



TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Meeting 2022

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PRESENT

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Tom Sears	Head Frep
Kush Pandey	Assistant Treasurer
Lyn Leung	Music Rep
Rowan Wood	Music Rep
Akshita Singh	POC Rep
Aparna Sah	POC Rep
Isaac Chan	Charities Rep
Tomas Pickford	Tech Manager

EXEC REPORTS

DH: Central heating should have started up 1st October. Check with porters if you can't turn on heaters and its quite cold. In terms of what I am doing right now, this is the start of the year, so lots in plan for this year and term. At the moment, I am planning the family scheme. So 2nd, 3rd, 4th years can be parents and 1st years can apply to be children, timeline is going to be released soon, once College have checked it all. For all livers in, there is an academic formal, which is free and automatically invited to. I have also had meeting with all the other college jcr presidents, and currently discussing about the cost of living crisis. Other thing I have been working on with college is about student safety, the night caps to put on your drinks. These should be arriving soon.

MT: The main things I have been doing this week is Trevs Talks ,which is an academic insight into what people are interested in. The other thing is stash, orders will open the second week so keep your eyes out for that.

CV: Throughout this week I have been working on international freshers week, and currently preparing for language café and Diwali formal.

ER : My main thing this freshers week has been drop ins and all the welfare packs that all the freshers got. Currently working on welfare campaigns with the welfare team and join welfare awareness campaign.

GL: Most of you have met me at some point and paid your JCR levies and I am currently processing all these payments.

GM: We had our first formal last Sunday which went really smoothly. I have a meeting with college officers about future formals and we have some exciting things planned this term including Christmas and Diwali formal

JL: Throughout freshers week, you would have experienced several events, which is a taste of the events you will experience throughout the year. We have unplugged, themed bar nights, big balls throughout the year. Also thank you to everyone who applied for social committee!

RV: During freshers week I have been working with the head freps on communicating and publicising everything on all the social medias and the website. Keep an eye out on the social medias and the website for more updates!

SW: Over the past few weeks I have been running events for both our college and other colleges. We also opened the buttry on Friday and will be open for the rest of the year. We also open applications for working at the buttry so keep your eyes peeled for that.

TH: A big part of my role is preparing and chairing meetings like these. This freshers week I have been working with the head freps to liaise with all of you and getting the freps to liaise with you all.

WB: I represent Trevs JCR to the DSU. (Proceeds to explain the history of DSU)

YA: I represent societies and activities. I organised the freshers fair this freshers week. I am also in charge of volunteering, so will be posting lots of opportunities throughout the year so keep your eyes peeled for that. I will also be doing housing campaign next week, so keep your eyes for that!

GS: I am the bar steward, running the bar. There is a wide range of drinks available from alcoholic and non alcoholic. The bar is open 8pm - 11pm Sunday – Thursdays and till midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Head Freps: Our roles this week was to organise freshers week and that is what we've been doing this week.

TIER 2 INTRODUCTIONS

Assistant Treasurers – Kush and Piper. They help support George (the treasurer) with all the finances. Kush supports more with Clubs and Societies finances and Piper supports more with Buttry finances.

Sports Rep – Rory. Rory is a liaison with all the sports societies and helps support the sports scene here at Trevs.

Music Reps – Carolyn and Rowan. They have been working this week to organise unplugged and the Mash induction and will continue to host unplugged and concerts with music societies throughout the year!

Gym Rep - Clarice. Clarice's main job is to manage the gym and ensure that it is running smoothly. You can also join the Gym Committee and in return for free membership for the term, you help Clarice clean the gym.

Assistant Welfare Officer – Dom. Dom's role as Assistant Welfare Officer is to support Emma (Welfare Officer) and run drop ins during events.

POC Reps – Aparna and Akshita. Their role, as part of the Welfare Team, is to support People of Colour within college, and be a liaison between DPOCA and the JCR. They also run regular drop ins.

Disabilities Rep – Angus. Their role, as part of the Welfare Team, is to support Students with Disabilities within college, and be a liaison between SwDA and the JCR. They also run regular drop ins.

LGBT – Unelected. Their role, as part of the Welfare Team, is to support LGBTQ+ members within college, and be a liaison between LGBTA and the JCR. They also run regular drop ins.

Charity – Issac. Plans and organises event to raise money for charity. You can support through joining Charity Committee.

Tech – Tomas. Manage and run all the tech for all the events. You can join the Tech Committee.

Environment – Unelected. Spread knowledge and best practices within the college community regarding climate change and other environmental matters.

Art Rep – Unelected. Promote art and creative within college through exhibitions and competitions.

Year Out Reps – Diana and Matt. Support students with year abroad applications, process and explanations.

TIER 3 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

As well as Tier 1 and Tier 2 positions, ideal for you guys as freshers to join the JCR through committees.

Steering Committee – Help look at the motions and decide for and against of all them, keep the Chair accountable.

Finance Committee – Decide and vote how our money is spent

JCR Committee - Student think tank and improve student life and decide awards and issues in the past like spiking and how JCR can support

Welfare – support Emma (Welfare Officer) and develop welfare campaigns like SHAG (Sexual Health and Guidance)

Events Committee – Support Jim (Social Chair) with all the events and help run the events, and get 50% discount for events

Gym Committee – Support Clarice (Gym Rep) with managing and cleaning the Gym.

Nominations open on Tuesday next week

DISCUSSION POINTS

This section is to get opinions from JCR. In the past we have had points about Winter Ball Profits and Meet Free Monday. There are none today, but feel free to send any for the next meeting over.

FREP THANK YOU MOTION

LN: You may have seen freps around this week and worked really hard to run the week, put up decorations, run around, get all things up in your rooms. They don't get paid and it would be nice to have a free formal meal paid for by the Jcr

TH: Does anyone have any questions of clarity or substance?

GS: Is this going to be standard formal?

LN: It is whatever we are allowed to do, I do not know.

TH: Okay, lets move onto voting,

Motion has passed and gavel was banged

FORMAL RULES MOTION

GM: It was lovely to have the first formal of the first year with the majority of you guys there. We really hope you enjoyed it and it can be quite a strange experience the first time but formals can be a really nice event with your friends. This motion is just about the rules for future meetings, no phones during the formal, no standing during the formal, and things like that. I propose that these are the rules for the year.

DH: This is something that is put in the first JCR meeting every year, MCR (Middle common room with postgrads), SCR (Senior common room – grads chosen to be in the SCR), this is for the joint formal agreement.

MT: I just want to point out that my job is to enforce these rules that you guys have agreed to. I don't stand up and walk around for the power, but because my role means I must make sure you guys are following the rules you agreed to. So, if there is anything you want to add or amend, do share.

TH: Any questions of clarity or substance?

Q: Why have formals rules?

A: Formals are a big part of durham experience, it is not a be all and end all, in place to ensure that they run smoothly. Is there an amendment you would like to propose you are more than welcome to. There are many amendments that we can make, there are somethings we can't change like meal times as these are set in stone because catering team work overtime. So if you were allowed to leave, you would have to eat quicker for certain courses.

Motion has passed overwhelmingly and gavel banged

SPORTS PERFORMANCE SCHEME MOTION

TH: We have now got a presentation by Paul, [President of squash society]

PS: In the principle, I am of the view that we have problem. Let me illustrate. We have a problem that Collingwood and other hill colleges which are larger than us which make them better than us at sports. So we need focus. Our sports societies should be spending their money in a more focused way. We could put this money into specific things, to become performance society.

We have lots of fantastic societies. Access to performance coaching would benefit teams, they can provide techniques and drills. This won't be weekly, could be a termly thing. This way won't be more expensive.

Having performance society would allow for better recruitment at the freshers fair. Whilst we have DU teams, and sports society but I want a middle ground. I want them to have access to better equipment. I think it is very important to have sponsorship opportunities, I think this will encourage companies to sponsor us. This is something long term and will need time. If we pass this motion, this is something that will benefit our sports societies long term.

We have to make sure that the right societies become the performance societies, need to make sure they are going to benefit the most, most popular and the most energetic. So we need a panel to determine this. So we are going to have the elected JCR committee, Vice Presidents, Sports Representative, Assistant Treasurer, the President to form the panel to decide.

Currently there is 350-pound limit, this motion will play over time and how we can improve societies.

TH: Any questions of clarity or substance?

Q: You mention about popularity. What do you mean? What about societies who have strict number they can allow? Cheer, for example, can only accept a certain number for the team.

A: By popularity, we mean impact. So cheer has a good reputation. Another thing is impact which we will be looking at, if you don't get it this time, there is also next year.

Q: How many societies can you accept at the moment?

A: Can't give a specific number at the moment, it is dependent on interest and finances and what the panel think.

Q: What about new sports societies which are so small?

A: When taking into account new societies, we need to ensure that . That is why we need to have people who represent everyone to make sure that the best decision for the college. We aren't a big society hence why this

Q: Have you considered expanding it performing arts, music and arts? Could we make this an amendments? Has this been thought of?

A: Definitely, yes. In the future, I want this to support everyone. Sports is the starting point because we have a lot of catching up to do. Music and arts can improve and certainly something we can expand to, but we need to start somewhere

Q: This is a lot of performance level. Will this still be a society for people to enjoy and try a new sport?

A: Yes, enjoyment is a crucial part. New people can bring engagement. Even if they haven't tried this sport, they will be able to

Q: On sponsors, what would recommend is a good barrier?

A: We are going to remain independent. We can give away things such as sponsors being able to display themselves on a banner. These can be companies that we approve of. There is a clause under JCR under college under university, which includes what is and isn't allowed in terms of sponsorship

Q: What if you don't want to join the scheme?

A: Societies can decide to join the scheme. If your society has decided to join the scheme, then that's great.

Q: Once they are part of the scheme, does it mean they will forever be part of the scheme?

A: Well the society is going to be approved for that one year and then reconsidered the next year. If a society becomes part of a scheme then we need to make sure they meet the requirements. Democratically, the society decides as a whole whether they wish to be part of the scheme.

Q: Surely this would make the college sports societies more of a competitive atmosphere, similar to DU sports? Formal sessions are different to training sessions. I don't think it will encourage people to come and have fun, it makes it too competitive defeating the purpose of college sports?

A: This is going to play out over time. This is going to create the first basis, the scheme accommodates. If it becomes too competitive, this scheme accommodates. If you go to a society then you can have fun whilst being performance focussed. Over long period of time it can get the rewards it deserves. If no one is having fun then this motion has failed

Just a comment from finance perspective, we will be not allocating more money because of the scheme. This scheme means you can apply for more than £350 but it is up to Fincomm to decide and they can reject.

Q: I think the bigger problem is the term performance society. This sounds quite scary, as a first year. It would be quite useful for big societies like football, if you want to be performance team you can join that one but there are lots of other teams to join. But cheer for example, if you just want to try it out and have fun, you can't because cheer has only has one team. Also, is it too much commitment to run a performance team?

A: Very good point, because of that we are using the performance scheme but this is within college. For uni boards and all that, we are still using current names. You can do what the majority of your society think is best.

Q: Do you think its fair that sports can get more than £350 but others don't?

A: Yes, I see your point but yes this is just the start. With this excitement and engagement, sponsorships will allow more money to be put in.

Q: I am just wondering how you plan from alleviating the stress from the exec between balance of fun and stress of performance ? I am also concerned about the retention of numbers attending trainings?

A: I agree exec has a lot of pressure, this will help us stand out. We don't want to be known as the small college but the one that looks out for its students. The exec are passionate and energetic to share their passion and delegate and have people to help them.

Q: Amendment suggestion, get rid of the £350.

A: Rejected as this is necessary for the basis for future opportunities. As this is a financial motion, fin comm has been approved. If you would like, feel free to write an amendment for future meetings, but as it stands, fin comm are happy with it.

Voting:

Motion not passed, did not meet 2/3

SUGGESTIONS AND GRIEVANCES

In this section, this is more for anything you might want to comment and fix. For example, in the past we had lack of paper towels brought up. For example, one thing I might have mentioned in the laundry. I learnt the hard way that you have download circuit laundry plus app for laundry not circuit laundry. As a result of my findings, we have since shared this on social media so that you don't have to have the same problem!

Grievance: There is a broken lamp outside

Suggestion: Change the bulb.

Comments: Thanks, Dorian will look into this and sort this out with college.

Any Other Business (AOB)

Year abroad introductions: The previous Year Abroad Reps (Delilah and Eugiene) introduced themselves, shared they would be happy to answer any questions and will be having a social next week for 4th years who have just finished a year abroad to get to know other Trevs students.

Some freshers put together a surprise for the freps to say thank you!

Meeting adjourned and gavel banged.