

ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE JCR

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Saturday 29th October at 5pm in Old House

Present:

President (SP), VP (PL), Treasurer (HB), Communications (TWA), Access (BM), Accommodation and Facilities (CF), Catering (TW), Charities (LB), Entz (AH), Environment and Ethical (AC), Environmental and Ethical (ER), Gender Equalities (KV), Racial Equalities (ROO), Welfare (RS), Sports and Societies (AS)

Apologies for Absence: Religious Equalities (DP), LGBT+ (BA), Entz (SG), International (CKF)

Absence without Apologies: Disabilities (PM), Freshers Rep (LNI), Freshers Rep (SH), International (SS), LGBT+ (LJ), Welfare (MM)

News and Updates

a. Campaigning for JCR President will begin today at noon and will last until voting closes on 6th November .

b. As Black History Month comes to a close, we would just like to thank JCR Racial Equalities officer ROO for all her hard work and dedication in creating what was definitely a month to remember.

c. As a final reminder please do ask the Porters for the new bike tag to register your bike this year. If you do not do this your bike risks being removed so do this ASAP!

Issues Raised

a. Presidential updates (including eating on main court GB decision)

- SP (President) updated the wider committee on the current progress of the General Body's decision regarding 'eating on main court'. Although, as of today the college policy still stands: no eating or drinking on Main Court. A trial period

(during which the policy will be removed) is due to start (pending final approvals) anytime from the middle of Lent term to the beginning of Easter term, which coincides with when the weather is better. Once the rule change enters, it will be monitored closely, and if disorderly behavior occurs, it will be removed, so please act wisely. Please see SP's recent 'General Updates' email for more detail regarding this.

- SP has also stated that the Chad's Building works survey indicates that discomfort is not concentrated in one area. Please keep sending in evidence via [this survey](#) if you do feel particularly affected by noise levels due to construction. If a rebate is needed, the best way to get it is to present the evidence from these forms to the College Accommodations team and begin the process. Please note that because the noise is far lower than last year, if there is a rebate, it will be smaller than the amount last year.

b. Discussion about relations with the Cambridge Student Union

- Following a very constructive discussion as a committee we can confirm that as of right now, the JCR has no plans to hold a referendum regarding our affiliation but we will be actively seeking greater transparency and frequency of communication with the SU.
- HB (treasurer) will be asking for a more detailed cost breakdown so we can get a better idea of the SU's funding and finances.
- Additionally, as the majority of the committee are somewhat confident in the new CUSU leadership we will be inviting the SU president to speak with the St Catharine's College student body via an open meeting hopefully later this term .

c. Discussion of college decision to ban personal fridges and freezers except to those with religious/medical reasons

- CF (Accommodations) will be submitting a paper to the General Estates Committee regarding the current college position on personal fridges and freezers. He will be pushing for a reclassification of the current eligibility criteria for ownership of these items as well as for students to be able to supply their own fridges and freezers.

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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