to do what you feel is right and get the education you need. Nat, do you want to expand on that?

Nat: The University sent an email outlining how they are going to mitigate the effect of the strikes. Have a look at that.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Xander: Visit day rep applications close at midnight tonight - go for it!

INTERNATIONAL REP

Mary: Lunar new year this evening!

NSS BOYCOTT MOTION

Lorna: The NSS is the National Student Survey. There a lot of Students Unions boycotting the NSS, as many did last year. There are many reasons for this. A key one being that it can be used to increase tuition fees (through the Teaching Excellence Framework). This turns students into statistics with questions that are sometimes too specific and sometimes not specific enough. Obviously I am disabled and disability rep. One big issue for me is that it reduces the representation of minority groups. For these people, their full views are usually more complicated than the questions allow, for instance if lecturers make discriminatory comments.

Lorna: So the question is, as a JCR, should we boycott the NSS?

Darcy: To clarify, this wouldn't force people to take it or not, right?

Lorna: Oh by the way, the group that runs the NSS starts calling people around this time. A lot of finalists will have had this. They call people in the middle of the night and things and we don't think this is fair.

Aiman: So a statement from the JCR President will be emailed? That's the extent of this motion?

Lorna: Yes.

Lydia E: The wording should be Trevelyan College JCR not just college, college will support it.

Vote 26 to 14 in favour with 2 abstentions

BONDING MOTION

Lydia E: This helps the incoming exec get to know each other. They go to a place with no WiFi so they can focus on plans for the year. It helps them get to know their roles and prevent College Officers from getting involved where they are not supposed to. I think this is really important and this motion passes every year. It's really intense and really hard work. Would any of the rest of the exec like to comment?

Lydia K: I was against this before going but now I realise it really is important for getting on the same page for the year.

George: Why do you need £800 worth of expensive?

Ben: These are maximum quotes. Mary sent one quote this morning...

Mary: Yes, £300

Alex Grover: Can I propose an amendment to say the minutes of bonding will be published online?

Amendment to ensure minutes are published online accepted

?: Does this now apply in the future without having to go through again?

Ben Zealley: No, this motion will come back every year.

Lydia E: I think it's really important to keep it transparent. It does cost money but it's so vital. Obviously the treasurer can change the budget if it does become more expensive in the future.

Ben ?: How much thought has been put into doing this in College?

Lydia E: College Officers shouldn't be able to hear what's going on. The lack of WiFi also means that people really focus. The fact that it's two straight days ensures it gets done quickly, otherwise it could take a really long time and people don't have that before exams.

Ben Zealley: There is also the aspect of working together and cooking together with no one else. This really helps everyone get to know each other and plan.

George: Where will they be going to?

Mary: The place is 20 minutes from Darlington by bus.

Lydia E: There are so many things that you wouldn't think to bring up on a weekly basis and that really need this time to learn. Things like cash handling etc.

Vote overwhelmingly in favour

VOTES

NSS BOYCOTT MOTION

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BONDING MOTION

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