**JCR Meeting Minutes**

**Date: HTW6 Sunday Feb 18th**

**1.** **Officer’s Reports**

President – Ronit Kanwar

* Still putting pressure on college to get an in-college counselor
* Any suggestions for projects - let us know!

Vice President – Verity Bligh

* Hall Feedback is working - keep sending in suggestions!
* The JCR refurb happening in the Christmas Vac – taking over the MCR
* Hall is being renovated in Michaelmas/Hilary of next year

Treasurer – Ben Jacobs

Secretary – Caitlin Ashcroft

Welfare – Claire Castle And Adam Bradbury

* Celebrating pancake day (1 week late) by getting crepe van in - £2.50 each

Entz – Millie Chu, Lucinda Kirk And Bella Imi

Academic Affairs – Ruha Akhtar

Equal Opps – Savi Chahal

Charities – Callum Coghlan, Seb Pippins And Ali Lane

* ·Q + A with SANE, Lunch-bowl coming up
* Charities auction on Thursday, send in promises until Thursday
* e.g pick your own formal hall, queue jump etc et

Arts & Pubs – Mila Fitzgerald

Environment And Ethics – Sofia Karlsson

Careers And Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe

Drama – Isobel Hambleton

Freshers’ Week – Bayo Bello

It – Morgan King

Accommodation – Josh Stimson

Bme Reps – Robert Pieters And Ope Oreyemi

Lgbtq – Bessie Yuill And Katie Winstanley

Sports – Jack Morrison And James Worthington

International Reps – Tiger Yuan And Lucas Buzaglo

Ousu – N/A

**2.** **Motions**

**2.1 Renaming BME Rep to Ethnic Minorities Rep**

Summary: JCR Motion to change name of BME Reps to Ethnic Minorities Reps.

This JCR notes that:

1. The term 'BME' (Black and Minority Ethnic) is a relatively obscure and confusing one.

2.That because of the above fact, many BME students have been unaware as to whether or not the term actually applies to them.

3.That the term 'Ethnic Minorities' is far more straightforward and inclusive than 'BME'.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Amend the constitution to change the official title of the BME Reps to 'Ethnic Minorities Reps.'

Proposed by: Robert Pieters

Seconded by: Verity Bligh

**Discussion**

* Rob had never heard the term BME before coming to Oxford
* Changing the name to something more accessible/familiar may encourage more people to get involved
* Supported by both BME reps
* For 49 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

**2.2 Madden 2018 for PS4**

• This JCR recognises the important of sports other than football

• This JCR believes that the purchase of Madden 18, the American football video game, will improve the experience of international and domestic students alike

• This JCR proposes to give £27.00 to purchase the currently reduced Madden 18 videogame for our PS4

Proposed by: Fraser MacDonald-Lister

Seconded by: Alex Emary

Discussion

* 28 for, 4 against, 18 abstaining

**3. Elections**

**Fresher President - Yannis Baur**

* Freshers’ Wk should be as enjoyable as possible to make people feel welcome
* Trying to make people feel welcome
* Freshers’ contacted as quickly as soon as they get their results
* Send contact list of people on freshers’ week committee
* College parents know what they’re supposed to do and contact kids before college
* Casual JCR activities for early arrivals
* Secure tickets for big nights out, add a night in Plush
* Get older students involved with looking out for freshers on nights out
* Activities for non-drinkers
* Fresher’s family meal
* International Students + Exchange students integrated
* Me and the committee
* Any suggestions would be very much appreciated

**Fresher President - Ruchi Bagga**

* Prom committee - lots of experience organising events
* Bayo made us feel very welcome - remembered names/subjects
* Very friendly
* Lots of welfare events + LGBTQ+ events
* Stress importance of 2nd year integrations - match parents with kids with similar interests
* Subject drinks
* JCR pres was a v good idea, probably for longer
* Arrange nights out, make sure it’s clear where people are going
* Pizza nights, ice-skating, mini-golf for non-drinkers
* Mix different groups together
* Need as many people to get involved as possible

*Q. How do you get people who go out and people that don’t to interact?*

Ruchi

* Pub quiz - organise groups at random
* Oxford challenge worked well
* Workshops

Yannis

* More events during the day
* Mix up groups
* College families doing things together

*Q. How would you promote alcohol responsibility to freshers?*

Yannis

* Reinforce that you don’t have to drink an unreasonable amount, it’s fine not to drink as much as everyone else is
* No pressure

Ruchi

* Lots of people don’t have a lot of experience drinking, stress that not everyone can drink the same amount/handle alcohol differently

*Q. Compulsory events (e.g equality workshops) - how would you increase attendance?*

Ruchi

* Tell people why it’s important
* Roll call
* Don’t put them at 9am

Yannis

* Time was an issue last year. Having early meetings after a night out is not a good idea. May be college dictated but should be addressed.
* Could get workshops done in one day?

*Q. If a fresher wasn’t fitting in, what would you do?*

Yannis

* Talk to them
* Ask them if they’re ok, are they lonely, what can I do to help etc

Ruchi

* Stress welfare to students
* Encourage group mixing to reduce probability of being lonely

Q. How will you construct your committee and would you want each other on your committee?

Yannis

* Wants everyone to apply - not just friends
* Definitely wants Ruchi on commietee

Ruchi

* Yannis would be on committee
* Would want people to get involved from lots of different groups

60s Video in Oxford Lingo aimed at Fresher

**LGBTQ+ Applicants - Hannah Al - Qaryooti and Stuart Mcloughlin**

* Hannah - Law
* Stuart - Spanish and Linguistics
* We want people to feel comfortable, accepted and welcomed in the Keble environment
* Will regularly post on the Keble Noticeboard about LGBTQ+ events

**Disabilities Applicant - Georgie Quaife**

* See manifesto for details

**4.** **Any Other Business**

* Female Welfare - hustings next week!!
* Male Welfare/Equal Ops still open
* Keble Early Music Festival - do come and watch
* K Woman’s Boat fastest boat at Keble 4 + 8s yesterday!