

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY JCR MEETING

Sunday 5th Week TT '12

Chair: Kezia Lock (JCR President)

Secretary: Samuel Robberts (JCR Vice President)

JCR Members present: c.12

20th May 2012

19.33 – 19:52

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Present:

Kezia Lock (JCR President)

Sam Robberts (VP)

Konrad Hepworth (JCR Treasurer)

Environment and Ethics- Zack Hall

OUSU Officer- Nick Dickinson

Equal Opps President – Goh Li Sian

Apologies:

Access Officer- Alice Evans

Clubs and Societies- Dom McGovern

Domestic and Careers Officer – Ilija Rasovic

Welfare Officer (Male) - Mike Hardy

RAG Officer- Joe McCrudden

Accommodation Officer – Livvy Elder

Academic Affairs Officer- Iulian Jianu

Entz President- Felipe Monge Imedio

International Student Officer – Moritz Borrmann

Welfare Officer (Female) - Jessica Lewis

Arts Officer- Alex Coupe

Officers reports

President - Slut walk was a great corpus success nice to see everyone involved in things like this

Motion one – Standing Orders

This JCR notes that:

The standing orders are ambiguous and not internally coherent.

That this has caused strife within the JCR committee

This JCR believes:

A happy committee is the best committee

This JCR resolves:

To update the standing orders such that they no longer assign independent responsibility for one job to two or more different officers

To update the constitution in light of these changes - ie insert Freshers Week Committee, which shall be chaired by the JCR President and will serve as the forum in which all FW decisions are made.

Short Factual Questions

Gareth Langley – are we striking relevant stuff from entz president?

yes

Zack Hall - were these done by kezia?

Yes

Gareth Langley – are we changing who chairs the fresher week committee?

Yes, just the president

Gareth Langley – what has been going on?

CONTROVERSIAL

No debate

Move to vote

NO OPPOSITON TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion two – Returning Officer

This JCR notes:

In 2011 the VP role was enlarged such that it involved the VP, Secretary and RO.

This is an enormous amount of power and responsibility

This JCR believes:

The VP role is too large

That there is a potential conflict of interest in having the VP as the returning officer

This JCR resolves:

To create the position of Returning Officer in the JCR so that he/she can take on all constitutional and electoral responsibilities within the JCR

To appoint this R.O. with the agreement of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer at the 6th week Trinity meeting.

Short Factual Questions

Konrad Hepworth – do we chose him?

Yes, they volunteer but the President, VP and Treasurer appoint him

Gareth Langley– appointed for the following year?

Yes

Nick – always appointed?

Yes

Debate

1. Nick Dickinson– should be elected maybe? If were solving it because of democratic burden, they should be elected
2. Greg Yates – conflict of interest thing is minor, what were putting into RO isn't significant enough to undermine the JCR
3. Gareth – will they be at all meetings?
yes

Move to vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

A.O.B.

Rent discussions

Offer of 4.11 % - is the estimated van norden index. Last years Van Norden has been adjusted to be higher, but the offer from college is still lower. College is overspending and the long term spending for the endowment needs recalibrating. The Bursar is new and doesn't want to be aggressive and he is willing to accept the rate of inflation, even though it is lower than colleges own costs.

Fighting would damage the relationship, and kezia isn't in favour of doing that.

Should argue for a few concessions.

Greg Yates – if we did do direct action could make concessions, but would rather get some things without that.

Kezia Lock – want to sweeten the deal for people

Nick Dickinson– outspending. Is anyone paying anything in college which is included in van norden already?

No

Rachel Dellar – in the past 4/5 years people are becoming unsatisfied with the colleges spending. In future, they need to be careful not to alienate the students who then wouldn't want to donate

Kezia Lock – looking at alumni sources etc. leavers funding – looking to match their funding and show self-reliance.

Meeting closes – 19:52

Appendixes

Amended Constitution

Standing orders for VP and R.O. post motion