**CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM**

**STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday December 6 at 1pm in the Small Newsroom

**Present**

Rob Bailey (staff)

Clarissa Place (stage 3)

Stine Wannebo (stage 2)

Jackie Gordon (stage 1)

Mathilde Guenegan (MA)

1. Apologies

Keiran Watkins (stage 2)

Swati Tata (MA)

1. The Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true record
2. Matters arising:
3. NCTJ fees. Students requested that the full cost of the NCTJ Diploma should be made clearer at the application stage. RB to raise with IR/TL
4. Printing. RB to talk to Gerardo about ongoing issues with Stage 1 students’ access to the new newsroom printer. Other printer issues have been resolved.
5. Social space. RB reported that that work is ongoing between the campus universities to develop more social space for students at all stages.
6. News day assessment – CP said there has been some confusion over how stage 3 news days are assessed. RB explained what is expected of assessed and non-assessed journalists, but will raise issue with IR. CP also asked when the roles for the first print newsday in January will be assigned. RB to raise with IR.
7. Conference pitches – All students raised the issue of feedback for conference pitches. They would like feedback to be delivered continuously through the year, giving them a better opportunity to improve future pitches. RB to raise with IR.
8. Categorical marking – SW said that students are still unclear about the categorical marking scale. RB explained that it is university policy and outlined how it works in practice. RB to talk to all staff about making this system clearer when setting and marking assessments.
9. Employment – CP asked for third year masterclasses or seminars on getting a job, focussing in particular on when it is realistic to apply for newsroom jobs and graduate schemes, and coaching on “selling yourself” in writing and in person. It was noted that some journalism graduate schemes have already closed. RB advised all students to be aware of job opportunities and schemes at Hold The Front Page, Press Gazette and Gorkana. RB will raise the idea of a masterclass in the spring term with TL.
10. The date of the next meeting TBC by LP