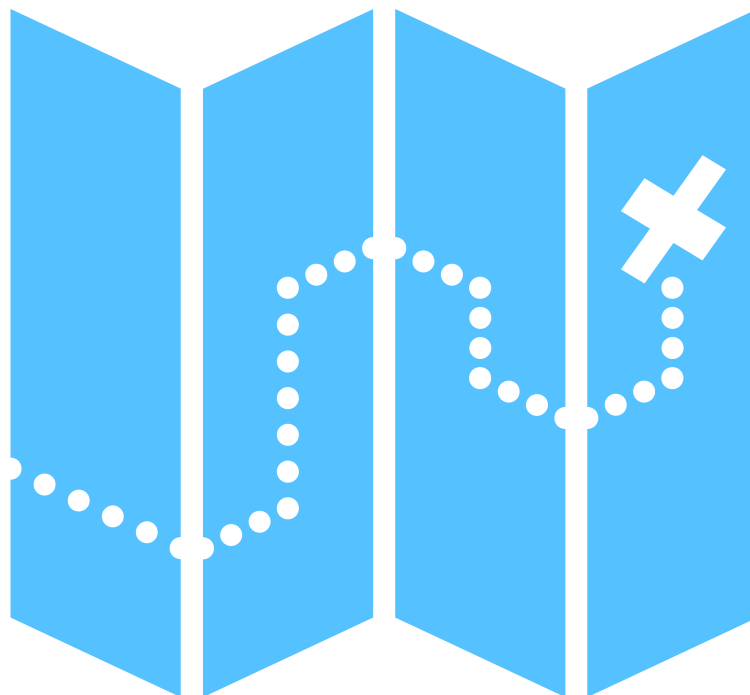




TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Meeting

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EXEC REPORTS

No questions

Mary: I have not so much a report, but something to say. There have been a lot of happenings in the last week- I am sure it has been difficult and confusing for everyone. There's a lot of stuff I can't do much about but there are others that I can. I'd like to apologise for my mistakes made during the referendum. I can't really give an excuse but can give an explanation. It was not my intention to hurt or upset anyone. I hope that the referendum being voided will not stop any discussion about a Sabbatical Officer. The positives are that out are that all the conflict that occurred was rooted in how much people care about this community. That's what I love about Trevs. If you have any ideas for the future, please let me know. I will try to learn from my mistakes.

Nat: Assembly was this week, minutes are on the website.

Andrea: I'm planning to write a motion to have someone from environment committee on all event planning committees.

FINANCIAL RESERVES MOTION

Alistair: We have quite a lot of money, it would be good if we could spend it. 4 years ago we spent surplus on large projects. It would be good if there was some formal procedure to keep our reserves between £20,000-£65,000. If it were to go over it would launch the fund called a Dream Scheme. People would submit ideas about what to spend, Fincomm would look over them and college would vote.

Nat: As a start for controlling spending, can we add more to budgets?

Alistair: We would still have this money that we need to spend though.

Mary: This mandates the treasurer to have a chunk of money, does it have to be the Dream Scheme?

Alistair: This sets it out be like a Dream Scheme or 'super project'.

Mary: Does it have to benefit the whole JCR?

Alistair: I don't think it outlines who it should benefit. It should be a spend of capital reserves on something.

Robbie: We've had this problem for many years. But why haven't we reduced the income from Freshers week?

Alistair: That's fair but doesn't affect this motion.

Mike: If the Treasurer doesn't initiate this process would it be liable for censure?

Alistair: Presumably - added to Job Description.

Mike: Who would monitor this?

Alistair: The president also has access, the budget is also meant to be available to the JCR.

Ollie: Could this money be spent on events?

Mary: Events already struggle to spend their money.

Giorgio: Why is the cap £65000?

Alistair: Uni regulations

Vote passes overwhelmingly

REFERENDUM WORKING GROUP MOTION

Penelope: The goal of this motion is to establish a working group to consider different alternatives to JCR presidency, i.e Sabb President, Sabb Treasurer etc. The biggest argument of the 'no' side was that we haven't had enough discussion. Here, the Chair would serve as an objective member to set up meetings, vet applications, and produce termly reports. By the end of the next academic year we should present our findings to the JCR and vote. We want to give freshers the opportunity to be involved also.

Mike: Should we mandate a member of the JCR to sit on it, e.g. President. We need to clarify what its aiming for.

Penelope: It's important that is properly researched.

Mary: Can you join in later if you didn't apply in October?

Penelope: I hadn't considered that, the problem with that would be that the people who showed up to the first meeting would structure it.

Mary: Why can't there be a meeting before the end of October? Terms are short and it's a long process. None of us want to rush it, don't see why we can't start it early? When you introduce freshers to something that already exists, they're more likely to take part.

Mike: I'm still not convinced on the application process. It seems better to make it committee where you can just turn up.

Penelope: I feel like that would be informal. What's stopping people turning up and doing nothing.

Mike: The alternative is to make this a JCR position but this is a barrier to accessibility.

Penelope: I don't see how we could make people commit.

Louise: Presenting a report is great. What's the plan for after that?

Penelope: Voting for one of the options or positions would happen at the end of the next year.

Jacob: Doesn't it invalidate the idea of a termly report invalidate it if you can't come along later.

Jacob: Can I propose an amendment to make this an open committee.

Mike: Worst case, what if motion doesn't pass?

Penelope: It's still worth people being informed. We haven't done something like this before. Won't be arguments like we haven't a discussion.

Aidan: If we want to provide information a barrier might be daunting. Why not make it open though?

Penelope: It's going to be a big job, an application process would ensure we produce something.

Mary: I'm not sure freshers will gain all the knowledge needed for this in one month.

Amendment to Open Committee with a signup passes overwhelmingly.

Amendment to start of October passes with a majority.

Whole Motion passes with a majority.

VOTES

Financial reserve motion passes overwhelmingly

Referendum working group motion passes with a majority