

Pembroke College
JUNIOR PARLOUR COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the JPC held on 24 November 2008 at 6.30 p.m. in the Junior Parlour.

Present: Zami Majuqwana; Lucy Baldwin; Hannah Baker; Freya Perry; Lorna Fairbairn; Andrew Norman; Louise Wallace; Alex Kaitcer; Amelia Viney; Dave Rant; Jayan Logarajan; Will McAdam; Hannah Rickman; Rick Lupton; Bo Dury

1 Handovers

- Zami asked whether all newly elected members of the JPC had had appropriate handovers with the previous students occupying their offices, to which everyone answered in the affirmative.

2 Christmas Bop

- Freya announced that this bop's theme would be Narnia, and said that she would be sending a rota around in the next few days of JPC member's shifts.
- Freya raised the question of whether we should keep the discounted £3 non-drinking ticket, and the JPC agreed that this should be kept.

3 Fresher's Panto

- Hannah and Will said that this year's panto would be happening on Tuesday 2 December at about 10.30 p.m., although the exact time was yet to be finalized. They also pointed out that JPC members must be present to steward at the event.

4 IT matters

- Andrew Norman raised the issue that at present there are a significant number of Undergraduates who are not on the JPC mailing list as this is at present an opt-in service. As agreed in ConCom, the JPC will use the Tutorial Office's mailing list more urgent matters (such as elections).

It was also discussed that the JPC should find a way of getting more students to opt in to the JPC mailing list.

- Andrew Norman also raised the point that he would like to push to get minutes from senior meetings available online for all students to read, the JPC agreed with this and it is planned that the matter be raised at the next ConCom meeting - Hannah Rickman also pointed out that there may be some Agenda items from Senior meetings that the college would be unable make publicly accessible since they regarded sensitive or personal issues.
- It was agreed that access to free printing for all JPC matters should be given to all JPC members, Andrew to organize this.

5 JPC notice board

- Zami brought everyone's attention to the fact that the JPC notice board had got into a bit of a state recently and needed to be sorted out, the JPC agreed to meet during the week to reorganize the board, which will include having sections for each area which the JPC are involved with e.g. welfare, academic affairs &c., with pictures/profiles of each committee member. It was also discussed that for whatever reason in the past year JPC meeting minutes had not been posted on the notice board, and that this is an item specified in the constitution, consequently the JPC will resume posting minutes on the notice board for the JP to see.

6 Communication between JPC and junior members

- It was discussed that there was a general lack of communication between the JPC and junior members, and that since the JPC were meant to be a voice for junior members, that this problem should be addressed. It was agreed that we would have a 'Meet the JPC' item in the next edition of Pembroke Street. It was also discussed that the re-vamp of the notice board would help with this. It was also discussed that we would have an Open Meeting before the end of term, currently scheduled for Tuesday 2 December at 6.30 p.m. It was agreed that this should be well advertised with more than one email sent out to junior members. To encourage participation the email to junior members would include

key agenda issues and a note to say that if anyone had any items to add to the agenda they were encouraged either to email Zami or write these on the sheet that will be pinned on the JPC notice board.

7 Disciplinary Board

- It was discussed that a while ago the previous president had received an email asking that a member of the JPC sit on the disciplinary board, this had until been ignored and Zami raised the need to ensure that a member of the JPC sat on the board, a member will be selected at a future date.

8 Council meeting news

- Zami, who attended the last council meeting said that the only thing to raise from it was that there was a university red ribbon campaign coming up for Aids awareness day and that it was possible to order a charity box and ribbons from CUSU. It was agreed that the JPC would first check with Anna Judson (the university charity rep) that she wasn't already doing this, and if not, send off for boxes and ribbons and place them in the JP, Library, and Porter's Lodge.

9 Welfare Initiatives

- Amelia drew everyone's attention to the fact that she had met with the rest of the Welfare team to discuss a new welfare plan for the year ahead. Projects include a Mixtape event on Valentine's day in which people wishing to participate exchange create mixtapes and exchange them with other students; a Winter welfare booklet to include information on JPC roles, an clarification of the Taxi Scheme, and a questionnaire/survey on how the junior members feel about different aspects of College – it was generally felt that this would help to get junior members more engaged with the JPC and enable the JPC to raise the issues and effect the changes that the student body cared about, details of the questionnaire to be discussed at the open meeting; an Exam term booklet, which will be a re-drafted version of last year's booklet, which appropriate senior members will check over before publication, the Welfare Team and Lucy (in her academic affairs capacity) to work primarily on this, although general JPC input is welcomed;

Women's and Men's officers to organize respective 'girls night in' and 'boys night in' nights intended to be alcohol free and for relaxation purposes; Amelia also suggested that Jan the nurse be trained so that she can carry out anonymous STI screening for students in college, the idea had been discussed with Mark Wormald prior to the meeting and this was something that he supported in principle. All ideas were well received by the JPC and updates on the progress of these ideas will be given at the next JPC meeting.

- The possibility of providing Durex condoms rather than the current brand provided in Men and Women Officer's pigeon holes was discussed – whilst the condoms provided at present are perfectly adequate and approved, it was felt that the Durex brand may be more trusted by junior members and thus be more likely to get used. The suggestion was generally well received though Dave pointed out that the current brand on offer seemed to be well used.

10 JPC constitution

- It was discussed that when the College Statutes are updated the JP and GP President and Vice-president will no longer be observers at College meetings, but will instead be members, Andrew pointed out that the constitution will thus have to be changed, and that while this was done there were various other amendments we ought to make to it, appropriate changes will be discussed and voted on by junior members at an Open Meeting, and, if approved, proposed to Mark Wormald and finally to the Governing body at the College meeting for approval.
- In particular, it was discussed that we might re-phrase / re-define the offices of 'International Officer' and 'Ethnic Minorities Officer' with the possibility of making these titles fall under one heading, and making the role more celebratory of diversity. This will be discussed at greater length in future meetings, and the JPC will consult with senior members on this at the next ConCom meeting.
- It was also discussed that it might be a good idea for the International Officer and Ethnic Minorities Officer to organize some multicultural formal nights in order to celebrate diversity and encourage community spirit within college.

11 Gay week

- It was discussed that College have a week designated to celebrate and raise awareness of homosexuality, this would include a series of talks and debates on Christian faith and sexuality. Will said that he had discussed the possibility of this with the Dean, who supported the idea; the idea came about in conjunction with Will's proposal to the Dean that the Chapel allow same sex blessings, to which the Dean said that rather than putting it in the constitution the appropriate body would make decisions on a case by case basis. It was felt that the week may help to make students feel comfortable at making such proposals to the Dean. The suggestion was well supported by all JPC members.

12 Bar

- The alarming increase in the prices of alcoholic drinks in the JP Bar was discussed. The JPC discussed that there seemed to be a distinct sense of dissatisfaction amongst junior members about this. It was felt by the JPC that College should be pushed to advertise prices at the bar, publish price rises, lower prices (or if not at least explain the rise).
- The possibility of a long term project to make the bar student run in order to reduce costs was also discussed.
- It was generally agreed that this was the perfect issue to get momentum from the Junior members in JPC issues. The matter will be discussed at the Open Meeting, Philippa to talk to Chris Blencowe and create a report on the situation between now and then to be used at the meeting.

13 Open meeting

- It was agreed that the next Open meeting would take place on Tuesday 2 December at 6.30 p.m. This will be well advertised with the agreed agenda so far as follows: Bar prices; Fines; Security; Accommodation; Student Questionnaire. A sheet will be put up on the JPC notice board for any junior members to add agenda items.

Lucy Baldwin
25 November 2008