

## Minutes

Sunday 10 May 2009, 6.30 pm in the JP

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### 1 Apologies and Minutes

Apologies: None

In Attendance: David Newgas; Oliver Jones; Freya Perry; Sophie Donkin; Philippa Dale; Anna Sciortino; Rona Anderson-Witty; Laura McKoy; Zami Majuwana.

### 2 Matters for Oral Report

David reminded the committee that he is still waiting on several people about money for handover dinner.

Laura reported that there was a successful access visit, and that Pembroke has a new access representative. She informed the committee that Pembroke is recruiting for the summer school, and that Clemency Cooper is the relevant contact. At the inter-college access meeting a "Target Schools Database" was established, whereby students can sign up to act as a contact for local schools. Laura would like the committee to encourage students to join, especially as there is an inter-college competition.

### 3 Hostels Database

Sophie Donkin reported on the design of a hostels database to be finished over the summer. It will include information such as size, rent and floor, but also less obvious information such as provision of sinks, mirrors, photos, noise level and general comments. The database will be searchable both for query such as "what rooms are there in 10 Selwyn" and "what rooms have mirrors and are big". The system will store previous users feedback, building up an archive for each room. Other committee members suggested a field for ceiling height, and the direction the windows face (N/S/E/W).

Sophie also requested discussion in the next open meeting to establish "general viewing days" to establish a common time for students to visit other hostels to examine the rooms. The goal is that a common time will mean people do not feel they are intruding, and increase the chance that a viewing is possible.

Sophie informed the committee that from now on it is the responsibility of scholars to contact Becky Coombs about getting on the scholars ballot, as she has much trouble contacting them.

Sophie announced she will be emailing the JP about rent increases, explaining the necessity and that they are still very reasonable.

### 4 JP-GP relations

Freya informed the committee that Eva, the GP Externals Officer, emailed her suggesting a JPC/GPC dinner this thursday. (At this point Derrick interrupted the committee meeting with apparent aim of eating biscuits.) The suggestion was well received, although a later date such as the 10th June would be preferred due to exams.

### 5 Hypnotist Show

Freya reported on the upcoming Hypnotist show on the 19th May. She needs two stewards on the door and at least one acting to ensure the general well running of the event. Freya will give JPC members tickets to sell; they are £5.

### 6 Any Other Business

#### i Welfare Events

The previous welfare film night had poor turnout. Rona is having some issue with Ken Smith, who

maintains the welfare film nights are not function. It was resolved to bring this up with the senior tutor. Laura agreed to cover for Rona during exams. Zami arrived during this discussion.

Rona reported that the welfare picnic that day was a success, using £100 of the £125 budget.

Rona reported on the continuing success of the Yoga sessions, which she reminds the committee are every Friday 4–5. Laura agreed to cover the yoga also.

## **ii International Events**

Anna reported that the Mexican formal was attended by 40 people. She went on to say Daniella has organised a South-East Asian formal on the 16th May that already has 200 people coming.

## **iii Recycling Issues**

Oliver probed the committee on the popularity of having recycling boxes in laundry rooms. There was some discussion, and it was resolved to be left to Oliver's discretion.

Rona asked Oliver what could be done about fire wardens in Foundress who were expected to sort more recycling boxes than fire wardens in other staircases. Oliver explained the assignments are being altered over the summer, and he would take this into account.

## **iv Newspapers in hall and the JP**

Oliver suggested organising one set of newspapers to be shared between hall and the Junior Parlour, as there is no overlap between the time when newspapers are out for breakfast and in the JP. David pointed out this was discussed a year ago by the JPC and he thought this had been acted on. Zami suggested keeping two sets of newspapers as they tend to go missing and be destroyed over breakfast. David moved for a vote which resulted in the existing set up remaining. Consensus was to ensure the newspapers are recycled.

## **v End of term Bop**

Freya suggested holding another Bop at Fez, likely on the Monday after exams. The committee agreed. On request Freya explained that half of the ticket price of £2 goes to the JPC, which came to £60 from the previous Fez Bop (although money has not yet been paid).

## **vi Fresher's Week Sponsorship**

Laura followed up her previous suggestion of getting sponsorship for fresher's week from a law firm that had previously suggested sponsoring an event; they were not interested, as they want to sponsor events more suitable for advertising careers, e.g. dinners.

*Here ends the meeting.*