Keble College JCR General Meeting MINUTES

HT2015 – Sunday 2015 – Week2



1. Apologies of absence:

Isobel Roberts Rajoo- Vice President- Bar is open during the day as an alternative study space as Sloane Robinson is surrounded by building works. Let me know if you have any domestic concerns.

2. Officers' Reports:

President (Sarah Shao)

- Animal Farm soon
- Vice President (Isobel Roberts-Rajoo)
 - See above
- Treasurer (Ellen Southall-Garrad)
 - Nothing
- Secretary (Patrick Hall)
 - Nominations for OUSU Officer are still open
- Welfare (Jake Spitz and Susy Rees)
 - Please come to peer support sessions on Sunday
- Equal Ops (Ell Potter)
 - Not present
- Accommodation (Armand Rego)
 - Mutual swaps for rooms- speak to JK
- OUSU Rep (Charilie Peto)
 - Please apply for my role, you need to regularly go to OUSU meetings and create an agenda each time. Please speak to me if you would like to know more about the role.
- Freshers' Week President (Michael Venables)
 - Not present
- Charities (Clara, Elena and Annie)
 - Please sign up to Keble Croquet Cuppers and pay the £1 fee
- Entz (Laura, Matt and Fergus)
 - Thank you for halping with the film night on Friday
- Arts & Pubs (Ione Wells)
 - Not present
- Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)
 - Look out for information about the blood.
- Careers & Alumni (Shakeel Hashim)
 - Not present
- Academic Affairs (Niccie Baker)
 - Alternative open day on the 14th of October

3. Hustings:

Treasurer:

John Bryant

- Organised and responsible.

-I have studied finance and accounting

- I can present finance in a clear way and I have lots of spare time.

-Summaries and spreadsheets of spending online.

-Unified page on the website for bursaries.

-Happy hours in the bar- for Keble Bridge.

-Keble needs a capable and responsible person. I can present an argument and debate with the senior members of the college.

-I am very passionate about the role.

Dan Mangles

- Give the committee practical advice about the funding that they need.

-I have held three different jobs in the past year, working with data collection and spreadsheets.

-Spend the budget well. I have done charity work, RAG.

- I am the treasurer for the Engineering Soc.

-Give the committee a platform to discover their budget.

-More sports equipment for outdoors contained within the JCR.

-Better funding for the JCR. Sports subsidies. Funding for food.

Harry Yandle

- Ditto John's words about Economics and Management.

-I am the treasurer for Oxford Ski and Snow club. I have sufficiently reimbursed people.

-Interact with bursar and other senior members of the college to represent college views. -Fairness and efficiency. See how the money has been spent.

-Solid understanding of the money available so people can decide whether to support a motion or not.

-Create a Google doc for missing or broken things in the JCR, such as table tennis equipment.

-Work with the Fresher's Week president to work out the finances for Fresher's, help them budget.

-Supply Lodge with pound coins. Support punitive charges for replacing keys - Petition the bursar.

-Represent the JCR's views in rent negotiations.

-Work with academic affairs and the bursar for Keble at Large- include it in the JCR budget or provide a better source of funding.

Questions and responses:

Strategies for discussing with the Bursar. Dan- JCR pay the Bursar. Negotiate and find a solution that suits both parties (b and JCR). Harry- Give the bursar information, know what other colleges are doing with their bursars, be conciliatory but make him know how the JCR feels. John- data from the JCR is very important, understand B's motives and come to a suitable conclusion.

Would you cut from other areas to fund KAL?- Harry- Not huge sums- a little bit of money can go a long way. It is not less important than other budgets. John- Increase the budgets for KAL, senior members should fund KAL because it reflects badly upon them. Dan- Worked on streamline, look to cut from current budgets.

What is your favourite EdExcel function?- John- locking cells into dollar mode. Dan- you can set different colours for different numbers. Harry- Work out standard deviation by selecting the whole of data.

What would you do with the Surplus for the JCR?- Harry- pool table needs replacing, get more chairs. John- not against a surplus but would spend on bikes and ask members of the JCR. Dan- agree with John and make students aware of the surplus.

Challenge: Use a bouncy ball to create a business and bring back a valuable object. Take pictures of your trade.

Academic Affairs and Outreach:

Tom Bioletti

- Myth busting Oxford stereotypes is extremely important.

- -I wish to represent students in terms of academic commitments.
- More advice on reading and interviews for applicants in packs.
- -Get rid of interview myths and give personal experiences.

- Increase the representation of rusticated students.

-People need greater understanding of rustication, as it is surrounded in myths.

Matthew Roberts

- I have been on the KAL committee.

-Senior management does not like paying KAL very much.

-A lot of students are falling at the aptitude test and interviews.

-Give more help to year 13s and get help over the aptitude tests and interviews from someone doing the same subject as you.

-More active work in KAL. Produce information packs and push them out in tours.

-Go to schools and do sessions.

-A day to talk about tours and access.

-LMH foundation year- Governing body is going to turn this down as it is costly.

-Tutors refuse to give up time to support access. I would try and get tutors to do this so that a foundation year could be possible in the next few years.

-I have devoted time and effort in the KAL Committee meetings.

Niamh White

- Been in KAL since Michaelmas.

-It has been great to get to know the college through the society.

-I would like to carry on Niccie's ideas and lay a foundation for the future.

- Make Oxford a better place for access.

-Establish a website- a page for teachers supporting students with the help of tutors.

-Create a page for people who want to know more about the society and get more funding. Advice about Personal Statements, interviews and admission tests.

-Alternative Open Day- Help BME students.

-Compulsory, unconscious, unbiased training for tutors, remove barriers for BME. Greater BME representation on the KAL Committee.

-Outline for tours for the less confident.

-Give KAL a greater social media presence. Keble version of OxBlog, Keble students can give potential applicants an insight into Oxford life.

-Get Freshers to feel welcome. Problem packs, tips for summer work and tips for subjects. Space for subjects.

-Post on Keble Noticeboard before an academic Committee meeting.

-Training a peer supporter, which is helping me to solve academic problems.

-Been a tour guide for three years.

-Volunteer coordinator for Arts.

- I lacked confidence to apply, and I needed an Oxford student. I want to be this person.

Questions:

If not you then who? Tom- both because they are both great.

What would you do for academic complaints from student and tutors?- Matt- facebook groups for every single subject with all year groups included- subject reps could do morepractical advice for Freshers like libraries, make the rustication process more clear, get rid of rumours, put a more clear statement on the JCR page. Niamh- It can be difficult to ask for help and you don't know where everyone is, more emails each term and creating an academic affairs drop in. Page for queries and concerns, perhaps anonymous. Tom- strange power dynamic between students and tutors. Students should complain to the AA and O rep and the rep should create meetings with insufficient tutors so that students are happy with their tutors.

How would you use the novel money in the society? Tom- teacher conferences with insensitive such as free food and reduced travel. Matt- Set up a KAL book token to show that we can provide and care for potential applicants. Niamh- Subsidise travel for open days and teacher conferences.

How would you get greater help as a rep from other members of the kal committee?- push things for meeting freshers, great freshers fair stall, place for freshers to go and meet people, more pizza. Tom-more pizza and food at meetings to encourage the freshers to come and get more people. Matt- Access and Outreach week for Freshers.

Should you encourage Cambridge and if so how?- Tom- Keble is a preference but we should give the same information and help to those who want to go to Cambridge. Matt- Create a link with Clare, Selwyn or another Cambridge college. Niamh- More clarity for the website, not enough clarity in my application. Outline clearly differences between Oxford and Cambridge and highlight that the information is for Oxford applicants but Cambridge is important too.

Challenge: Create a video tour of the college and use the list of people and places to include.

Charities and Donations Officer:

Dani Alvarez

- We are all privileged and should help the less fortunate.

- It is not just about giving money but creating fun events.

-Involved in creating organisations for poor, rural communities and education. At sixth form, helped a food bank and a woman's business. I have got lots of ideas and skills.

-People can make their own small donations and get something in return.

- Panto- people can pay a donation for people to do things in the Panto.

-Happy hour- work with the treasurer, work with Entx reps to pidge things.

-This should continue throughout the year for people to pay for gifts.

-RAG should give the Freshers a compulsory talk to get more interest.

-Food and cloth stores at the end of term. I am willing to work with anyone who has a fundraising event.

- I will work my hardest to make charities seem fun and beneficial for the donors.

Chloe Green, Zoe Heighes, and Alessandra Martorana

- Increase our involvement with Oxford RAG.

-We are excited to work with other members of the committee to create ideas such as Pancake day, and pint for a pint.

-Promote the RAG Ball in college.

-Money that we raise should be focused on the JCR Charity.

-Keep the college aware of the progress that we are making with our fundraising. JCR drinks for fundraising.

-St Patricks day, raffle, college sports day, treasure hunt, skiing at the end of Michaelmas, gifts for Mothers and Fathers' day, International Women's day.

-Zoe was in the Head Girl team and Charity Prefect.

-Chloe volunteered for Swaziland schools and raised money.

-Alessandra has taken part in the Keble Humanitarian Project and led a campaign. We would use these skills and bits of experience for our roles.

Questions: Which JCR charity would you choose? Dani- charity to help primary school children in Oxford read. Get students to help do it themselves. Alessandra- Free the Children, help children in underdeveloped countries who need better education.

Challenge: Music Video to advertise our JCR Charity MSF and post it on the noticeboard before.

Accommodation Officer:

Anna Barona

- Use fun and approachable spirit to help my role.
- -Use puns.
- -Give something back to the college.
- I do not have exams at the end of second year.
- -I am patient and good at helping people.
- -Carry on the great work of our current officer.
- -Form for accommodation improvements for next year.

Questions: Do you think you would be good at dealing with the business of the role? - I would give up lots of time, I don't have exams at the end of the year.

Challenge: Get people to say Armand Rego into a camera in the next 24 hours.

Arts and Publications Officer:

Una O'Sullivan

- I have studied an arts subjects and am really interested in the arts.

-Screen films from the library to create a film society.

-Keble Drama Society, more scripts and plays.

-More publications for newspapers and magazines- when they arrive.

-Get more publications into the JCR.

Challenge: TBC