Agenda for CR Committee Meeting 26.1.24

Attendees: Sophie, Sean, Jack, Leila, Robin, Jack, Kenneth, Tom, Charlie

Apologies: Jake, Shivansh, Yengi, Will, Isabelle, Yama, Shaniek

• Ratify minutes from last time
  Accepted unanimously

Actions from previous meetings
• Tom to publish minutes to website
  o Reminder to send by line and photo
  o Action all to send to rhianon
• Jack to bring questions regarding a sabattical officer to Nick Brown in next meeting
• Jack to follow up on passing of meal allowance by governing body
• Jack to check up on students placed on the governing body and adding Charlie to this committee
• Tom to write up amendments in bye laws for JRF representative and general tidying up of bye laws and constitution
• Jack and Tom – Release statement regarding Use of Thomas Linacre and Nadel room to clarify situation for student body
• Jake Beck to research other subscriptions for periodicals and to come back with options with price limit of £2000
• Tom to investigate committee stash options budget of £700
• All members: Look through their budget remaining for the academic year and to come to the next meeting with a budget plan for the rest of the year as how they intend to spend the budget

1. Governing Body Positions

Discussed previously that we have three additional places after president on governing body, previously this has been the sec, treasurer and environment officer. We discussed swapping environment officer for social sec (specifically Charlie)

Jack has discussed this and Jo Whitfield has replied to say: the previous members were used as they were on additional committees. Jo has said that Yengi can be removed but it could remain then remain vacant.

Nick is happy to include that we have the third member selected by informal vote by the CR committee

General agreement that social secretary makes most sense to sit on governing body
Decision: Recommend to Nick Brown that the wording be that the fourth cr member (after pres, tres and sec) be a committee member selected by the committee internally (through committee informal vote).

2. Honorarium and Weekly Meal Allowance

Jack has discussed this with Jo
Confirmed it was passed
Jack needs to contact David Seale (Bursar) to figure out specifics

3. Storage Room

Many hours were spent by Charlie, Charlotte and Jack to organise
Pride flag remains at large
It is already fundamentally full

College wants to use this for bar storage which is unfeasible
Ball stuff is also to be stalled there

The college decision to keep previous storage in Bamborough for college use may be an issue as we need additional space beyond just the CR store

Jack is going to discuss with Simon and Michael about regaining access to this space

Shelves are also to be installed in the CR store to improve efficiency of space

Jack will arrange access for all committee to CR store

4. Sabbatical Officer

Tom and Jack met with Heath to discuss the sab officer role and bring questions from the committee to the senior management team

Heath expressed that as of now nothing is confirmed or set in stone and the SMT were very open to suggestions

Go through documents compile list of our question points or requested changes
We are provisionally keen to follow this further

We’d be keen to know what the bar committee and gym managers opinion on this is

5. International Rep
Sophie met with Dorcas, president of Linacre African network, who is keen to taking over the role of international rep.

Announce nomination of Dorcas, request for more nominations if wanted within 7 days otherwise considered elected unopposed

6. Budgeting Plans

Secretary – Stash

£700 on stash for CR,
Want ideas on desired stash
Fleeces?
Bucket hats
Keep cup

Social

13,000 ish for the year

Wine and cheese will also use the social budget

Action social secs to provide itemised budget for next two terms

Welfare

1375 remaining

£400 to go on welfare teas

£300 on welfare supplies

£800 on welfare events

Welfare boxes are being left empty for extended period

Sophie is going to request to store half of welfare supplies
Sophie will then re stock communal welfare boxes

LGBTQ+

Buy pride flags £40
Gender affirming fund:
Pride month:
Environment

Yengi to send budget break down

Publicity

The Economist:
I contacted the Economist. I was told their normal price was 2500 GBP, but asked about flexibility and was able to get an offer for 2250 GBP. They said that it 2000 is a hard limit, they may be able to offer us something still. That said, I also found out that we already have access to the Economist articles through the Bodleian library (https://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ssl/2019/01/30/read-the-economist-for-free-online-via-solo/). Still, their service includes webinars, podcasts, and customized newsletters, so there is still some value added, I believe. The subscription covers up to 1500 students, which should be more than enough.

The Guardian Weekly:
I’ve contacted them, but was told they do not offer group subscriptions.

National Geographic:
I’ve contacted them, but was told they do not offer group subscriptions. (And individual subscriptions look far too expensive.)

Scientific American:
I’ve contacted them but not heard back.

The Wall Street Journal:
The Wall Street Journal does offer group subscriptions for universities. However, I have not heard back from them. Note: we also have access to (some?) articles from the Wall Street Journal via ProQuest.

NYT (current): 2,080 USD

Given these results, I propose sending out a survey to ask if people want The Wall Street Journal (pending the price), the Economist (for easy access and extra features), to keep the NYT, or write in an alternative suggestion :)

Action Jake: Send out poll for periodicals
Look at cost (online or print)

Development and Charities

Some ideas, will come back with budget

Food and Drink
Coffee machine – financing, quoted cost by the college is expected to be £5000 per year. Therefore 2500 needed for the rest of the year.
The committee believes this is a necessary cost especially given the free provisions made to people with access to Nadel room.

Vote to spend up to £2500, from the miscellaneous fund, on CR coffee machine and tea. Thereby making hot drink provisions free in the CR.

Passed unanimously

Action Jack (ccing ken especially) to email David and Michael to begin this process as matter of urgency

AOB

Bonus stash: extra stash found in CR store, CR jumble sale idea for charity

Concern over LLTL exceeding budget inside term and a half – Action to reach out to representative as a matter of urgency

Action Ken to share full budget

Motion to reward committee members for CR storage clean up using previously purchased amazon voucher split three ways
Members involved in clean up abstain from discussion and vote

Vote passed unanimously