

ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE JCR

JCR Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Saturday 12th February at 4pm in the Upper Octagon

Present: President (AV), VP (SS), Communications (DL), Welfare (AM & AB), Academic (CD), Access (ES), Charities (NW), Catering (JD & HP)

Apologies for Absence: Treasurer (KP), BAME (SO), Disabilities (AA), Environment and Ethical (AD), Ents (AW & VM), International (JK),

Absence without Apologies: Accommodation (LM), Environment and Ethical (AO), Fresher reps (DT & EG), International (AT), LGBT+ (MT & IW), Sports and Societies (RM), Women's and NB (GS)

Ordinary Members: RC, KZ, AP, FO, LM

Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting

Update of the fines from the Dean

- ES (Access) has drafted an email and it will be sent off soon. It outlines the opposition to fines being issued to students for non property damage related offenses as a committee.
- ES (Access) is happy to work with the next officer to follow this through.

News and Updates

Elections Update

- There are still some roles unapplied for, please apply if you are interested! These include Accommodation & Facilities Officer, Charities Officer, Disabilities Officer, Ethical & Environmental Officer, International Officer, Sports & Societies Officer.
- These roles who have not had applications as of yet will be putting up a short message on the Instagram stories highlighting the best parts of their role.
- A reminder to students that campaigning has not officially started yet. Please

read the election rules closely - these have been sent out by AM (Welfare) today.

Issues Raised

Upcoming SU Motions

- <https://www.cambridgesu.co.uk/yourvoice/studentcouncil/>
- The upcoming SU motions can be found on the above having logged in with Raven and then clicking on 7th February agenda.
- The main point is the upcoming strikes which are taking place this term. Considering the committee's discussion on its impact on student teaching, the JCR stance is against the strikes at the next CamSU meeting, as was our stance for the Michaelmas ones too. However this will be under the remit of the new VP.
- The other point considered was the motion to support the U-Bus campaign (a campaign about which more information can be found on the link mentioned above) is campaigning to change the bus route to incorporate Girton and Homerton too. The JCR Committee present also thought this should be voted in support of, however it will also come under the remit of the next VP at the CamSU meeting.

Accessibility Pledge

<https://www.disabled.cusu.cam.ac.uk/accessibility-pledge/#:~:text=The%20Cambridge%20SU%20Disabled%20Students,to%20sign%20and%20adhere%20to.>

- This pledges for Colleges to incorporate ways in which in person and online events should be made accessibility friendly. This includes physically accessible rooms for in person events, access breaks both in person and online, captions for online events etc
- There was not enough of the committee present when discussed so we were unable to vote on it, however the next committee will do so.
- The requirements of this pledge will be incorporated wherever possible into the Hustings on Wednesday.

Artwork around College

- The College and Art Committee has organised for the National Art Gallery to make a copy of the painting of Saint Catharine which will be put up at Catz, something that was only possible due to an Alumni connection.
- The types of artwork and where in central spaces it can be put up is also being looked into, with a main aim of making an environment that is more inclusive of all minority groups. It will also celebrate individuals from these minority groups who contributed to Catz but do not have recognition.

- Although there will be physical art pieces, College have purchased digital screens to put up too because physical art pieces cannot be installed everywhere due to fire regulations.
- The JCR Committee believes it will be a good idea if the Art committee can shortlist the artwork they are considering to put up so the JCR can vote on their favourites. This can be via a sticker voting system if a large collage of all the pictures is put up in Hall.
- Other ideas for where artwork can come from included getting in touch with existing creative Catz societies to see if there is anything they can contribute, getting in touch with Alumni who may want to produce artwork, College staff artwork and looking at the old photography archives.
- It was also suggested that it would be a good idea to create an alumni or sports and societies series because digitalisation creates a lot of scope of what artwork can be included.
- AV (President) to find out more details on the number of art pieces, where the physical and digital artwork is to be placed among other specific details so that the Committee can suggest ideas that would be helpful.
- AV (President) also raised the idea of putting up posters of previous Catz Mayball's in the College Bar so that excitement can build leading up to next year's Winter Ball.

Chinese New Year Celebrations Update

- Chinese New Year movie night unfortunately had to be cancelled today, however JK (International) will be replacing it with a Chinese New Year welfairy that can be sent to their friends.
- If you would like to send a Chinese New Year welfairy please fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/WpWm5mTKPHmMG58M7>

Issues Not Raised

- Please could everyone make sure they are not using household bathrooms that aren't yours around College. Please use your own household ones or the public ones. This issue has been raised with College as it poses a covid risk.
- Please send a maintenance request if the dryers and washing machines have stopped working, there has been communication about this before. If something isn't working, then they're the ones to go to. Please find the link on the website.
- If your issue has not been raised here, please see the JCR Tracker (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1is7NLM-Xm77Lf0liRlrO1ARRdY_tGb_MMC98XhzFxx0/edit?usp=sharing)

Any Other Business

Pink Week Valentine's Sweets

- The Pink Week team are delivering sweets for Valentine's. See Annie's email for more details.

Courts Booking System

- DL (Communications) is still waiting on College to sort out the server error and nothing can be done before that. We are also interested in anyone who can code to do some work on behalf of the JCR so please message DL (Communications) if this is something you would be willing to help out with!

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the JCR, please get in touch by emailing [SS](#) or using the [anonymous messaging platform](#).

DL, 2021-2022 JCR Comms Officer