

HUS JCR MEETING, 23/10/2018

IN ATTENDANCE

President: Miranda Hewkin Smith (LMHS), VPI: Liv Norris (OGN), VPX: Oscar Wilson (OEW), Sports: Bethan Morris (BM), Ents: Morgan Morrison (MAM), Welfare: Nishi Shah (NS), Welfare: Lily Ford (LF), Welfare: Seb Putman (SP), AA&L: Isabella Coplestone (IC), T&A: Yama Latif (YL), C&D: Joe Saxby (JS), LBGT+: Emmanuel Angelidakis (EA), LBGT+: Frank Levermore (FL), Communication: Marianne Marcopoulou (MM), Leila Hussein (LH), Sam Sayer (SS), Eugenie Kwan (EK)

APOLOGIES

Treasurer: Nathan Johns, Ents: Sam Sayer

UNACCOUNTED FOR: N/A

Minutes: OGN

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Points of Action

- 1) LMHS has booked a room for St Johns Ambulance
- 2) Freshers' Week survey has been sent out
- 3) OEW is currently making plans for Remembrance Sunday
- 4) IC is meeting relevant student RE Youtube videos
- 5) LMHS has not yet sent out email about YouTube videos
- 6) OGN has not yet posted about 1SE videos
- 7) Ask the HUS! Questions have been written and posted by OGN and LMHS
- 8) SS and OEW are in the process of creating a Homerton Code of Conduct
- 9) SS and OEW are in the process of organising drinking soc and drinking culture workshops
- 10) Folders have been found, so it is no longer necessary for SP to email Emma.

Agenda Minutes

- LMHS, Co-opts to be appointed for Welfare, Target & Access, Services, as well as a HUS Open Co-opt. There were too many welfare co-opts last year, so will be limited to three this year. SP proposed having six Co-opts, three working on alternate weeks. OGN said that it worked well having 3 Co-opts in her first year. LMHS said that we will wait and see how many applications there are before making a decision. T&A to have 3 Co-opts, the same as last year. Regarding the decision to appoint a services Co-opt, 3 years ago, when Ruth Taylor was HUS President, the HUS used to have Environmental and Ethical Affairs Officer. Ruth said that they did not do that much, as they had no weekly responsibilities. Therefore, the role was made into a Co-opt position. This worked until the Welfare Co-opts (LBGT+, Gen Equ, Disabilities, International, BME) were renamed to Liberation Officers, to fit in with the CUSU liberation campaigns. Green Co-

opt did not fit into this category. So, we will now have a Green Co-Opt, co-opted under services. LMHS to send an email to undergrads about the co-opt positions. La, Ym, NS, LF and SP to draft role description for their respective Co-opts. LA Asked what the role of Services & Green Co-opt would involve. LMHS, would organise green week in March, try to make the HUS more environmentally sustainable. Should help with services, storage etc. In long term, HUS will have a referendum vote during Support Team elections to change the Services role to Services and Green. Would need to add a line into role description about maintaining environmental practices. Co-opt email needs to be sent by 26th Oct, deadline for applications on 5th Nov, discuss in HUS meeting on 6th Nov, acceptance emails sent by 11th Nov, can announce new Co-opts at Open Meeting on 12th.

- JCR Code of Conduct, LMHS, A code of conduct for using the JCR to be written for HUS website, which students will need to follow. CCTV to be installed as there is currently none in the JCR, which is a problem as the Porters' Lodge is far away. There will be one camera on the JCR side, one on butterfly side. LMHS has drafted code of conduct, including practices such as being respectful, inclusive, not noisy after 11 unless a bar extension application has been approved. This is so that ABC residents are not disturbed by noise. Outside alcohol cannot be consumed in the JCR during butterfly operating hours. Excessive alcohol should not be consumed at any point. Drinking societies are not permitted to hold events or gatherings in the JCR under any circumstances. Students must tidy their own mess. Students using the JCR can ask others to modify their behaviour or contact the porters if others are not following this code of conduct. SP asked for clarification on being inclusive. LMHS, people who have booked the JCR can't ask others to leave, rather they should ask them to move to another area of the JCR.
- LMHS, yoga, 38 people attended last week. Raf suggested that we have two sessions instead of one, one for complete beginners, one for more experienced. We can't reduce numbers unless we ticket the sessions, which HUS do not want as we would like to keep the classes free. We can try introducing a second session, which would double our expenditure on yoga. OGN said this worked last year with Ali, both sessions were well attended. OEW and OGN agreed that this would be worth the extra cost. All in favour of a second session.
- LMHS, Breakfast meeting. Opportunity for the HUS to speak to Heads of Departments, at 8.30 Friday 9th November. Not obliged to come, let Miranda know if you're coming. This meeting has to occur due to the constitution.
- OEW, CUSU. CUSU Council passed a motion saying that they support the commemoration of Remembrance Sunday. OEW is still going to work on Homerton event. Student Unions around the country are petitioning for a second Brexit referendum. CUSU had yet to comment. This was going to be voted on during CUSU Council, however CUSU decided to postpone the vote. CUSU supposed to be an apolitical organisation. Might be seen as a political thing to ask for a second referendum, irrespective of personal views. OEW will be consulting students in the JCR on their views at some point during the next fortnight. NS, what does apolitical mean in the contexts of SUs? OEW, HUS supposed to be apolitical, don't support a political party,

just want to do what is best for the students. LH does a vote have to be unanimous in order to pass? OEW, no, majority.

- IC, Divestment, there is a push for the uni to sell their shares in fossil fuel companies. Homerton one of the largest contributors to this. OEW, this came up in staff meeting last year. The Bursar's standpoint was that her job is to make sure there's enough money to run Homerton and to do right by students. LMHS, can organise a meeting with the Bursar to discuss this.
- EA, Welfare pumpkin carving. Other JCRs are doing welfare pumpkin carving. Could we organise something? OGN to drive to Asda to buy pumpkins. Health and Safety? Not a good ideal to ask people to carry a knife around college. EA to find out how others JCRS are resolving this issue. HUS will provide pumpkin carving kits. Students can use bike lights to light the pumpkins.
- BM, Women's Hour in the gym, sent out survey, students have responded. 50/50 as to whether this would be a good idea. At the moment it seems that this is not something that is needed, but people do want a circuit training class. This would be a way for people who don't know how to use the equipment safely to learn to do so. Would we close the gym during these sessions? BM, Either outside or in the Dance Studio. Support Team to help booking of Dance Studio. Hit training. Could we hire a personal trainer? LMHS, not everyone will be able to come. Would be more economical and effective to make video tutorials, or to source them online.

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Any Other Business

- SP, LF, NS, week 5 chocolate fountain event. To book JCR after 6pm on a week day.
- LH, Diwali, two events. Art and Chill to be held on Diwali after sunset, Mandalas etc. Friday night screening of a Bollywood Movie in the buttry. LH to send LMHS supplies to be bought. LH, NJ and LMHS to talk about budget for food, buy it and get a requisition.
- EK, International Week 5 event for homesickness. Support Team to help with room bookings.

Points of Action:

- 1) LF, NS, SP, YM, LA to draft Co-opt descriptions. LMHS to send out application email.
- 2) LMHS to publish JCR Code of Conduct on HUS website.
- 3) Welfare and Support to organise the introduction of a second yoga session.
- 4) Entire committee to message LMHS regarding their attendance at breakfast meeting.
- 5) OEW to continue working on Remembrance Sunday event.
- 6) OEW to organise People's Vote consultation meeting.
- 7) LMHS to organise a meeting with the Bursar to discuss divestment.
- 8) OGN to buy pumpkins for carving event.
- 9) BM to organise circuit training and gym equipment training sessions.
- 10) Welfare and Support to book JCR for chocolate fountain event.
- 11) LH, NJ and LMHS to meet to discuss and organise Diwali events.
- 12) EK to organise homesickness event.

