

**Thursday, 7th March 2024 - JCR Open Meeting Minutes**

Summary

Proposed by	Motion	Ayes	Noes	Abstains
Lewis Guest	To place a Class Act officer on the Peterhouse May Ball Committee as a means of ensuring bursary tickets are reasonably priced.	20	2	1
Keane Handley	Getting a Sky and TNT Sports subscription for the JCR.	26	0	1
Sarah Misraoui	Can we please once again ask the college to install a camcard reader at the front gate of SPT?	24	0	0
Samuel Spencer	A weekly pub quiz in the Bar. If weekly is too onerous it can be less frequent, this is just to get the ball rolling.	16	0	4
Anonymous	Repair broken dryers in fen court and cosin court, or at least make the cost cheaper. It's unfair that we have to pay for dryers that don't even dry your clothes.	13	2	5
Anonymous	Would it be possible to have spare laundry tablets in the laundry rooms in case someone forgets to bring one or runs out?	2	10	8
Molly Millar	Allow hot covered drinks in the library	0	18	6
Athena Lau	Remove requirement to leave bags in cloakroom/ allow bags into library	0	11	9
Mara-loana Postolache	College should offer free room bookings for University societies. This should be offered up to availability, and with priority given to college societies. Examples of bookable rooms could be Davidson Room, Lubbock Room, Friends of Peterhouse, Upper Hall, and perhaps the Theater.	21	0	3

We have a quorum.

<b>Proposed by:</b> Lewis Guest	<b>Motion 1:</b> To place a Class Act officer on the Peterhouse May Ball Committee as a means of ensuring bursary tickets are reasonably priced.
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- How would the JCR impose that?
  - The Class Act officer does not necessarily need a formal role on the committee, but at least advise it in a manner that has more accountability than what we currently have.
- Given that the May Ball is independent of the JCR, how would that work?
  - It still rests on the committee's decision, but there is no reason why they would reject it.
- There are better ways to ensure fair bursary prices. Funding is derived from ticket sales, prices do not entirely depend on the committee's views.
- There have been attempts to fund tickets through alumni donations, which were capped by the college.
- Energy should be directed towards other ways of raising money, such as raising money from the Friends of Peterhouse, as we risk the college to disregard the discussion as a whole.
- The MCR should be included as well, as it is not a JCR-exclusive event.
- This is not a disagreement with the general sentiment of the motion but with the approach of achieving it.
  - An advisory role of the Class Act officer would not clash with lowering bursary ticket prices.

<b>Ayes: 20</b>	<b>Noes: 2</b>	<b>Abstains: 1</b>
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Keane Handley	<b>Motion 2:</b> Getting a Sky and TNT Sports subscription for the JCR.
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- It could drive traffic to the bar and help with bonding together people through sports, which could even help the football team.
- It could lead to more events in the bar in general, such as F1.
- Would that interfere with the bar as a study space?
  - The bar is a study space during the day. Projectors in the JCR can be used to not interfere with studying if needed.

<b>Ayes: 26</b>	Noes: 0	Abstains: 1
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Sarah Misraoui	<b>Motion 3:</b> Can we please once again ask the college to install a camcard reader at the front gate of SPT?
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- There is already planning permission, it just needs to be done.

<b>Ayes: 24</b>	Noes: 0	Abstains: 0
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Samuel Spencer	<b>Motion 4:</b> A weekly pub quiz in the Bar. If weekly is too onerous it can be less frequent, this is just to get the ball rolling.
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- There is no really need for a motion, just go for it.

<b>Ayes: 16</b>	Noes: 0	Abstains: 4
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Anonymous	<b>Motion 5:</b> Repair broken dryers in fen court and cosin court, or at least make the cost cheaper. It's unfair that we have to pay for dryers that don't even dry your clothes.
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- It tends to be an issue in Fen court.
- It is a separate company that does the maintenance. Costs will increase if there are upgrades, and laundry is substantially cheaper right now than at other universities. Costs have not been raised in a while.
  - We should rather focus on pushing for repairs, rather than keeping costs down.
- The issue was raised at the Accommodation forum, the issue can only be reiterated.

<b>Ayes: 13</b>	<b>Noes: 2</b>	<b>Abstains: 5</b>
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Anonymous	<b>Motion 6:</b> Would it be possible to have spare laundry tablets in the laundry rooms in case someone forgets to bring one or runs out?
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- It would come from the JCR budget, and there is no way to ensure that tablets would be used only when someone has forgotten to bring one.
- We could just do it as a trial run.
  - Once we start an initiative, it is harder to stop doing it.

<b>Ayes: 2</b>	<b>Noes: 10</b>	<b>Abstains: 8</b>
<b>Motion fails.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Molly Millar	<b>Motion 7:</b> Allow hot covered drinks in the library
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- It would be really nice.
  - The college wouldn't be receptive—the library is on the stricter side of libraries in Cambridge.
- We can propose a zone for hot drinks.
  - The library has concerns with tables, so even a zone would not be likely to succeed.
- No hot drinks in the library encourages the use of other study spaces throughout college.

<b>Ayes: 0</b>	<b>Noes: 18</b>	<b>Abstains: 6</b>
<b>Motion fails.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Athena Lau	<b>Motion 8:</b> Remove requirement to leave bags in cloakroom/ allow bags into library
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- College would not allow it for the same reasons as with hot drinks.
- Right now we are allowed to have backpacks between 7:30-9 am, why not later?
  - This was one of the issues that the library raised when extending the opening hours; we will likely fail if we push past that.
- Why not just introduce bookable study spaces?
  - Rooms are actually booked nearly fully.

Ayes: 0	Noes: 11	Abstains: 9
Motion fails.		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Mara-loana Postolache	<b>Motion 9:</b> College should offer free room bookings for University societies. This should be offered up to availability, and with priority given to college societies. Examples of bookable rooms could be Davidson Room, Lubbock Room, Friends of Peterhouse, Upper Hall, and perhaps the Theater.
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- College charges University societies really high for rooms, while other colleges offer them for free.
  - There is actually really low availability. We are a small college and we do not have enough staffing resources to keep up with the events.
- We could rather push for the price to go down (and get in line with the prices of other colleges), but it has to go through the governing body. There are fellows on it, who themselves pay for the rooms when they host events.
  - Prices can be adjusted depending on the nature of the event.

Ayes: 21	Noes: 0	Abstains: 3
Motion passes.		

Meeting adjourned.