

STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE

PRINCIPAL'S FORUM ON UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL LIFE 5 MAY 2008: FOLLOW UP ACTION

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1	No longer hold official college or student organised single sex events in Freshers' week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tutor for Women will not hold the usual drinks before the welcome dinner on Monday of Freshers' week, and the JCR freshers' week reps will not hold the matching men's drinks. • Agreed it would be desirable that the JCR hold general drinks in the JCR before the first welcome meal (the tutors' meal later in the week has drinks with tutors or in the lodgings). • Privately arranged drinks events for different clubs and societies would still be possible <p>Action: Senior Tutor and JCR freshers' week reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 06-07 undergraduate Freshers were allowed to come into residence from the Monday of 0th week rather than over the preceding weekend unless they had special needs or were attending the university orientation programmes, and this will be repeated in 08-09. At the 7th week Amalgamated Clubs meeting, the Home Bursar or his deputy will remind the College's sports captains that Freshers should <u>not</u> be invited up before Monday of 0th week for sports trials etc., even if the freshers were invited to stay with current students in their flats. <p>Action: Senior Tutor and Home Bursar</p>
2	Mix the sexes on College staircases, as this is where friendship groups are made (it is noticeable that many of the flats for students in subsequent years are single sex)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accommodation Officer has analysed staircase occupancy by sex and is working out with other college officers how to mix the sexes as much as practically possible • When accommodation comprises two rooms with a shared bathroom in between this will remain a single sex unit, and would therefore be suitable for any student with a special need to share with the same sex. • It was noted that any special circumstances relevant to accommodation needs were already sought from freshers in the late August freshers' packs sent out by the Tutorial Office. <p>Action: Assistant Bursar to discuss with Accommodation Officer, and Senior Tutor re freshers' packs</p>
3	Find ways to encourage men and women to socialise together, and not just sports-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are in fact plenty of mixed sex events – college-provided student dinners, Turl Street Arts, the choir, Arty-Farty, Steven's Close Garden Party, etc., therefore what was needed was

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		<p>probably more mixed sports social events. It was noted that the JCR Committee is currently establishing a DVD library for more film nights, which would be mixed sex.</p> <p>Action: sports captains and sports drinks captains</p>
4	Encourage the sports team captains and leaders of drinking societies to talk to their members about what is acceptable behaviour and set a good example themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially acknowledge the contribution made to college life by not only sports' captains but also the presidents of other college societies e.g. by an annual invitation to high table. The dinner could be preceded by a reception/meeting if useful <p>Action: Senior Tutor to discuss with Principal & Home Bursar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-think the separation of sports captain and drinking captain roles within some sports teams? <p>Action: JCR sports captains and sports drinks captains</p>
5	Support women's sports at the same level as men's sports, through student (and possibly senior member) attendance at matches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the white board in the lodge to publicise events and encourage attendance • Use the JCR website and/or JCR President's email list for more active promotion of events <p>Action: JCR President and JCR IT rep to remind organisers to let them know of events to publicise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a regular email of college events (notified to a central point by their organisers) to students, academics and other staff <p>Action: Assistant Home Bursar</p>
6	Can sports drinks be held in the bar, bearing in mind the need not to put the College's licence in jeopardy through behaviour not permitted under the licence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that teams/societies are still welcome in the College bar so long as behaviour is acceptable to other users and staff of the bar (e.g. no drinking games) and does not breach the licence. The bar must remain usable by other student members whilst the teams are in it. <p>Action: Home Bursar or deputy at 7th week Amalgamated Clubs meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the Junior Dean know who the captains/leaders of teams/societies are so that they can liaise re College bar protocol. The Junior Dean should be made aware by the sports/drinks captains of when the drinking nights are. <p>Action: sports and drinking captains</p>
7	Have female writers and editors for the new JCR magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure proposed new JCR magazine has male and female editors <p>Action: JCR Committee</p>
8	Ask JCR/MCR Welfare Reps and the Dean to set out what will happen if someone brings a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College has a Harassment Code and four Harassment Officers who can deal with specific complaints. The names of the advisors are in the student handbooks (hard copy and on the

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	complaint to them, and create a supportive atmosphere for people who do complain	intranet at http://home.jesus.ox.ac.uk/offices/tutorial/handbooks). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dean operates under the College's non-academic discipline procedure (bylaw 15), which allows for problems to be dealt with as 'minor' or 'major' – i.e. the response is proportionate. The bylaws are on the intranet at http://home.jesus.ox.ac.uk/gov
9	Encourage everyone to be responsible for their personal behaviour, especially when they are drinking	This is a matter for personal reflection.
11	Think about where to draw the line between banter and insult	This is a matter for personal reflection.
12	A follow up Principal's forum can be held if wanted	Student Welfare Committee to keep under review in Trinity Term and Michaelmas Term at least Action: Welfare Committee secretary

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