

Motions For The Sexcentenary Club (Peterhouse JCR) Open Meeting 10/11/06 – 8:00pm – Upper Sex

Announcements by the Committee

Questions to the Committee

Address by Mark Ferguson, CUSU President

Followed by questions to the CUSU President

Ordinary Motions:

- a. JCR Committee Accountability
- b. Office Hours in College
- c. Glass Refuse Removal from Rooms
- d. Bar Prices

a. JCR Committee Accountability

Proposed by: Pete Davies, Sex Club President

Seconded by: Mark Powell, AMALs President

The Sexcentenary Club notes that:

1. There have been issues in this and previous years with the fulfilment of essential duties by members of the JCR committee, particularly in, but not limited to, Ents and Amenities.
2. The JCR committee currently has a unique position in the rooms ballot process in that they receive points before they start their terms in office.
3. The only disciplinary measure available to deal with the non-fulfilment of roles is dismissal.
4. The current dismissal procedure currently constitutionally requires a majority vote of one quarter of the current Sex Club membership:

“Either a deliberate breach of duties or a consistent failure to carry out responsibilities as detailed in Appendix C shall render any Committee member liable to dismissal by a majority vote at an Open Meeting, provided that at least one quarter of the entire membership of the Sexcentenary Club votes in favour of such a dismissal.”

5. This currently requires around 70 undergraduates, twice the average open meeting attendance.

The Sexcentenary Club believes that:

1. Dismissal is highly unlikely for JCR committee members at present.
2. This creates feelings of complacency, and there is no other disciplinary procedure for failure to carry out responsibilities.
3. Room points should be a reward for services rendered as well as an attraction to stand for positions.

The Sexcentenary Club resolves:

1. To amend the JCR constitution Section D paragraph 11 to read:

“Either a deliberate breach of duties or a consistent failure to carry out responsibilities as detailed in Appendix C shall render any Committee member liable to dismissal by a majority vote at a quorate Open Meeting.”

2. To amend the rooms ballot procedure such that points for JCR committee positions are awarded over 2 ballots, half given at the start of the terms in office and half for the following year, this second half being forfeit if the committee member is dismissed during their term. This will also encourage more 1st and 2nd years to stand for positions, improving their representation in college.

b. Office Opening Hours

Proposed by: Paul Powlesland, Sex Club External Officer

Seconded by: Dave Kerr, Sex Club Amenities Officer

The Sex Club Notes:

1. The available hours for junior members' enquiries to the college offices are as follows:
 - College Office 10:00-13:00.
 - College Secretaries Office: 11:30- 12:00 and 14:30- 15:00.
 - Tutorial Office: 12:00- 13:00 and 14:15- 15:00.
2. The important administrative functions (e.g. exam entries and student loan processing) that these offices carry out for junior members.
3. The utter frustration of going to one of the offices, only to discover that you were thinking of the opening time of a different office.

The Sex Club Believes:

1. That although it is important for the various offices to have restrictions on the times that junior members can make enquiries, it is inefficient and frustrating to have all the offices having different and seemingly random opening hours.

The Sex Club Resolves:

1. To mandate the JCR to negotiate with college to have all the offices accept enquiries from junior members at the same times.
2. To mandate the JCR to request that the regularised opening time(s) be suitably for students (e.g. lunchtime, when most are in college).

c. Glass Refuse Removal from Rooms

Proposed by: Dave Kerr, Sex Club Amenities Officer

Seconded by: Krzys Honowski, Sex Club Ents Officer

The Sex Club Notes:

1. Glassware is not being taken from college staircase kitchens and rooms.
2. When asked, bedders generally state it is not their responsibility to remove empty bottles as rubbish from rooms and kitchens.
3. Glass jars from cooking are removed without any problems.
4. It is beyond the duties of bedders to clear up after undergraduate parties.

The Sex Club Believes:

1. The origin of this 'no glass bottles' rule is in clearing up after parties, which is indeed not part of the bedders' job.
2. Small amounts of glass bottles could be removed by bedders without much effort, much as glass jars in bins are at present
3. If recycling boxes could be provided in staircases, as they are in many college houses, the problem would be eliminated and recycling of glass would increase.

The Sex Club Resolves:

1. To discuss with housekeeping the removal of the odd glass bottle from rooms/kitchens as part of bedders' duties.
2. If this is not possible, to demand glass recycling bins in all staircase kitchens from Housekeeping.

d. College Bar Prices

Proposed by: Katy Griffiths, Sex Club Bar & Buttery Officer

Seconded by: Krzys Honowski, Sex Club Ents Officer

The Sex Club Notes:

1. College bar prices have significantly risen over the past year.
2. Popularity of the college bar has decreased compared to previous years.
3. Undergraduates now often bring their own drinks into the bar.
4. Other college bars are considerably cheaper than Peterhouse.

5. Other college bars often have restrictions on their use for people from other colleges.

The Sex Club Believes:

1. The bar should be a busy and vibrant hub of college social life.
2. In order to make a profit, the bar must attract custom from undergraduates.
3. The bar should be more economical for Peterhouse students.

The Sex Club Resolves:

1. For the Bar and Buttery officer to protest the current price rises with the bursar.
2. To ask the bursar about discounts for drinks purchased using a Peterhouse university card.
3. If the need arises, to allow further price rises for cash drinks purchases in order to allow for the discounts on card drinks purchases.