JCR Meeting
to be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 14th June 2020 via Zoom

Agenda

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
4. **Chair and Exec Reports and Questions**
5. **Discussion Points**
6. **Motions**
	* DSO vs Independent Charity Second Referendum Motion
7. **Adjournment**

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Second Referendum Motion

The JCR recently held a referendum on the question of whether the JCR should remain as a Durham Student Organisation (DSO) or become an Independent Charity. The results of this referendum showed very strong support for becoming a charity, however the vote narrowly failed to meet quorum. This motion aims to advise the JCR’s next steps in this debate.

**This JCR Notes:**

* In the recent referendum, the vote breakdown was as follows:
	+ Become an Independent Charity: 159
	+ Stay as DSO: 24

Therefore, 87% were in favour of becoming an independent charity.

* According to Standing Order 6.3.2.: *“A vote shall be deemed binding if there are more than 200 valid votes or 35% of the JCR, whichever is the smallest number”.* Thus, the total votes cast (183) failed to meet quorum by 17 votes.
* The referendum was held with “stripped back” campaigning rules, as per the motion for the JCR meeting on 8th March 2020 and was included in same election as Tier 2 elections.

**This JCR believes:**

* The results of the referendum indicate a lack of engagement rather than a lack of support; there are many reasons for this.
* The closeness to quorum warrants the opportunity to ask the JCR again, whilst ensuring greater engagement.
* Running a fuller campaign and a standalone vote would help to do this.

**This JCR resolves:**

* To have a referendum on the question of whether the JCR should be a DSO or an Independent Charity, under the campaign rules specified in Section 6 of the Standing Orders.
* The President shall remain impartial but will act as a source of information to inform JCR members.
* Should campaign teams fail to be formed, Steering Committee will form an impartial campaigning group.

Proposed by: Alistair Stark

Seconded by: Jess Norris

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Kunle: I’m glad to be able to join this meeting. Due to the situation, I have not been able to interact with you as I would have liked. I look forward to seeing you all in September. Good luck to all of you getting exam results. We have reached out to alumni, and for those who are leaving, they are very excited to help. If anyone is interested please contact us and we will link you up. For those coming back, our tagline will be “explore without limit”. We mean what the tagline says; in moving forward, my goal is to create as much opportunity as possible, for you guys to reach outside of your comfort zone, and to not be afraid of failure. We want to take Trevs to the next level, and I wish you all the best in your vacation. If you have any interesting or useful information, or you need to ask anything, please do ask me, I will respond, I go into the office everyday and the college is still open (virtually). I’m very excited for the plans we have, and I wish you a successful deliberation and meeting.

Apologies for absence: Penny

Exec reports

Alistair:

* Everything that would have happened this term is not happening or is happening in a different format.
* Virtual Trevs day
* Virtual colours
* Starting to plan freshers week and coming up with different plans depending on the situation.

Jess:

* Stash has gone out, should be delivered in the next few days.
* Get your colour nominations in.

Alannah:

* In touch with the SU.
* There was an assembly but was not open to the floor.
* There will be a democracy review, if you have any questions or you wish to be involved please get in contact with me.
* Joint campaign between the university and the library to decolonise the curriculum.
* Library is still ordering E-books, so if you need anything get in touch.

Alice:

* Online formal applications for Trevs day are open.

Delilah (James):

* Discord drop ins happening everyday but Sunday.
* Please engage with the survey!

Dorian:

* Not much, hope everyone enjoyed Eurovision!

Jess Edwards: Absent

Nash:

* Formal for Trevs day going ahead, with meeting rooms and smaller rooms so we can still see a lot of people but have smaller interactions.

Sarah: Absent

Steven:

* Please ask for refunds for platinum passes and gym memberships.
* I still can’t pay anyone, so please be patient!

Georgia:

* Colours nominations deadline is the 19th of June
* Re-ratification deadline is the 19th June

**Motion**

Alistair: Introduction to the motion (see motion outline above).

Georgia: Any questions of Clarification?

Georgia: Any questions of Substance?

Eugenie: Will this be run like the Sabb-pres referendum?

Alistair: It’s a question of engagement, there would have to be a bit more of a push for information and engagement, as oppose to the sabb-pres, but still use the same base.

Georgia: Any more questions?

Georgia: Now we can vote. This will be non-binding as we haven’t reached the minimum number to pass. I have sent a poll out.

Georgia: For: 94% Against 0% Abstain 6%.