

ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE JCR

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Saturday 29th April at 4pm in the JCR

Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Freshers Rep (SH), Gender Equalities (KV), Entz (SG), Welfare (RS)

Absence without Apologies:

Freshers Rep (LNI), Religious Equalities (DP), LGBT+ (LJ)

News and Updates

- The college 'quiet period' began 20th April and will continue until midday on 16th June
- College has opened up the McGrath center, Rushmore and Ramsden rooms as study space, please see Tutorial Office Manager's recent email or the Catz JCR instagram for more details
- An open meeting on accommodation charges and financial support attended by the Bursar and Senior Tutor and open to all students will be held in the McGrath Centre at 5–6pm on Tuesday 2 May
- There will be a Green-themed tea at 3 on Wednesday 3rd of May organized by the Environmental and Ethics officers

Issues Raised

Increasing the awareness and accessibility of application criteria and deadlines for prospective students

- BM (Access officer) led a discussion with the wider equalities team (Racial Equalities officer, LGBTQ+ officer, Welfare officer, International officers) about the current methods of advertising college admissions schemes and also making sure that the money and resources are being diverted to the right places and demographics.
- There was also a short discussion on the effectiveness of bursaries offered by college.

Updates on recent Plant Based Universities meeting

- AC (Environment and Ethics officer), ER (Environment and Ethics officer) and TW (Catering officer) led a productive conversation about introducing more plant based options to our hall's menus.
- It has been agreed that greater emphasis will be placed on including more 'out-of-the-box' dishes.
- The exact ratio of plant based to non-plant based products offered in hall is yet to be decided but the JCR committee has agreed that any changes will be made gradually.

SU alternative prospectus

- BM (Access Officer) sought input and suggestions from the JCR team on how to improve the Catz section in the upcoming SU alternative prospectus.
- This is ongoing.

Support for the SU motion to U-turn their marking and assessment boycott stance

- As PL (VP) will be attending a SU meeting on their UCU Motion boycott, the committee discussed the motion and the SU's stance on the matter.
- In the interest of preserving student experiences and satisfaction, the JCR has voted (14 - 0) to support the SU's potential decision to u-turn on their support for this summer's marking and assessment boycott at the next SU meeting.

JCR room

- The JCR committee is looking to improve the JCR and start spending the money budgeted into the improvement fund. This will be discussed further at the next JCR meeting but if you have any ideas please do include them on the anonymous form.

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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