

# ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE JCR

## Meeting Minutes

**Date and Time:** Sunday 14th May at 3pm in the JCR

### **Present:**

President (SP), VP (PL), Treasurer (HB), Communications (TWA), Access (BM), Catering (TW), Entz (AH), Entz (SG), Environment and Ethical (AC), Environmental and Ethical (ER), Freshers Rep (LNI), Gender Equalities (KV), International (SS), International (CKF), LGBT+ (BA), LGBT+ (LJ), Racial Equalities (ROO), Religious Equalities (DP), Welfare (RS), Welfare (MM)

### **Absence without Apologies:**

Disabilities (PM), Freshers Rep (SH)

### **News and Updates**

- Following last week's by-election we are pleased to welcome the JCR's newest officers: John Stavropoulos (Academic), Conall Fowler (Accommodations & Facilities), Lydia Brassil (Charities) and Awad Shah (Sports & Societies).
- On Tuesday 16th of May from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, College will be giving away wellbeing packs to students on Main Court.

### **Issues Raised**

#### Brunch tea and coffee

- Regarding the removal of free tea and coffee at brunch, TW (Catering officer) has discussed with the college and unfortunately it's no longer economically viable for them to provide it free of charge.
- LNI (Freshers rep) suggested that the JCR could possibly use our budget to provide it instead. TW (Catering officer) has agreed to ask college how feasible this would be. If we were to put in place these provisions HB (Treasurer) has advised that the JCR could possibly pay for these increased costs by raising the JCR subscription fee by £1 or £2.

### Update on Student responses to the Governing Body Motion on student prizes

- As explained in SP's (President) email the Governing Body's motion concerns the possible reintroduction of the practice of publishing academic/non-academic prizes on graduation day. This is not a list of firsts or rankings by subject, but rather a list published on the notice board with everyone who has received some sort of prize from the college that year (ex: The Drury-Johns Prize in Mathematics); there are about 30 or so.
- The survey has shown that the student body would like for the prizes list to be reinstated but with the implementation of an opt in/out system so individuals can decide whether they would like to be included in the list.

### Discussion of Catz bar and how to raise student engagement

- This discussion was led by TW (Catering officer). Unfortunately, due to dwindling revenue, Catz Bar is at risk of being permanently closed. Its future will be decided at the Annual Conference and Catering Events meeting on the 24th of May but for now the JCR has been considering some plans of action to increase student engagement (and therefore revenue).
- The Entz officers are currently working on an itinerary of sorts for the Bar next year and LNI (Freshers rep) has indicated that next year's freshers week will be more heavily centered in the bar (this will of course include both alcoholic and non-alcoholic events).
- Amongst some other ideas; we plan to better use the JCR social media to encourage use of the bar, perhaps propose some sales promotions, implement regular events (like the quiz nights suggested by SP (President)) and hopefully introduce some signature non-alcoholic cocktails. These motions are all still in the early stages of planning so if you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to share please do so [here](#).
- Please note that complete closure is a worst case scenario measure and not currently guaranteed.

The provision of duvets and pillows by college

- The housekeeping team is currently considering removing the pillows and duvets they provide in each room and have sought the JCR's opinion.
- The Committee unanimously agrees that college should continue to provide bedding but should perhaps (as suggested by KV (Gender Equalities officer) and SS (International officer)) allow students to opt out of receiving bedding if they are bringing their own.

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the JCR, please get in touch by emailing [JCR Vice Pres](#) or using the [Meeting Suggestions Form](#).

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