The County College JCR
Executive Minutes

2nd December 2020
15:00pm
Online via Teams

Chair
Callum Slater (Democracy & Finance)

Attendees
India Ellis (President); Henry Blackburn (VP Socials & Events); George Woodbridge (Men’s Welfare); Elisha Moreton (Education & Opportunities); Sonja Dembo (International Students); Elizabeth Skelton (Women’s Sports); Ben Gloyne (Men’s Sports); Josh Wynn (Media & Communications); Kayley Moore (Media & Communications)

Apologies
Lewis Pugh (VP Academic & Welfare); Lydia Moodycliffe (Women’s Welfare)

Absentees
Eva Colclough (Socials & Events); Beth Millington (Socials & Events)

Agenda item
Introduction and apologies
Presenter
CS

Discussions
CS welcomed members to the Committee. Apologies were received from LP and LM.

Agenda item
Election results and co-option
Presenter
CS

Discussions
CS confirmed the election results for the JCR Exec 2021 as follows:

President: Callum Slater
VP Socials, Sports and Events: Henry Blackburn
VP Welfare, Equality and Diversity: Elisha Moreton
Media and Communications Officer: Josh Wynn
Socials and Events Officer: Jess Todd
Women’s+ Sports Officer: Lucy McFegan
Women’s+ Welfare Officer: Niamh Cartwright
Equality and Opportunities Officer: Emmanuel Adeyemi-Abere
International and Faith Officer: Sonja Dembo

This leaves five vacancies on the Exec for VP Democracy & Finance, Media & Communications Officer, Men’s+ Welfare Officer, Socials & Events Officer and Men’s+ Sports Officer. CS encouraged members to promote these vacancies as it is a priority to have a filled Exec. ES queried whether it would be the new or existing Exec that voted in the co-option and CS clarified that it would be the new Exec as that is the Committee that it affects.

Agenda item
Handover briefing
Presenter
CS

Discussions
CS reminded Officers that they are all to complete a handover document. The template has been distributed. The deadline is Friday 4th December 17:00 but CS asked members to let him know if they wouldn’t be able to meet this deadline. Handovers will take place in the Week 10 JCR Exec meeting and members should be prepared for then.
CS noted that even if there is currently a vacancy in any member’s role, they should prepare a document as someone should have been co-opted by that time.

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**Agenda item**  Week 10 activities  **Presenter**

**Discussions**

HB updated that there was a Christmas quiz planned for Wednesday 9th December and he will be coordinating the quiz rounds. The prize is a Christmas hamper that HB will coordinate. Members agreed that for simplicity and to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines, ES and CS would host over a video call and not together.

IE encourage teams to expend as much budget as possible to prove that they need that income to prevent further cuts. IE and CS asked that if there were plans for any event in Week 10, they should be costed as quickly as possible to allow for lead times on ordering. HB suggested that instead of gingerbread houses, gingerbread men could be much more affordable.

CS noted that any budget surplus in Michaelmas will pass to Lent term.

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**Agenda item**  Refreshers Week  **Presenter**

**Discussions**

CS asked members to give their opinions on what Refreshers Week should look like in 2021. It was noted that the planning would ultimately be the decision of the incoming Exec. JW felt that any plans should be made for the worst-case scenario in terms of government guidelines and any relaxations would be welcomed.

IE highlighted that Refreshers is never particularly engaging and usually suffers a low turn-out. IE also suggested that in a new year, the Exec should strive to have new ideas and not repeat previous events that are starting to lose engagement. IE also stressed that the Exec should embrace the first possible opportunity for in-person engagement.

Members felt that Refreshers was outdated but members would want to see events taking place. KM suggested that something should go ahead but it should be much more scaled back and if/when large events could take place they would. ES highlighted that these would ultimately be decisions of the new JCR Exec.

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**Agenda item**  Any other business (AOB)  **Presenter**  N/A

**Discussions**

IE wished to note her thanks to the whole of the JCR Exec 2020 who have worked incredibly hard through very difficult circumstances. CS also noted his thanks to IE who has demonstrated incredible resilience in ridiculously challenging year.

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**Agenda item**  Date and time of the next meeting  **Presenter**  CS

**Discussions**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th November 11:00 via Microsoft Teams.