

Music Committee proposal

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The creation of a Music Committee to coordinate music societies is proposed.

1 Background

The JCR has three music societies: Big Band, Choir and Jam Society.

Choir was previously part of 'MildArts' society, the remains of which split into Choir and Feather Theatre Company.

Feather Theatre Company produces musicals from time to time.

The JCR annually hosts the Jam By The Lake music festival.

2 Proposal

It is proposed that a Music Committee is created which will act as a forum for the JCR's music groups and facilitate coordination and cooperation. It is proposed that a position of Head of Music is created to oversee Music Committee and to liaise with College Officers, Music Durham and others.

Music Committee will comprise the Head of Music, the heads of the three musical societies, a treasurer, a secretary, a representative from Technical Committee and a publicity officer.

The secretary would also act as music librarian and oversee the College music rooms.

3 Motivation

The creation of this committee will improve the provision of music enrichment activities for our members in furtherance of our charitable objects.

By creating a Music Committee and having a College representative for music, we will be able to apply to Music Durham for grants.

The College music rooms lack ownership and this has led to their neglect.

4 Standing Orders amendments

To implement the proposal, the following amendments to the JCR Standing Orders are proposed:

That in Appendix B (Ratified Clubs and Societies) section 2 (Societies) there be a subsection titled 'Music Societies' to contain the following entries: Van Mildert Big Band, Van Mildert Choir, and Van Mildert Jam Society.

After clause C3.36, insert a new clause with subsection title 'Head of Music':

3.37. The responsibilities of the Head of Music include:

- (a) To head the Music Committee;
- (b) To represent the JCR to external parties, including College and Music Durham, on musical matters;
- (c) To liaise with JCR Executive Officers as necessary;
- (d) To represent the Music Committee and report to the JCR as necessary.

After clause C4.49, insert a new subsection titled ‘Music Committee’:

4.50. The functions of Music Committee are:

- (a) To enable communication and cooperation between JCR Music Societies;
- (b) To support the Head of Music as necessary;
- (c) To encourage the good governance of JCR Music Societies;
- (d) To coordinate upkeep and storage of JCR music assets;
- (e) To advise the JCR on investments and improvements to JCR and College music facilities and organisation;
- (f) To organise musical events with the JCR Music Societies;
- (g) To promote musical activities and events to JCR members for their personal development.

4.51. The Music Committee must include a representative from each of the JCR Music Societies.

After clause O4.7, insert a new clause:

4.8. A society may be designated as a Music Society by a motion of the JCR (including its creation motion).

5 Music Committee constitution

It is proposed that the new Music Committee has a constitution¹ as follows:

1. Preface

- (a) These are the Standing Orders of the Music Committee (“the Committee”) of Van Mildert College Junior Common Room (“the JCR”).
- (b) These Standing Orders are subordinate to the Standing Orders of the JCR
- (c) These Standing Orders may be amended by the Committee with approval of the JCR Governance Committee.

2. Membership

- (a) The ex-officio members of the Committee are as follows:
 - (a) The Head of Music,
 - (b) The heads of each of the JCR Music Societies,
 - (c) The Head of Tech or their appointed representative.
- (b) The ordinary members of the Committee are as follows:
 - (a) The Treasurer,
 - (b) The Secretary,

¹in accordance with O5.4

- (c) The Publicity Officer.
- (c) The ordinary members of the Committee must be appointed by the Head of Music in accordance with the JCR Standing Orders.
- (d) The term of office for the the Head of Music and the ordinary members of the Committee is the academic year.

3. Responsibilities

- (a) The responsibilities of the Treasurer include:
 - (a) To oversee the finances of the Committee;
 - (b) To encourage financial cooperation between JCR Music Societies;
 - (c) To support JCR Music Societies in financial matters;
 - (d) To liaise with the JCR FACSO as required.
- (b) The responsibilities of the Secretary include:
 - (a) To act as secretary to the Committee;
 - (b) To oversee the JCR music library;
 - (c) To coordinate use of the College Music Rooms;
 - (d) To support the maintenance of an inventory of JCR music assets;
 - (e) To liaise with the JCR FACSO as required.
- (c) The responsibilities of the Publicity Officer include:
 - (a) To operate social media channels for the Committee;
 - (b) To oversee the promotion of any events organised by the Committee;
 - (c) To liaise with the JCR Communications Officer as required;

4. Business

- (a) The Head of Music must organise meetings of the Committee from time to time.
- (b) The Secretary must ensure that accurate minutes of meetings are produced.
- (c) The Committee should endeavour to respect the autonomy of the JCR Music Societies.

6 Remaining issues

Further consideration needs to be given to the re-inclusion of Jam By The Lake in the Standing Orders and its management.