Keble College JCR General Meeting Minutes TT2013 – Sunday 26th May 2013 – 6th Week

Apologies:
 Welfare
 Academic Affairs
 Entz.



2. Officers' reports:

President (James Newton):

- 1. Meeting with bursar about rent, he's putting figures through his accounts to see if proposal is viable. 2.07% increase, which if goes through (should do by Wednesday) will be lowest increase for 6 years.
- 2. Will send everything round in an easily digestible email.
- 3. Academic feedback got through provisionally, going to be some trials, need some high quality feedback.
- 4. Keble at large going well video camera.

Vice-President (Luka Boeskens):

- 1. College plans to rebuild the entry to college. Still in early planning stages, but basically will be a glass area in the lodge and make people enter through the lodge and make people walk out through a new door. Will make the lodge bigger, more easily workable for porters etc. would be a big change, potentially some inconveniences what is people's opinion?
- 2. College argues that it will allow restriction on groups of tourists, currently they can just walk in. Also security issues.
 - Gates are planned to have a swipe card, so wouldn't have to go through porter's lodge.
 Will likely consult to sEan over summer, but need to know top priorities. Reply swipe card is not currently concreted in the plan.
 - What would happen to traffic flow? **Reply** glass gates would be able to open.
 - When will the construction be undertaken? **Reply** Christmas, but might be a temporary lodge for a few weeks.
 - Width of the porter's lodge, would that compromise pidge space? **Reply** should make pidge space larger/constant.
 - Cash machine? One college does. Reply could try; they are sort of against because of security etc
- 3. Summer dinner Friday 7th week, will be when Gerard is presented with his gift, might be fancy dress.

Secretary (Alex Connolly):

1. No notices.

ENTZ (Sascha Eady):

1. No notices.

Equal Ops (David Harris):

1. October is black history month, might do film nights etc, if anyone has any ideas/want to get involved let Dave know.

Arts and Pubs (Bea Xu, Hal Hainsworth):

1. None

Academic Affairs (Suzie Markland):

1. None

Environment and Ethics (Fiona Elliot):

 Been receiving lots of emails saying that people aren't getting recycling bags from scouts. PLEASE email Lynn Edney and cc in Janet Knight – hopefully if lots of people email they will take action.

Welfare (Ellen Peihl):

1. None

Accommodation (Laura Gill):

1. Competition for a pub name and drawing for the bar. Doesn't need to be in its final form. Prize – champagne. And an artist will be brought in to do the sign.

Treasurer (Georgie Clifford):

1. None

Charities (Gargie Ahmad):

1. None

Freshers' Week President (Emma Alexander):

1. If anyone wants a stall for Freshers' fair please get in touch

OUSU Rep (Mike Fedosiuk):

1. None

4. Hustings (brought forward by Chair)

Secretary:

Candidates: Katie Davies

Really want to do the job, very enthusiastic. Want to get involved in the JCR. Was on Keble ball committee to do tickets, showing commitment, hard working, organization etc. Will help to keep on top of stuff. Quite a dependable person. Just keep on with the good work of predecessors and the work of the website also, which is doing well. Hoping to keep communication to a minimum. 48 hour turnaround for minutes and hopefully only one hour a week. Also part of Sean's manifesto was to get Freshers more into the JCR, so would hope to work in sending specific emails to Freshers to ease them in and maybe do an induction.

Challenge: need to be organized. 20 minutes to organize as many people as possible into a flash mob (coordinated dance move) in JCR

3. Motions:

Motion 1: Careers and Alumni Relations officer

Issues Raised:

- Discussed whether we should divide among the JCR committee, but there would be a lot of bureaucracy.
- Need a unanimous vote here, or it goes to a two thirds majority over two meetings, and if that fails it'll go to referendum
- Will this mean we get more emails? **Reply** Suzie's current emails are on the careers side of things, so you would carry on getting that one email, just from a different officer.
- Delaying till 8th week because there aren't enough people we only have 35 people in the room.

Not enough for quorum. THIS MOTION FAILS – moves to next meeting

Motion 2: Anonymous Voting:

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer** this is essentially part of what we feel is making voting fairer, always a benefit to the JCR. Open to suggestions and questions, significant changes to the JCR. These are all the changes necessary to do it. Did seem to have an impact at the last meeting, as there were some abstentions/objections to charity motions
- Isn't the system flawed? Reply if someone looks round to see people then they will be
 ejected from the room. It is open to abuse, but we feel most won't abuse it, and if
 anyone really cares I believe people have it in them to just be honest. It's mostly going
 to be proposers/seconders that are keen to know who's voting how.
- Wouldn't system be better to have votes in open, and then have some option for electronic voting? **Reply** would mean leaving meetings without knowing the outcome of the meeting, which is not ideal when people have made the effort to come. It was a noticeable difference in charities. It's not a perfect system, but it's not going to deter people from coming to meetings.
- Did anyone look up? **Reply** One did, and they were advised not to.
- What will happen if this doesn't go through now? **Reject** This is not something that will go away, so if it gets rejected now it will likely come up again. It has come out quite well in the trial. If we decide to accept this now, it doesn't mean it can't be gone back on.
- Does it have to be done in every vote? **Reject** We decided that putting your hand up in every vote anyway, so putting your head down is not much harder.

- Means conversation is disrupted whilst voting? **Reply** shouldn't be too much for a minute or two.
- Does the president get to vote, and if so, will he also be counting? **Reply** tend not to vote, but if he wants to then he can get secretary to do it.

We now have 37 in the room. VOTES FOR: 30 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 7

Will have to be delayed until the next meeting – not enough for quorum.

Motion 3: Croquet Equipment

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer** last trinity, new croquet sets were bought at £200 each. They are really poor quality. Need to buy a good quality set, so they will last more than a summer.
- £700 is a lot. Is there no alternative option? **Reply** there are other options, but they aren't as good. e.g., hoops would be cast iron and wouldn't bend and heads would be much better quality.
- There was a mention of buying more in the future? **Reply** didn't want to push for more at this stage, and also wanted to see how people would treat such kit.
- How often does Keble do well in croquet cuppers? **Reply** Last year a Keble team did very well.
- Is there a Keble croquet club budget? **Reply** there is and the bursar is keen to push for it more. They do have a budget but it's not £700
- Do hope they'd respect it more, but for that sort of money it's a risk? Could we not educate people to do it, e.g. not knock in hoops with mallets? **Reply** Bursar keen for club to do training.
- Need carrots in the ground, are they ok with this on Liddon? **Reply** Need to discuss.
- If it got out that we'd spent £700 on croquet sets, will it look bad for access? **Reply** other colleges tend to have very expensive sets too
- Couldn't the MCR contribute seeing as they use it too? **Reply** a valid point, not thought of that, could try. The MCR are very poor.
- If we bought more of these, it would amount to a few thousand pounds what is the budget of normal sports teams? **Reply** ranges from £60 to £1050. This is an investment.
- If you're going to buy a really nice set, can you reserve that for cuppers? **Reply** would look into that, but didn't want it to appear that we're spending £700 for only cuppers. College are looking at setting up a booking system for lawns, and also better sets.
- When would it be purchased? **Reply** next few days?
- How much is £700 as a proportion of our budget? **Reply** surplus is £17000

VOTES FOR: VOTES AGAINST: 6 ABSTENTION: LOADS THIS MOTION FAILS. Not enough for quorum, will have to be delayed till next time.

Motion 4: Charities Motion: Tough Mudder:

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer** –it's a half marathon obstacle course (actually 10-12 miles). Crawling through tonnes full of mud etc. For cancer research, a cause close to hearts.
- When is it? **Reply** Sunday of 8th week.
- Can we watch it? **Reply** but you have to buy tickets. It is in Hampshire. Will try and get some photos. Not meant to be a race, but could try and compete with Queens (who are also doing it).

VOTES FOR: UNANIMOUS VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 THIS MOTION PASSES.

4. Any other business: