Keble College JCR General Meeting MINUTES

MT2014 - Sunday 18th October 2014 - 2nd Week

1. Apologies of absence:

Jonny Mitchell Joel Hide Katie Millard

2. Officers' Reports:

President (Rosie Petersen)

- 1. Welcome new Speaker (yay)
- 2. Final amendment for the constitution boring but necessary
- 3. In contact with Dean and Warden about course of action re: ghosts at the bop
- 4. Appointed new year book rep and sports rep
- 5. 35 years of women at Keble on 15th November lots of events throughout the day, more posters and fliers

Vice President (Jonny Mitchell)

- 1. Have sent out a survey concerning the substitute dinner scheme, for people with regular commitments that prevent them from attending formal hall and who thus have to cater for themselves. Have had a good amount of replies but keep them coming in!
- 2. Have started gathering information about laundry costs in other colleges, which will go to Nick French.
- 3. The bar sub-committee applications have been sent out please apply!
- 4. Information about applying for University Challenge, and when the trials for it will be, will come out later this week.
- 5. Have opened discussions with Hall about Yorkshire Puddings potential price increase to be discussed with Nick French

Treasurer (Kate Dickenson)

- 1. Internet baking finally sorted
- 2. Matriculation photo yesterday went well

Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. None

Welfare (Zoe Larkin & Joel Hide)

- 1. email earlier this week about the bop anyone with concerns please get in touch with welfare team
- 2. c card scheme, any outstanding forms please give in as officers will be sorting these out in the week

Equal Ops (Rachel Hulme)

- 1. first spectrum meeting at the start of 3rd week email out to see when people are most available
- 2. trip to see the film Pride will combine with Orange Wednesdays
- 3. working with college about disability access

Accommodation (Matt Hawes)



1. bar sub-committee – need people from every year

OUSU Rep (Hossein Sharafi)

- Wednesday OUSU meeting vote on free education, also possibility for disabilities rep for each JCR
 - a. To be discussed in any other business?

Freshers' Week President (Katie Millard)

1. Not here

Charities (Lydia Ream & Sarah Peel)

- 1. Sent an email about charities sub committee
- 2. Send in suggestions for JCR charity esp. local focus
- 3. In return for Alex Fox for writing the Christmas panto his final performance on Voyage of the Narwhal on Wednesday

Entz (Deanna Greenhalgh, Greg Albery & Severin Limal)

- 1. Discussing events of the bop want to make it clear that last weekend's was an anomaly: if there are issues at bops talk to the entz reps, bar staff or bouncer
- 2. Plan to get tickets for Wahoo for this Friday and Halloween Friday
- 3. In talks with St Hugh's for a mid-term out of college bop
- 4. 5th week blues events open mic night, comedy night etc. any suggestions get in touch

Arts & Pubs (Kath Baxter, Lily Mackow-McGuire & Mina Ebtehadj-Marguis)

- 1. various Oxford events published on the fb page: Mellor gallery on Broad Street Bacon and Freud exhibition
- 2. first art soc on Friday was a success- photos coming soon!

Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)

1. couple of hours in E&E workshop with OUSU – work which the University is doing to be more sustainable

Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

- 1. good response to KA internship application scheme, extend the deadline until this Tuesday
- 2. event on 28th October (Tuesday 3rd week) for anyone interested in banking drinks with alumni

Academic Affairs (Alice Duffy)

- 1. Keble at Large training happening this week those wanting to get involved with tours
- 2. Meeting with Ali Rogers to replace academic feedback sessions, non-academic rustication issues and will contact subject reps for academic feedback esp. for freshers in their first week of work

3. Motions:

3. Non-Committee Officers Ratification

Sports Rep

Candidate:

Sebastian Carter

Votes for: 33Votes against: 1Abstentions: 1

LBGTQ Rep

Candidate:

Jack Remmington

Votes for: 35Votes against: 0Abstentions: 0

Yearbook Rep

Candidate:

Laura Whitehouse

Votes for: 35Votes against: 0Abstentions: 0

4. Motions:

Motion 1: Code of Conduct

Proposer: Flo Barnett, Iona Dixon, Louisa Adams, Sarah Stuart

Seconder: Zoe Larkin, Joel Hide

This JCR notes that

- 1. Harassment or bullying of any kind is unacceptable
- 2. Keble currently has no clear statement of its values or principles nor the way we as a community expect people to behave towards each other
- 3. Societies that claim to represent Keble should be held to a certain standard of behaviour

This JCR believes that

- 1. Everyone should be able to participate in Keble societies without fear of bullying or harassment
- 2. Having a clear Code of Conduct, written by the Keble community, is a helpful way to make Keble a safer place
- 3. A Code of Conduct would help Keblites uphold its most important values and encourage other outsiders to do the same

This JCR therefore resolves to

- 1. Work with College to create a Code of Conduct at a 'town hall' style meeting which any Keble member would be free to attend or contribute
- 2. Make it compulsory for any Keble society which wishes to be affiliated to Keble, or bear its name, sign the Code of Conduct
- 3. At the meeting, decide in what ways societies or its members transgressing the code would be disciplined

Issues Raised:

Proposer: really common for organisation so have a code of ethics, a positive step towards
doing something that would make it clear how Keble thinks is a proper way to behave;
nitty gritties like the level of punishment for transgressing can be

- Would the code of conduct be put through the JCR before it's finalised? Town hall meeting
 with Dean and Junior Deans are keen on attending, then would go away and write it and
 pass it at a JCR meeting to be discussed further and voted on
- If members of society transgress the code, who is responsible? The kind of thing we want to discuss at a meeting; any University society have to sign various codes of conduct, if they transgress these rules they get fined or are no longer allowed to be known as 'Oxford University x'; the idea here is to decide what would be more appropriate way of punishment at the proposed meeting
- If the code did get broken, would the individual be punished or the society as a whole?
 Something to be discussed; something we did think about is team responsibility, if there was an incident involving the society the idea of the code is to ensure that people take responsibility for themselves

VOTES FOR: 35
VOTES AGAINST: 0
ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 2: Constitutional Changes

Proposer: Rosie Petersen **Seconder:** Katie Davies

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The constitution must be reviewed every 5 years by the JCR President
- 2. The previous President amended the constitution last year, but some formatting issues remained, and there were a few more items that needed to be added
- 3. Constitutional changes require unanimous support in one meeting or, alternatively, a 2/3rds majority in 2 consecutive meetings.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Amend the constitution in accordance with the attached document

Issues Raised:

- Proposer: most of the changes have been updating the references which hopefully isn't
 too controversial; all gender references have been changed to neutral in accordance to
 discussion in TT; changed procedure for electing LBGTQ rep to TT in accordance to what
 has already been discussed; change voting procedure to include abstentions in quorum
- Friendly amendment standing orders about procedure for Speaker, there is a repeated clause taken as friendly

VOTES FOR: 35 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES. Constitutional change made

4. Matters for Discussion

- Facilities for JCR sink (Rosie Petersen)
 - New JCR sink including a boiling water tap; what are thoughts on making provisions for making tea and coffee etc. (tea, coffee, cups etc.) – do an honour system as in the MCR or work out funding it through the JCR
 - People don't all know how to work the hot water tap –make a sign about how it all works
 - Honour system requires a lot of money; would be really good to get it funded from the JCR – there is a lockable cupboard, come from the Secretary budget
 - People more in favour about getting it for free
 - o Toaster? Have to talk to college about this first
- Disability rep OUSU discussion
 - Should be amalgamated into the equal opps role if the role keeps getting broken down it will undermine the point of the equal opps role, representing
 - Why does LBGTQ role have to be separate? Unlike other affected groups in college, people have been self-identified; also important in terms of social aspect and integrating with the university wide society
 - Need to be consistent about this e.g. breaking down equal opps role into other minority groups
 - Someone who is affected by this might be better able to speak about it; but too much undermines the equal opps role
 - Makes an issue making the potential officer the 'token' person, a high chance that someone might not want to run for this
 - Under the umbrella of disability
 - Disability is a key thing we need to work on at Keble, is a poorly accessible place – should be worked on more informally as the role of the rep
 - Disability comes in many forms if this is broken down, where does this stop?

5. Any Other Business

- Where is the JCR table football? Where is the Play Station? Where is piano?
 - Check the store cupboard in the bar
 - Has the company who owns it took it away along with the old pool table? Ask Angus or Rishi

- Still no cover for the pool table and conference guests have been using it – Jonny to take up with DB, ask housekeeping
- o *** Matt to look into this
- Gender equality festival at St John's this week lots of different events coming up
- 35 years of women at Keble organisers want to have current JCR female students to fill 20 minutes of music in the Chapel for performance
- E&E idea surplus plastic bags, install collection spots for plastic bags on each corridor to encourage people to reuse them
- Speaker ukulele constructive criticism: strum in between motions please more music!