



TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

# JCR Executive Committee Meeting 2022

1<sup>st</sup> November at 6:00pm

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## PRESENT

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Dorian Held	<b>President</b>
Mudit Tulsianey	<b>Vice President</b>
Clementina Vong	<b>International Rep</b>
George Little	<b>Treasurer</b>
Grace Moore	<b>Services Officer</b>
Sara Westerhuis	<b>Buttery Chair</b>
Thomas Hewitt	<b>Chair</b>
William Brown	<b>SU Representative</b>
Yusuf Alsari	<b>Communities Representative</b>
George Scholey	<b>Bar Sabb</b>
Natalie Wan	<b>Assistant Social Chair</b>
Jim Lin	<b>Social Chair</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Emma Rohe	<b>Welfare Officer</b>
Roshni Vachhani	<b>Publicity Officer</b>
George Scholey	<b>Bar Sabb</b>

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## INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

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DH: Catching up with emails this week. Pres Comm on Thursday and meeting Jeremy Cook on environmental matters with Presidents Forum on Monday.

MT: Stash coming end of this week. Trevs Talk happens next Monday. Acting President last week.

CV: Did Diwali with Grace. Special toastie and drink for Day of the Day.

GL: Vintage Bar Night was very successful. Circa £500 profit.

GM: A lot of signups at the end of the Charity Formal which mean it could happen.

RV: Keeping the social media, posters, TV and website up to date. Also worked on the housing campaign with Emma and found area reps for the various areas.

SW: Made all decisions for new employees. Getting them trained and events going well.

TH: We have candidates running for positions.

WB: Stood for elections. Turnout was circa 8% and second highest amongst colleges.

YA: Helping Charity officer and planning to organise a foodbank for families around Durham.

JL: Planning winter ball. Negotiating budget for it and have meeting with social committee to plan it!

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## Newcastle Night Out

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JL/NW: Issue is the expensive. We would need 40 students and would cost £23 per person. Train is not an option due to the risk assessment. If think it is not worth doing, it will be cancelled. Would it be possible to subsidise?

SW: Would it be fair to subsidise? Why specifically this event, if we hypothetically could.

General agreement not to subsidise the event because of potential cost and other events that would benefit from such level of subsidy.

NW: We have the Edinburgh Trip coming soon.

DH: Mentions the challenges of doing a Newcastle Night Out. When it is a College event, there is liability insurance.

NW: After talking to Janice, there is no part of the package that can include alcoholic drinks.

JL: One idea – delay the event, preferably post exams. General idea to poll/form the students.

General consensus that the best action is to delay the event.

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## Assembly Motions

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WB explains the MCR the SU Democracy Review and general history.  
WB goes through the SU Motions.

WB: First issue with the fossil fuels motion. Think it is incorrect because in a way it goes beyond the law. Feels Durham students have the mind and thought to break down decisions for themselves, therefore disagrees with the motion.

Second issue with the motion, the campaign group, which is linked to this motion, has views that WB feels most of College would not agree with it.

Debate as to what the motion's potential implications can be. WB clarifies the motion's intricacies everyone

WB: Second motion about fixing issues with the Standing Orders. This motion has low weight, and it aims to just clarify some wording about the Standing orders.

WB: Third motion about abortion access. Motion has two parts: 1) Condemns graphic pro life protests. 2) DSU Pro-Life Choice position that is beyond the law. WB says 1) is something he would vote for. 2) is a trickier topic.

JL: As this motion is not law, this motion is a stance and thus it is not something that can be reinforced.

DH: Sees no issue with taking a stance that has no legal implications.

DH: Origin of the motion – Pro-Life protests every year and these are very graphic and invasive. The DSU wants to take a view to the University and thus this motion.

ER statements about the DSU motion. She believes the motion should be approved and she believes the motion's particulars may be linked with the British Medical Association thinking that the two-signature requirement for abortions should be removed.

WB: Final motion is about the Durham SU passing a code of conduct. This is non-controversial and plans to vote this through.

WB: Plans to vote taking into consideration the discussion of the views in the meeting.

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### Formals

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GM: MT and I think there has been formal fatigue. Getting the numbers for the Charity Dinner was very challenging.

DH: Next year, it will be logistically better to do Charity Dinner a week later next year.

YA: Thinks maybe removing one or two formal may be helpful.

DH: Thinks the issue is spacing the formals out, rather than the number of formals.

DH and GM talk about the formal system and what menu choices are provided.

GM: Clarity regarding the Charity Dinner about the voluntary donation. This was not part of the cost of the formal

GM: Brings up the issue of the number of Exec getting free formals.

GL: Clarifies the free formals existed for Exec because they worked them. Therefore, since we now need less people to work the formals, less people can work each formal and thus get each formal for free.

DH: Raised the issue of formals tripling its cost over the last few years.

TH reads out views that he has been sent from ahead of the meeting. Key points include what 'working' a formal is.

There is a discussion around the type of work of the formal.

JL: On a similar spirit, feels there are only limited Exec numbers that need to work events and thus there is a potential money saving opportunity here.

TH read out views including each Exec member attending boosts attendance.

GL: Although this has positives for attendance, this has no direct monetary benefit for the JCR and therefore Exec members boosting attendance doesn't justify it in his opinion to make it free for all Exec members.

Some discussion on the definitions of 'Work':

- If mandated to work the formal/event
- Drink not drunk
- There at 6pm till 11pm, and involved in the clean-up. From 6pm, need two people for the tokens.

YA: Issues with the Exec Discount code for the formals to be free.

Agreed plan is to vote on a set of definitions next Exec meeting.

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#### **Housing Letter to Vice Chancellor**

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The Exec read through the letter and there is unanimous approval among those attending.

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#### **JCR Meeting**

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TH: Runs through the specific plan of this JCR Meeting

The plans of the JCR Meeting are discussed.

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#### **AOB**

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#### **ACTION POINTS**

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GM and DH: Write up definition of work for formals ahead of the next Exec meeting.

CV: Setup a poll in the Slack to ask about the Open Letter.