



TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

JCR Executive Committee Meeting 2022

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PRESENT

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INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

DH: Tea and coffee going really well, its been out for a week. 34 responses for the feedback, general sentiment for hours to be longer which we can consider. Some asking for sugar, which we have etc. Kunle has agreed for herbal tea to provided too 😊 Please sign up for the google sheet document. If you know you are going to be in college around lunchtime every week, and its not too much of an inconvenience for you, refill if water is low. Contacted MCR if they want to help us manage it. Update from Climate Society, nothing to report. They invited us to an event happening in Castle on Monday. Dealing with ecommerce system, gold pass is launched as with winter ball. Has everyone who has new Tier 2's reached out to their Tier 2's? Send an email saying something like 'I'm your Tier 1 and just establish that contact'. From my side of things about events, Christmas Formal I have been in contact with MCR about setting up a brass band and the SCR to coordinate to organise a complete inter common room brass band. Lots happening! Training happening tomorrow for tech sounds systems, and college has agreed its year on year everyone teach each other. Please fill out keys, what you have and need.

MT: Looking at the vetting motion in more detail, will need to discuss this further. Had an alumni meeting. Stash wise set up order for next term

ER:3 Tier 2s were elected. Planning campaigns, there is something planned for each day. I am gone from Saturday to the 5th. On 2nd, going to do a post about the welfare room. For unplugged, will do a post.

GL: I've released TCUP, applications have started coming in. I've had a few meetings like things for student support fund.

GM: The formal is fully booked!

JL: Winter ball is coming along, so is Winter. I will produce a detailed itinerary at some point. Some possible issues, Janice hasn't replied to me legal email which is slightly concerning.

RV: Usual things plus a meeting with Martin and Mudit about careers and the idea of vice publicity which I will talk about later.

SW: There isn't much to report. Ordering is a bit complicated at the moment, but this is just a transition phase I think.

TH: Tier 1 elections ongoing

WB: I had a meeting with palatinate journalist and Dorian, I think that went well. The article isn't up yet, but will send it when I get it. Have a meeting with DSU Rep Campaigns Committee tomorrow, and will report back. Have a referendum to advertise this week too.

YA: Nothing to report, but the Upper JCR stuff to discuss later

GS: Bar good. LGBT Bar Night very good.

EXEC SECRET SANTA

MT: Draw a name if you haven't. You can also add a wishlist if you have something you want. Previously, £10 budget.

Vote

Agree its £10

EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS MARKET

TH: Message from Natalie, You either have 51 or 75. The number of passengers is most likely above 50 and below 75. Monday night at 49. Not sure which bus to pick. If we are over 51, would the JCR exec be happy to open it up to non JCR Trevs people.

GL: The last people to sign up don't get it

JL: Currently 58.

GL: I don't see it being a problem for non Trevs people

JL: Slight safety concern, not making it back on time.

MT: So the current form is an interest form

ER: Said it was going to be under £20

TH: So it is advertised correctly

DH: So sign ups is closed tomorrow, is this out of necessity?

JL: Yes, for the legal stuff.

PUBLICITY TIER 2

RV: Publicity Officer's Job Description at the moment, whilst vague, has certainly built up over time and meant that there is a lot more work than on the job description. This work averages out to about 16 - 20 hours a week (depending if it is a Newsletter week or not). In order to make the workload more manageable for Publicity Officers, I propose we make some changes. My suggestion is have an assistant Publicity Officer, who would in essence would be the creative content creator. Other suggestions would be move more of my role to the sabbatical president or we choose one platform to use to send all our communications from and that is it (so one of email, facebook, Instagram or the website). For more detailed stuff, please look at the doc on slack. Any thoughts?

WB: Just to clarify, pick one platform what does that mean

YA: I agree, I think one platform not enough, 2

MT: The only hesitation I have, worried about some fresh ignoring stuff.

DH: I think Tier 2 creates the flexibility, right now we are moving away from facebook slowly sadly. It will help to increase flexibility and allow us to keep up to date with trends.

GL: I would be hesitant reducing platforms, some people need more reminders.

WB: Give them experience, what is the downside to Tier 2?

DH: The past it has been a struggle to fill these positions, there is inconsistency and confusion as to what each role entails. Creating an extra position, would create an extra bit of admin. Although for this year, we have managed to fill all the positions.

TH: The Tier 2 description centers a lot more around creation of posters. Why is this?

RV: Well its more the presentation of everything, the posters, canva Instagram and facebook posts.

JL: Physical board worked well in freshers, can we bring that back?

RV: Yep, its ours once photography competition is back.

JL: We can make vague so it can be decided between the publicity and assistant publicity elect.

ER: Keeping it really vague don't make sense, we've found this year it can be a struggle, so need to be concise

DH: Posters how does the streamline of communication work?

RV: I would get all the information, and put it into a form perhaps for the vice to look at the information and then they collate the post

TH: If the place wasn't filled would that be okay?

RV: The work would then just come back to me.

WB: There will be times when it will be filled and not filled. I think its better for it to exist and not filled.

MT: Especially in the case the role is not filled, highlight what the core roles are and whats additional for the next Publicity Officer

JCR MEETING

TH: I'm not expecting any other motions, ideally we need another motion or discussion point. Ideally not a new Tier 2 position.

DH: Something I suggested a discussion point about the use of Upper JCR

YA: Issue about pool people and lockers. In the past, lockers for livers out and they could come find me to get it.

GS: Could we just make it porters run it.

TH: This is getting too unrelated to the discussion point.

DH: Something that has come up is the use of rooms in college, discussion point to see how people talk about how they use all the various spaces (and pianos) and gather peoples opinions. See what people know and what they want etc.

WB: Could it be a public information thing as well, good chance to everyone that you have the common right as a member of Trevelyan college to access this relevant land.

TH: Could do a discussion point about views of industrial action.

WB: There is a lot of cross over, between the views of UCU and DSU.

DH: The DSU acts as a third party in this. The DSU should be advertising the preferendum.

WB: Yep, advertising in a few days.

TH: Passing around the microphone is a bit ineffective, so we will do it like the college welcome talk. So we will all come forward at the front. Be prepared, I like it casual put prepared. We are profesh. Please don't use your laptop / phones at the meetings if possible.

USE OF UPPER JCR

DH: A few weeks ago, we received a concerned email from a student and how the Upper JCR is a state. The space hasn't been respected by students. I just wanted to gather opinions about what you know and use it for. Currently livers in use it more for storage. Any ideas?

MT: Perhaps having more guidelines and posters of what is and isn't allowed. And getting these up in the physical space.

YA: Can one of us message in the freshers group, it gets cleaned once a week, please look after the space.

WB: I have a revolutionary proposal, is the main issue that people aren't washing up?

DH: That and people not putting sofas back in their place. People leaving pizza boxes. Things before formal.

WB: That is harder to solve but on the cutlery front, we can run some sort of JCR deposit system?

YA: Hmmm

WB: Can we do it like we do it for campus beds?

DH: The problem with that is who would man it?

YA: I'm going to clean it. And then regular looking after. When takeaway dinners, add in the email to dispose trash immediately.

ER: A big reason why not used by livers out, its 3rd years who don't know the space exists.

DH: Are we still good with Services and Communities manning it? I don't see an issue with it.

GL: Absolute worst case scenario, we lock it

STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

GL: Me and Dorian have been thinking about student support fund, it wasn't used last year. They weren't sure how to advertise it. So we have thought, and going to have a form all year round, and they can apply for up to 1/3 a price. Its quite a difficult way to deal with it

MT: Hypothetically, with the threshold, can we know the numbers?

DH: I'm not allowed to know who has the bursary. I'm not sure about the grant either.

WB: Who deals with confidentiality and assessing it?

GL: I censor all the details, then it goes through FinComm. Dorian involved in the process.

ER: Thought about contacting working class rep?

GL: Only just elected, will get in touch

MT: I don't know if we have tried a trust system, is that too dependent? So we say it is designed to support those who need it the most

GL: Yeah, on the form we ask for a justification

WB: Will people actually fill out the form for £20

GL: Not sure, but its nice to see it there

GL: We have about £700 for it, so can really accept as many as we can.

DH: With the trust system, would it be a trial basis?

MT: Yeah I guess

DH: Could AOB this at Pres Comm

WELFARE OFFICER REFORMS

TH: Throw around some ideas for what we could do, but won't be bought up till next JCR meeting.

ER: Any questions?

TH: Will they have specific roles?

ER: Well, my document has several options where this is discussed

MT: I think the advantage of splitting the role, I think this is quite good. So that way if they don't get along they can still do the job

ER: I spoke to Marys, and they have a campaign person and peer support side. Peer support is definitely more draining

MT: It says some colleges have bigger welfare teams. Can we do a hybrid of that.

ER: The majority of our peer support happens in drop ins. And via emails and messages.

TH: In terms of drop ins, in the effect of draining you what does this mean

ER: It is the quantity. If it is just the 1 hour a week its fine, but it is essentially 24/7 people can email me, some things are specific and require specific things etc.

GL: You can't really talk to anyone about it unless they are a danger to themselves

ER: Yeah, so with 2 it allows both to read it and decide how to allocate.

DH: I think the split is good so that it makes it more manageable

ER: Yeah, Greys has quite a good system where there is like a step back when it gets too much

WB: How would it work as an exec member? It is only fillable by one person how it would work on exec meetings?

ER: They would be two separate people at meetings, and can vote. If worried about voting, we can look at this later.

TH: What if we only get 1 welfare officer?

ER: I think the main concern is the workload. So if, we split it into two, makes it workload

DH: Do you insist people run as a pair or individually?

ER: I think that is another question and discussion for later, I think individually but one of the previous officers would be pair.

TH: There is also a problem with vetting, if run as a pair, would be difficult if one gets vetted and so the other person would have the option to re run as individual.

WB: I think individually better, to make sure equally enthusiastic

TH: Is the idea, open 2 positions and have the top 2 candidates.

ER: Power problem with people, hide who wins

WB: No, it is a big problem of accountability. I think you need to have an equal power.

GL: Against running welfare as a pair, if I want to run but don't have anyone to run with. I would be put off

MT: Do you know how much hours on each thing? Can we delegate accordingly

General Consensus: 2 senior welfare officers with duty split equally

AOB

JL: Deadline has to be strictly midday because 10 days for legal documents. We either kick off 8 people or 10 people add.

GL: Not enough time to advertise to other colleges

GS: Is it open to MCR?

JL: Yeah, its on the facebook group

DH: Exec dinner, when are people free?

MT: Use Doodle poll to work out

ACTION POINTS

Everyone: refill the urn when necessary.

Everyone: fill in the keys document

DH: Invite Rosie to environment

WB: Advertise preferendum.

ER: Write up 2 welfare officers motion

RV: Write up vice publicity motion.

DH: Create Exec Dinner doodle poll

Everyone: fill in the dinner doodle poll