

Goodricke College Junior Common Room Committee

Meeting Minutes – 30/06/11

Date:	Thursday 30 th June 2011 (17:04 – 17:41)
Venue:	GCR
Chair:	Joshua Henning/Sean Ahlstrom
Attendees:	Nacho Hernando Serrano (NHS), Joshua Henning (JH), Liam McDaid (LMD), Emily Niamh Miller (ENM), Henna Ishaq (HI), Megan Cross (MC), Greg Hinds (GH), Christina Oulton (CO), Harry Clementson (HCS), Russell Joyce (RJ), Paula Gallagher (PG), Mickey James (MJ), Sean Ahlstrom (SA), Antony Howard (AH), Katie Whiteside (KW),
Apologies:	Thomas Peligro Martin (TPM), James Killer (JK), Hayden Watson (HW), James Carney (JCY), Anastasia Evans (AE), Joanna Carrington (JC), , Phoebe Collier (PC), Frances Ryan (FR), Nat Hanks (NH), Grace Elizabeth Morledge (GEM), Francesca Peach (FP), George Davis (GD), Katy Mills (KM), Calum McIntyre (CMI), Tom Merriman (TM), Hannah Roper (HR), Tom Finnerty (TF), Arthur Mukembo (AM),
No Shows:	Hannah Colbourne (HC), Alan Robert Persaud (ARP), Arthur Jiggins (AJ), Florian Finke (FF), Terri Chopping (TC), Liam O'Shaughnessy (LOS), Danielle Smith (DS), Matthew Williams (MW), Rory Jones (RYJ), Li Zhang (LZ), Abigail Rushton (AR), Emily Hogan (EH), Claudia Medina-Moralejo (CMM),
Next meeting:	TBC – Post Summer break. Details to follow closer to the time.

- JH opened the meeting at 17:04.
- JH reported that due to other meeting commitments NHS would be arriving late to the meeting and thus had appointed JH as his appointed chairperson in his stead. However due to it being SA's final JCRC meeting and penultimate day in Goodricke College after being a resident for four years, JH appointed SA as the appointed chairperson for the remainder of the meeting. NHS arrived at 17:37 but allowed SA to chair for the remainder of the meeting. SA sort to inspire the committee by telling all those present to "get inspired and do what you want next year."

Officer Reports:

Vice Chair for Democracy and Welfare – Thomas Peligro Martin:

- Nothing to report this week.

Vice Chair for Services – Hannah Colbourne:

- Nothing to report this week.

Secretary – Joshua Henning:

- JH reports that he has updated the Constitution and has emailed it to the Technical Officers to be uploaded to the website.
- JH also reports that he is currently in the process of emailing the minutes from both this and last term to the Technical Officers for publication on the website, thus increasing our transparency and accountability to the JCR.

Treasurer – James Killer:

- Nothing to report this week.

Bar(less) Officers – Hayden Watson, James Carney:

- Nothing to report this week.

Campaigns Officer – Alan Robert Persaud:

- Nothing to report this week.

Disabilities Officers – Sean Ahlstrom, Arthur Jiggins:

- SA reported that 10/11 people watched the King's Speech on Friday.
- SA suggested that in future, we talk to people and see what they want as a way of gauging what events people want us to put on.
- Due to his graduation and thus subsequent leaving of Goodricke, SA issued the following to myself (JH) and NHS as his resignation from the JCRC. By-elections for both Disabilities positions and the vacant Ordinary Officer position are currently on-going:
- *"Dear JCRC*

I wish to resign from my position of disability rep, this is because i want to have a prodigy set up for next term and by-elections held. There is nothing more to this, and as this is the case I will ask to be able to attend JCRC meetings, and Welfare sub-committee meetings as a member of the JCR until my graduation. Also although I will be alumni please keep in touch!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Yours Sincerely

Sean Ahlstrom"

- SA apologised for missing the last JCRC meeting as he was doing something important. (making provisions for Disabilities Awareness Week).
- SA also stated that he believes that a lack of YUSU Disabilities organisation was a possible reason for low attendance at events throughout the week.
- SA reported that he ran Games Night in Week 8.

Entertainment Officers – Phoebe Collier, Joanna Carrington, Anastasia Evans:

- Nothing to report this week.

Environment and Ethics Officer – Frances Ryan:

- ENM described details of the Big Green Clean event on behalf of FR and stated that there will be bags for everyone to deposit unwanted kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery etc. JH also added that if anyone is interested in assisting FR with this event then can they please liaise with JH ASAP.

International Officers – Nat Hanks, Florian Finke:

- Nothing to report this week.

JCR Officers – Grace Elizabeth Morledge, Terri Chopping:

- Nothing to report this week.

LGBT Officers – Henna Ishaq, Liam O’Shaughnessy:

- Nothing to report this week.

Merchandise Officers – Francesca Peach, Danielle Smith:

- Nothing to report this week.

Ordinary Officers – Anthony Howard, Greg Hinds, George Davis:

- Nothing to report this week.

Press and Publicity Officers – Paula Gallagher, Katy Mills, Rory Jones, Matthew Williams:

- PG reports that the Gazette’s “not happening” this term.
- JH asked if the P&P Officers could post the Gazette on the JCRC Facebook group so that we could at least take a look at it (and finally have proof that it actually exists at all). P&P Officers to post it ASAP.

RAG Officers – Christina Oulton, Megan Cross, Li Zhang:

- The RAG Officers report that Woodstock was a massive success with over £8600 being raised for charity.
- MC explains YUSU RAG and our affiliations with it following questions from various members of the committee.

Social Officers – Harry Clementson and Calum McIntyre:

- Nothing to report this week.

Sponsorship Officers – Abigail Rushton, Emily Hogan:

- Nothing to report this week.

Sports Officers – Tom Merriman, Tom Finnerty, Claudia Medina-Moralejo, Hannah Roper:

- Nothing to report this week.

Technical Officers – Liam McDaid and Russell Joyce:

- RJ reports that he has cancelled the Spotify account for the summer break.
- The Technical Officers report that once the Goodricke Fresher’s website stuff has been completed they will work on adding a file uploader to the Goodricke website to allow

documents (such as meeting minutes etc.) to be added to the website without them needing to go through the Technical Officers.

- SA thanked the Technical Officer for all the hard work that they have done for the college.
- LMD reports that he is currently working on the Goodricke 360^os.
- LMD reports that he needs to liaise with NHS regarding money.
- SA suggests training Freshers' in the use of technical equipment in preparation for/during handover of Technical Officers following the upcoming Winter JCRC elections if they choose not to run or are unsuccessful in doing so.

Volunteering Officers – Katie Whiteside, Mickey James:

- Nothing to report this week.

Welfare Officers – Emily Niamh Miller, Arthur Mukembo:

- ENM reports that the final movie night of the term was good.

Other Business:

Freshers' Week:

- HCS asks about the Freshers' Week Sub-Committee with JH stating that constitutionally it was supposed to be set up during Week 10 of the Spring Term though due to various reasons, it appears not to have been. JH also added that following the recent Open Meeting, provision for a Freshers' Committee has been added. For this year however he suggested that the JCRC Facebook group can serve its purpose over the summer with ideas being able to be discussed etc. then acted upon by the various relevant positions.
- GH asked if the Ordinary Officers could be given a greater role within organising events etc. (See later).
- The discussion once again turned to the issue over a Freshers' Week vs. a Freshers' Fortnight. Following a discussion (and because we were not quorate to vote on anything) that a poll will be placed on the JCRC Facebook group to decide.
- Various views concerning the length of Freshers' were again raised with LMD suggesting that we keep it as a week but put on events in the second week without effectively conning people. SA agreed with this sentiment. ENM also added that the ENTs have strong feelings regarding this with LMD adding that at the end of the day, a name is a name as long as we make sure the Freshers get the best possible start to their uni lives. Both LMD and JH also added that at the end of the day, people only really tend to look at accommodation information or get stuck with a particular college due to receiving their information later than others rather than what the Freshers event is called.
- JH asked if anyone present had any other ideas that could be incorporated into Freshers' Week.
- AH stated that he thought the Graffiti bar crawl needs to be included again.
- SA suggested that a Sports Day event be accompanied by a Sports Night event however HI was slightly wary of this as she suggested it might simply end up with us having a chav themed event.

- ENM suggested that we publicise and run events during the day in Freshers' for those who want to attend. This was followed by a discussion and SA suggesting that we do similar Welfare events to last time.
- LMD also added that last year's Freshers' was poorly organised/last minute with it being agreed that the ball needs to start rolling ASAP with Freshers' Week being almost completely organised by A Level results day (18/08/11) so that when the majority of Freshers' have their places confirmed and pick accommodation, they will have a definite idea of what to expect beforehand. This point was also furthered with it being reminded that our Freshers timetable needs to appear on the YUSU Freshers timetable so events need to be planned sooner rather than later so that a) venues can be confirmed and b) appear on timetables etc. as it was stated that last year some events did not appear due to a lack of forward planning. This sentiment was agreed by those present.
- HI asked about the price of Freshers' Week tickets for STYCs with it being stated that STYCs will receive half price tickets (as in previous years) and free bus travel between town and Goodricke during Freshers'.
- SA stated that the Goodricke Wall Walk organised during Week 2 of the Autumn term was good and should be repeated this year. ENM stated that the Welfare Officers will try to organise trips to all the 'touristy' parts of York (i.e. The Wall, Clifford's Tower, The Dungeons and Jorvik etc.) as last year trips to these sorts of places were lacking.
- AH suggested that a Ghost Walk event be organised with JH seconding the idea adding that this could be used as an alternative Welfare event for one of the nights in Freshers'.
- SA suggested that GD set up a FIFA tournament as it will help to get people into the Nucleus/JCR/GCR. This idea was seconded by ENM who furthered it by adding that we need to get Freshers using the JCR/GCR as soon as possible considering the lack of Porters this year.
- SA also suggested that we get a 'Goodricke Board' where Freshers can write questions/comments on a big whiteboard and then get a response by a member of the JCRC. A sort of board saying this is Goodricke. HI suggested that inappropriate comments may appear if we're not careful with LMD adding that in that case we should put a disclaimer on it and thus be absolved of anything inappropriate which is written. The idea however received general support from those present thus JH and LMD suggested that the Ordinary Officers look into getting a Whiteboard for the JCR in place of one of the photo boards. (Having stated earlier that they wanted something to do).
- ENM asked if the Technical Officers can do a "thing"/create a printout with instructions for using equipment in the JCR and GCR which will avoid the confusion which has befallen many this year.
- SA asks whether the Hangover breakfast event can be redone during Freshers' considering the success of the event post Goodfest. He also asked whether we could either involve the Christian Union in doing a toastie event or alternatively have the JCRC do our own toastie event.
- ENM replied that we can redo the Hangover breakfast/run an event ourselves. However a discussion concerning the logistics of the event (notably the logistics of bacon). This was followed with LMD suggesting that we ask campus services to provide the food then we subsidise it or alternatively to ask Jane to buy us a hotplate for the GCR kitchen.

Alternatively SA suggested we ask to use the Dean and College Tutors kitchens for the event/s.

- SA asked NHS what Freshers Welfare events have currently been organised with NHS responding that days out Karting and swimming at Monk's Cross were being planned as were meals in town. [NHS if you want help in organising swimming at Waterworld then I'd be happy to help considering I work there – JH].
- LMD stated that HI has been causing trouble again (though for what, I can't remember).
- LMD once again asked that if events require AV equipment then can we please give the Technical Officers adequate notice.

- PC suggested setting up a document on the JCRC Facebook group which can then be edited by all those wishing to run again for positions on the JCRC next year (stating which position they wish to run for). This will help to ensure that clashes where several current members who may wish to run again for the same position can be avoided where possible. It must be stressed however that this is not an attempt to in any way monopolise the JCRC but rather provide an opportunity for Goodricke to have a stronger JCRC with as much experience as possible next year.
- [As you will all be aware, Sean Ahlstrom is leaving both us and Goodricke after four years in college on 01/07/11. Over that time, he has contributed enormously to both college life and events and is known to an entire generation of Goodrickers, encapsulating what it means to be part of our college. On behalf of not only the JCRC but also all members of the JCR itself, I would like to thank Sean for his enthusiasm, personality and contribution to Goodricke during his time in the college (both old and new) and wish him well for the future. Sean, you are more than welcome to come and visit us anytime and we wish you all the best]. – JH 02/07/11.
- SA closes the meeting at 17:41.