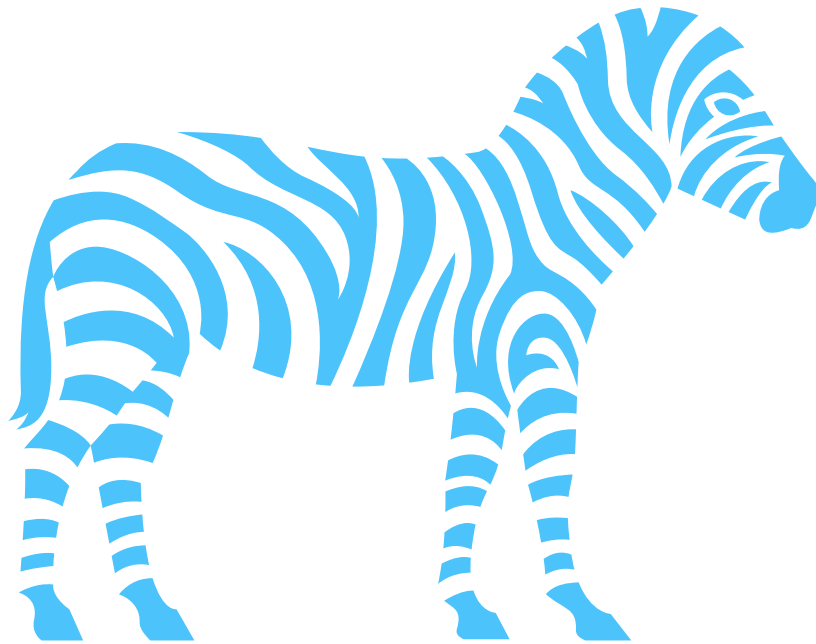




TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Meeting

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EXEC REPORTS

Saška: We raised over £3,000 at Charity ball!

Nat: SU assembly is coming up soon. Please read through the agenda points on the SU website.

Robbie: Can I just ask what's happening with the post room?

Manon: For a variety of logistical reasons, we weren't able to finish this during freshers week.

Mary: We have more students than ever, there's just not enough space. If anyone has any ideas.

Robbie: You could do an opt-in.

Mary: That wouldn't get many replies, we'll see what we can do.

Dan: Post-offer visit day rep applications are now open, please apply!

Grover: Bar Sabb applications are opening soon. Also, please don't forget about the ground-floor bar licensing.

Jeremy: Lunar New Year is happening on the 5th of February!

Tom: Valentines unplugged will be happening February 9th in the bar.

Alistair: FinnComm closed today and dream shame closes soon'ish.

Jack: Votes open tomorrow at 11am, closing next Sunday. On Sunday, the following positions open: Outreach Officer, Services Officer, SU Rep, Social Chair, International Rep, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Social Chair, Assistant Welfare.

JCR DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Mary: The JCR development working group has met again. We decided the plan for the next term, after that we will put together finalised plans for a potential sabbatical role. There will be a lot of information about these alternatives, so please get involved or get involved or get in touch with me, Jack, Christian etc.

Ben: How far away from a final report are we?

Mary: There is only one thing that might change the timeframe - so could be done in the next 3 weeks. The DSO framework is a legal and financial framework for Durham University organisation e.g. Trevs JCR. The rules are under review because of legal changes etc.

BIKE SECURITY

Dan K: So currently as a liver out, you don't get to store your bike. Something needs to be done.

Mary: I'll bring it up in the next JCO meeting.

Grover: Part of the reason they might not be giving out key to livers out is because the gas canisters in there.

TECH FREP MOTION

Mark: *Explains the Tech Frep motion*

Robbie: Do you intend the tech Frep to be an actual Frep or just be there during freshers week?

Mark: I think being on the Frep team would be better, but having an assigned landing, or going out each night is a point of discussion.

Penny: Should we add an amendment that this person discusses with the head freps whether they should be a Frep or not?

Mia: Does that imply that they get a guaranteed Frep role?

Mary: Well, exec aren't interviewed and when the International Rep was a Tier 2, they were still in charge during freshers week, so this is similar.

Josh: I think we should change it to the candidate "can apply to be a Frep" rather than choose to.

Jarred: Doesn't everyone just have to apply anyway, why is it necessary to add this?

Mark: Here we've said they are strongly recommended to apply.

Nat: Is the issue here that we want this motion to be that a member of tech will be a looked after in college and only have the Frep role if they want it. Can I propose to get rid of the amendment we've just put in and just allow them into college with the same benefits as a Frep.

Mark: For clarity, this wouldn't need an assistant, as other Freps can be around to help. This motion would give the Tech Frep the right to delegate.

Ben: If you live in college during freshers week are you required to go through the training?

Grover: Probably not.

Laura: I'd check this with Latham.

Vote: Overwhelming majority. Motion passes.

NSS BOYCOTT MOTION

Tom P: So, regarding this motion, we rejected the NSS last year as we decided it wasn't representative of the student experience, only University marketing. As it has not changed since, so feel we should reject it.

Giorgio: Has the NSS this year not changed somewhat?

Mary: Yeah, I was going to ask, have you researched if there has been any recent changes to this. When I had a meeting about this, they said it didn't impact tuition fees but online it says it does. So how updated is your knowledge about the teaching excellence framework.

Tom: This motion is based on current research, if what the Pro-Vice Chancellor said it's changed, that's great, but the NSS is still not reflective for minorities. Ultimately it is sufficiently flawed.

Mary: Maybe we could add a disclaimer: 'according to our latest research'.

Manon: You mentioned that you think there are more effective ways for the Uni to garner feedback, while that is true, things like this don't have the best response rate.

Tom: The NSS isn't compulsory.

Nat: It has response rates of around 60%. This is the main thing is that departments use it when changing modules etc.

Ben B: Why is it necessary for the JCR to boycott this, not individual students?

Tom: We are saying we disapprove of the survey, to bring about change.

Giorgio: I know Oxford and Cambridge SU's have boycotted it. Why should we do what our SU isn't doing?

Tom: It becomes college's role to take up the mantle.

Andrea: How is it the NSS not representative though?

Tom: The questions don't take into account individual experiences, thus treating students as a homogenous group - so it doesn't actually make university better for students.

Penny: Should it not say 2019, just so this doesn't change the motion forever? (*Amendment passes*)

Vote: Minor majority. Motion passes.

VOTES

Tech Frep Motion: *Passes*

NSS Boycott Motion: *Passes*