

**Junior Parlour Open Meeting**  
**Pembroke College**  
**26 February, 2006**

- Attendance: Loads of people! Paul reckons about 50. The best turnout ever!

**Women's Officer:**

Candidates:

Stephanie Nelson – like to make a difference bringing info to the women of Pembroke, like to be able to give a listening ear. Trained in giving advice.

Alice Powell – Really important role in college life. Role is to be available for counseling and advice – approachable and non-judgmental. Aware of women's issues outside of college. Ideas – self defence classes

Questions:

Simon Spiro If people didn't want to hear information how would you make it accessible?

Alice: Posters and people can contact you

Steph: Be there as a background advice line as someone to talk to.

Vicky Bradley – what is the most pressing issue for women at Cambridge?

Steph: pressures and social pressures of life at Cambridge

Alice: Not to accept sexism which can become socially acceptable – judged too much on image.

**Men's Officer:**

Candidate:

Alex Jones: Also standing as Welfare Officer, but men's as well. Men are a growing minority and too much interest in women. Sexual health is very important. Organising and making sure that men are well represented in college. Easy to talk to.

Questions:

Clare Kissen: Clarify constitution: What benefits can you bring by standing for both?

Alex: Removes need for mens officer as well.

Maryam Adamji: Men don't tend to talk about their problems – how will you make sure you are approachable?

Alex: Be available and approachable

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**LGBT Officer:** No Candidates

**Disabilities Officer:** No Candidates

**Ethnic Minorities Officer:**

Candidate:

Krystle Noel: Works with Access team, and GEEMA (Open and Challenge Days), works with Black Students Campaign and on Committee as Anti Racism officer. Willing to work with everyone to make race relations better.

Questions:

Maryam Adamji: how can you improve race relations?

Krystle: Events that promote different cultures such as Chinese New Year and dinner.

Jo O'Donnell: How can access schemes at Pembroke be better for Ethnic Minority students?

Krystle: Get more schools from areas with high numbers of ethnic minority students but otherwise great.

### **Julia- Constitutional Amendments**

1. Candidates may only stand for one post- according to original constitution.
2. We've changed this so you can stand for a post on the EO committee as well as Welfare officer.
3. Electorate issues- college says anyone may stand for any post, even if they're not in the target electorate. Done by self-definition. Voting in the election will be by self-defined electorates.
4. The amendment is passed unanimously (and we had quorum!).

## **Access Officer:**

### Candidates:

Mark Copestake: Access is passion. Pembroke is great at the moment. Stood before and is very keen on. From a state school, northern and first person from family to go to uni. Approachable and friendly and Access can be female dominated. Schools liason officer last term and co-ordinated interviews. Member of Access committee and knows access team well. Runs Access Bus. Would continue to work with staff and set up an access email list and get more rewards for helpers. Try and get people to come us. E-mentoring scheme and take a bus to Scotland.

### Questions:

Emma Kerr: Oxford run a different scheme giving a quota to people from an area?  
Mark: Don't agree with quotas get in on own merits.

Katie Newbury: Is there too much emphasis on inner city schools  
Mark: Moving away from that to more rural schools:

## **Green Officer:**

### Candidates:

Dan Chandler: Important to be as environmentally friendly as possible – there is only so much we can do by ourselves and college has a responsibility to provide options. More locally sourced food and renewable energy source, more organic food and fair trade products, more recycling bins and environmentally friendly washing up liquid etc.

Emily Rutter: Believe in ideology of green and care about the ethics and the environment. Have been talking to a lot of green officers and lots of people have struggled to get stuff done. Difficult to convince people that it is not an ideology, it is something to do. By getting ideas from the students we can do what they want.

### Questions:

Rhian Jones: Emotive issue but cost is always a problem? How to do it? We are all poor.  
Dan: Renewable energy source should not be more expensive. Organic Food should be available but not enforced.

Emily: Sustainability is more expensive but it's not that much more. Stereotyping by students that it is more expensive because it is special and has to be considered item by item. Greater awareness is important.

Rachel Miller: People like to recycle but if it not convenient, they don't.

Emily: Need to make it accessible and easy especially in the plodge and to talk to city council about making it better.

Dan: More recycling bins and possibly making it part of fire-wardens duties to take bins out.

TREES: Biggest stumbling block is the council, taken over a term and a half to get a can bin. If we collected everything, we would fill bins that we have in a day. How would you overcome this?

Dan: Apart from working at the council, little other options.

Emily: Has heard before, like to see a stronger college council/town relationship this term. Hostels would be easier to improve.

Jon Sturgeon: Changed the way that we were billed for electricity. Would you change this? (This was done for fairness with Foundress unable to be metered)

Emily: Charging isn't always fair. Late switches on bathrooms.

Dan: Energy saving things would help, double glazing.

### **Hostels Officer:**

Joe Warrington: Few things that he wants to change and facilities for choosing. Sort out the IT side of the service with better information and work with the IT officer and keen to make sure things get done. Better way for more descriptions to improve. Becky Coombs has plans so work with her. Make sure that the first years have as smooth as possible a ballot system as possible – clear on choices that are available. Be available for advice.

Megan Burrough: Given that she was at the bottom of the ballot and was on the waiting list has seen some horrific hostels issues. Keen to do the IT. Little things are important like painting the walls, furniture looks like it has been there for ever – improve their rolling improvement scheme. Pushing for redecoration every couple of years rather than every 10 years.

Vikki Burchell: Everyone cares a lot about hostels and it is very stressful. Wants to make it as clear as possible. Straight forward emails and being around to ask questions. Update IT systems. Improvements to room meetings, room plans should be available. Work with Becky Coombs and Caroline Adams to improve the system.

Questions:

Rachel: Ovens have been fitted in all hostels that it can be. What would you do?  
Megan: This isn't the case. Can have multi appliances.  
Joe: Space is not so much of an issue. College isn't being quite good really.  
Vikki: Everyone would like an oven, can't always stick in a second appliance – micro-ovens would be great.

### **Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officer:**

Candidates:

Alex Jones: Approachable, caring and listening and patriotic about college. Organised and able to communicate. Aims: promote welfare and make sure everyone is aware of the committee and him. Focus with the freshers. Learn from other colleges. New ideas, drop in meetings and chocolate.

Jenny Collinson: Medic but not an alcoholic. Easy for discontent to spread through college. Make college happy. Focused on people care. Compassion and sincerity needed, worked at a hospital. Part of a multicultural environment through living in Dubai. Freshers and college families are really important.

Katharine Murphy: Likes people to be happy. Like to be approachable and people to come and say hello. Need to keep the information flowing. More events in exam term are really important.

Questions:

Simon Spiro: What do you do if someone divulges confidential but crucial information about a friend to you?

Katharine: Need to keep confidential.

Alex: the same

Jenny: the same

Joe Warrington: Is there a disadvantage in knowing too many people in college as Welfare Officer:

Alex: Can put you through to someone else to counseling or whatever was appropriate.

Jenny: Shouldn't be a problem as long as confidentiality is respected and as long as you are trusted you can isolate the job from the people you know.

Katharine: A welfare officer who doesn't know anyone is no use.

Emma Kerr: Ents put on for the sake of welfare – what are your suggestions:

Jenny: Yoga Classes and Stand Up Comedy nights with Pembroke talent

Alex: Picnic in exam term, facilities to host space events, coffee times during mid revision and freshers work and money going into alcohol fuelled event.

## **Vice president:**

John Sturgon: A master minute taker. Encourage attendance at open meetings. Would encourage use of bribery for attendance. Would publish term cards as well as emails. CUSU need of radical change but should remain affiliated.

Julia Bird: Keen to encourage turnout. Notes that no-one cares about CUSU – wants to relay information to students. Is proactive in college – knows all the celebs!

Bayan Parvizi: Will blend two new roles well. Good organizational skills. Wants to set up an educational committee to discuss problems within subject areas. Calls for synoptic email.

## Questions:

Julia Rennie: How will you organise your lives around meetings?

Bayan: Well-organised and motivated.

Julia: Loves to be busy! 7-10 schedule.

John: Well organized as he's a natsci.

Emma Kerr: Can you write entertaining minutes?

John: Would mimic his illustrious predecessor.

Julia: Has experience in embarrassing people, can make mathmos laugh (room is shocked!)

Bayan: Candidly admits that nobody would reply negatively to a question like this. So... sure, he'll entertain with minutes!

## **No Other Business**

**Julia reminds everyone of the rules of self-promotion.**

**Meeting closed 2.7 days after it began (or so it seemed...).**