



Murray Edwards College Student Union 2019-20 Committee Meeting

Easter, Week 4

Date: 19.05.19

Time: 16.00

Location: JCR

Present: Becca, Zoe, Cynthia, Beth, Georgie, Francesca, Anna, Naomi

Apologies: Allison, Emily, Sophie E, Natasha, Teta, Khadija, Inaya

1. Picnic benches

The gardeners have said students were saying there were not enough benches. Becca was sent some quotes for benches – for an individual bench it was about £1000 per bench. Everyone agreed that this was way too expensive and we were surprised that this was something the JCR would have to buy. It was also commented that it is unusual to see all the benches full up.

2. CUSU/GU merger

CUSU/GU merging sounds like a good idea and makes a lot of sense. People also thought that it would be good to help the grads feel more part of the university community. More collaboration between the Medwards MCR and JCR was thought to be a good idea. Larger events, such as welfare events, could be held, helping to include the grads and so that both the JCR and MCR budgets could be utilised. The JCR officers would like to know who their counterpart on the MCR is and how to contact them.

3. Slavery inquiry open letter

Everyone present at the meeting were in favour of the JCR signing the open letter. As there were not many people present, a poll will be put on the group chat to check whether those who were absent also agree.

(Action – Zoe: make poll)

4. Senate House

There is a senate house discussion on Tuesday about the proposed changes. Also, encourage supervisors and fellows to vote in favour of the reforms in line with the majority consensus within the student body. Talk to other students and ask them to do the same.

(Action – everyone: talk to supervisors/fellows and other students about this)

5. Communication guidelines, BAME and LGBT+ do's and don't list

These are things that we have talked about in previous JCR meetings. It was felt that it would be best to make a smaller sub-committee of those who are in the welfare committee to draft the documents and then bring it back to the JCR to ensure that everyone is happy with it and that no-one finds any of it offensive or insensitive. Cynthia will organise the initial meeting of this committee.

(Action – Cynthia: organise initial meeting)



6. Gardening Welfare event

In the Gardens committee meeting which Becca attended, the gardeners suggested a short welfare gardening event such as potting plants. The JCR felt this would be a good event but it would need to be organised soon. It was noted that plenty of notice needs to be given so that people can plan it into their revision schedule. Becca will email the gardeners to find out how many people can take part and about whether the JCR needs to get any of the supplied. The cost of the event would come out of our budget, but Becca has quite a lot left in her budget this term.

(Action – Becca: find out about the logistics of this event with the gardeners)

7. AOB

None