



TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Meeting

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EXEC REPORTS

Nat: I attended the SU Assembly on Thursday - there are a couple of motions going through which are quite important, if you want to come talk to me about that I'd be more than happy to.

Alistair: Just to say thank you to everyone who applied to FinComm, we've had a lot of applications.

Jeremy: A reminder that we have our Day of the Dead event tonight starting at 8! Please come along.

Mary: Abby isn't here right now but she's been working hard on outreach project. If you're interested in teaching music to kids as well as teaching them frisbee email Abby for more information.

Jack: There are some nominations currently open for Steering Committee, Welfare Awareness Committee and JCR Committee. If you want any more info about what each of these entail contact myself, Laura and Christian. Just a note that there are some nominations opening soon: President, Treasurer, Welfare Officer, Chair, Publicity Officer, and Buttery Chair. These will be opening in about a week and half.

JCR DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Christian: Just to let everyone know what we've done so far in our new JCR Development Group, we are essentially looking at where things can be improved. As a result we are investigating the prospect of a sabbatical President role, sabbatical Treasurer, sabbatical 'Officer' or no sabbatical role whatsoever. In our discussions we're splitting into subgroups. The JCR president from 2 years ago is getting involved, we're talking to Treasurers and Presidents from other colleges, as well as the Financial and Commercial Services Officer at Grey and Finance and Services Officer at Stephenson, both of which are non-Presidential sabbatical positions.

Mary: Can people still join the working group now if they want to contribute?

Christian: Yes, if you want to get involved just drop Jack an email.

Mary: Do I need any prior knowledge about the JCR to get involved?

Christian: None required.

Manon: Do you think a JCR meeting is the right place to discuss this?

Christian: There's no other option to get feedback and support. We'll be publishing minutes too.

Darcy: Can you clarify how this will be presented to the JCR, are you choosing for everyone?

Christian: We don't want it to be us deciding. Once we've finalised things the JCR will be informed.

Darcy: Whats the timeline for the working group?

Christian: Ideally we'll get on top if it quickly but with degrees that will be quite difficult. We can't rush it.

Darcy: The next exec wont be affected by this referendum?

Christian: No as elections for some Tier 1 positions are coming soon.

RIPPED OFF MOTION

Nat: This is a motion basically formalising the Ripped Off Campaign - a protest of the fact that accommodations fees have risen from under £5,000 in 2012 to now over £7,000. This has various impacts,

not only on the local population but also rent prices. This motion means we will formally support the campaign.

Aiman: Who this the SU negotiating team mentioned here?

Nat: The SU President and the 'Campaigns' team.

Mary: To everyone, these fees are really high, prices around Durham are going up because prices in college are going up, its not good for the community. If we want to protect these communities then we have to stand up. Please get involved in trying to get the Uni to consult students on this.

Peter: Do you have any idea how much accommodations costs to college?

Nat: There is no transparency no. Generally the fees go into a big pot. The question is what is being done with the extra money.

Mary: Some colleges need more maintenance and so they get more money.

Manon: Are other colleges looking to pass a motion like this?

Nat: This is based on the Chads one. But most are doing this I believe.

Darcy: There was a big jump in 2012, to do with the government not giving enough grants to the university so that, as a note, the main reason prices are increasing is because the government is no longer subsidising as much as they used to. The uni couldn't operate with what they had.

Nat: The university will always argue that they need to increase fees, the SU's argument is that they don't need to keep doing so because they have increased fees massively in the past. There could potentially be a freeze until it catches up with the CPI / inflation.

Student: How can we communicate our viewpoint to the SU and University?

Mary: George Walker, the SU President, is the main point of contact, I am also a point of contact as I am part of Presidents committee.

Aiman: Do the negating time negotiate or are they just spokespeople?

Nat: They do have meetings with the university staff. They call themselves the campaign team.

Jack: Lets take this to a vote.

Vote passes overwhelmingly

VOTES

Ripped Off Motion passes overwhelmingly