

Murray Edwards JCR Meeting Minutes – 24/11/19

1. Strike
 - a. AOMG – student Qs
 - b. GMB – prior email, seems to have cleared it up
 - c. CS – people want to go to faculty
 - d. GBM – people not happy with CUSU stance
 - e. AOMG – picket lines aren't be all and end all for solidarity, e.g. breakfast runs, email Graham Virgo, take alternative routes
 - f. GBM – natsci – alternative routes
 - g. AOMG – under no circumstances should people be made to feel they have to cancel UCS/DRC appointments, Benet Street not picketed
 - i. Hill College breakfast runs and biscuits – Medwards and Fitz to West Cambridge
 - ii. GBM happy to help
 - h. AOMG – JCR encourage students to engage with the strikes positively, but not shame them for crossing the picket line
2. Undergraduate liaison
 - a. AOMG – tomorrow 4pm
 - i. We should be minuting but KPs PA to minute
 - ii. JCR to chair
 - b. AOMG – raise things in AoB
 - i. More people to speak
3. Emails
 - a. AOMG – keep communication lines open
 - i. If you can't reply – please email them and let them know
4. Ideas for the JCR twitter – it hasn't been used in over a year so someone can take over it or let Hannah know when they have events to publicise or anything else
 - a. AOMG – maybe not used
 - b. GBM – stuff we post on mecsu
 - c. AOMG – cam students use fakebook to event plan
 - d. HJ – mainly retweets of other medwards accounts
5. JCR noticeboards – what to put on them?
 - a. HJ – unsure of locations
 - i. AOMG – PH info boards, didn't redo
 1. Main one is the bulletin board – need pics of new officers
 - a. Notices, events, ents fliers, medwards spotlights (varsity, play fliers)
6. MECSU website has form for free CUSU supplies for sexual health where people can ask for stuff to be left in their pigeon hole – do we want to bring this back/advertise it? (As no one has filled it in since last year)
 - a. GBM – still a thing
 - b. AOMG – should publicise it
 - c. GMB – distinction of form supply and laundry room supplies
 - i. Make people aware of the system
7. Inaya wants to let everyone know that Friday marked the beginning of Disability History Month. Inaya will share a CUSU term card when they release it and be doing a DisabiliTea in the JCR too.

AoB

Room Ballot

CS – if by bursary – can see who is getting bursary

AOMG – 2nd yrs on waitlist, do we move 4th yr natscis to bottom?

Guarantee 2nd yrs not on waitlist

People always get rooms – but stressful

GBM – some backlash, but would be fairer

AOMG – is tackling rent as a monetary issue enough?

College suggested people who can't afford the rent are exempted

EBG – but then we can't exempt everyone

AOMG – 'inflationary' rent increases, they increase more than inflation

BH – plan better than status quo; AOMG – annoyance in raised price as not our base line but most colleges taper, Fitz pres asked for rent freeze, post freeze raised rent to adjust for freeze period

BH – central uni issue – multiple colleges in this position

Dome Prices

BH – mention at Domestic and Estates – Dome price increase, didn't consult students

Also AoB at UGLC

AOMG – check how much stuff was last year, GBM to find about

Running Start workshop

BH – been asked to run, single use plastics

AOMG - email and seek clarification, ask other Green Officers

Compost Bins

BH – anyone can sign up, one person per kitchen

Worked well with the Freshers; cleaners didn't complain

Website

HJ – lots needs updating

Over Xmas vac

AOMG – if notice stuff to be updated, let HJ know

Constitution

AOMG – awaiting approval from Bursar and Alumni, constitution in flux

To college council next Monday

Women's Week Formal

GBM – speaker, as Dame Barbra's guest

Financial good idea – but its finding a speaker approved by all parties

Apologies: Elena, Cynthia, Hannah, Teta, Natasha, Cecilia, Sophie

Also: Anna, Inaya, Khadija, Eli