**CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM**

STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 15th November at 1pm in the Small Newsroom

**Present:**

Lesley Phippen (Staff)

Stine Wannebo (Stage 2)

Kieran Watkins (Stage 3)

Jackie Gordon (Stage 1)

Mathilde Guenegan (MA)

**Apologies:**

Swati Tata

1. The Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true record except that Mathilde Guenegan was not included on the list of attenders despite being at the meeting.
2. Matters arising:
3. Pitching – LP reported that she had raised this issue with T.Luckhurst who said he is happy to hold short briefing session on the purpose of the editorial conference if anyone wishes to attend. Another point was raised about this (see item 3 below)
4. NCTJ fees - this has been put to TL and we are awaiting a response
5. Stage 1 Rep - Jackie Gordon has now been appointed to this post.
6. Academic Review/Newsday clash - this was resolved when the Newsday was moved to another date.
7. Another point about pitching was raised by SW who queried what happens when a student does not attend conference, misses his/her ‘pitch’ but then goes ahead and produces a piece anyway. LP to ask IR about this.
8. MG had several comments :-
9. The coffee machine on the 4th floor is sometimes out of order. LP advised that when this happens students should complain to the reception desk in Gillingham or Medway.
10. MG also queried the lack of social space for eating/relaxing. LP did refer to the new PG room in the Rochester building as this is new this academic year. MG said students would like a microwave to be available as well. The other students agreed that there should be more non-café space. LP offered to contact Lee Montgomery to ask if there was any further news about student social space on campus whilst agreeing that there should be more.
11. MG also raised another issue which it was agreed came under ‘teaching’. LP therefore advised students to speak to the member of staff who teaches that particular module.
12. MG said students would like more technical help with software at the start of new sections of the syllabus. The other students all agreed that some help with the new Macs would be useful as not everyone is familiar with them. LP promised to pass this on to IR.
13. KW raised the issue of the linkage of individual machines in the UG newsrooms to the printer. Not available to everyone yet. LP promised to raise this with IR.
14. KW also raised a query about the assessment of Newsdays and the criteria used for assessment. Students felt they were getting ‘mixed messages’ about this before, during and after the latest Newsday. There was some discussion around this and LP agreed to ask IR for clarity.
15. JG raised another issue related to teaching and after some discussion LP agreed to raise it with IR but also suggested that students could approach the teacher involved as well.
16. The date of the next meeting should be 6th December.