# HT15 Week 6 JCR Meeting Agenda 7:30pm - 21st February 2015

Chair - Bethany Currie  
Secretary - Loughlan O’Doherty

Apologies from Nikhil

Questions to Officers

*Amy: what are we doing about heaters?*

*Stef: I've asked the porters where they are. we might have to buy some new ones*

*Amy: we brought a motion to do it last year, can we look at the minutes again?*

**Monetary Motions**

## 1. Donating Money to Rachel Pearson

This JCR notes:

1. That Rachel Pearson (our wonderful Academic Registrar) is running the London marathon this April to raise funds for Scope.

2. That participating in the London marathon is incredibly strenuous, requires a great deal of training, and is a hugely worthy thing to do to raise money for charity.

3. That Scope is a charity with the avowed purpose of making this country a place where disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else.

4. That increasing opportunities for disabled people is something our society should continuously do.

This JCR believes:

1. That, as a much-loved member of our college community, Rachel Pearson is deserving of our support as a JCR.

2. That donating money to Scope is a good use of our money, both as a testament of this support for Rachel and as a generally good thing to do.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Treasurer to donate £300 to Rachel's fundraising page.

**Proposed: Cameron McGarry**

**Seconded: Jemimah Taylor**

Short Factual Questions:

*Amy: Where is the money coming out of?*

*Kate: I’ve been given a lot of receipts today. I think we’ll have spent about £1000 in the last three days - I’m wary of this. We could afford it, I’d just be reluctant to spend that much at this time. Were spending a lot of money at the moment.*

*Adrian: can we take it out of next terms charity budget?*

Move to Debate:

*Amy: I’d like to propose an amendment:*

Amendment proposed to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1. To mandate the Treasurer to donate between £100 and £300 to Rachel's fundraising page, at the discretion of the Treasurer’

taken as friendly

Move to Vote

overwhelming majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## 2. Yoga Mats

This JCR notes:

1 That recently a member of the JCR has been running sessions of yoga on Saturday morning, and that these have been very successful;

2 That at present the mats required for these sessions are borrowed.

This JCR believes:

1 That yoga is inherently a good thing;

2 That the JCR should purchase some yoga mats so that we do not have to rely on others to borrow from.

This JCR resolves:

1 To mandate the Treasurer to purchase 12 yoga mats at a cost of no more than £110, and to do so in consultation with Natalie Buhl-Nielsen

**Proposed: Ed Green**

**Seconded: Amy Jones**

Short Factual Questions:

*Adrian: does she get charged by sweaty betty to borrow them?*

*ed: no, but she cant borrow them all at a time. it relies on there being mats there.*

*Adrian: where are they going to be kept?*

*ed: open to discussion. prob. JCR office.*

Move to Debate:

*Sammy: It’s a lot of money. maybe if you’re going to yoga every week, you could buy your own yoga mat?*

*Cameron: the JCR wants to support corpus clubs and socs, but doesn't it make more sense for some of them to pay a nominal fee.*

*Jamie: why don’t we make it an official corpus club, and then ask college for clubs money?*

*Jem: Maybe we could get less. don’t only 14 people do it at a time anyway?*

*Ed: Natalie is collecting money for MS in lieu of asking for donations.*

*Sammy: she’s asked for a couple of pound? i don’t think it would change people’s opinion on the donation.*

*Amy; can we go back to what Jamie said?*

*Cameron: I like the idea of proper society. what we do at alts, if you have your own skates, you come a long and do your own thing - or you could get them to pay a little extra to hire one.*

*David: How easy is it get money off the clubs and socs people? you have to discuss it with the junior deans, but its been easy in the pass.*

*Stef: It’s not as big an issue, it was only because it was during the week that she couldn't get mats.*

Move to Vote:

For: 2

Against: 13

Abstentions: 6

**MOTION FAILS**

## 3. E&E Lunch funding

This JCR Notes:

1-On Wednesday of 7th week at lunch time a member of the charity Friends of the Earth is doing a talk in Corpus

2-Many of last year's Environment Week events were not well attended

3-The college has provided a quote of £5 per head for a buffet lunch to be served after the talk, which amounts to £125 for 25 people, although this could feed more people with smaller portions

4-The E&E officer's budget is £75, and he will spend £50 on a donation to Friends of the Earth for giving the talk. This leaves £100 to be sourced

5-The amount spent may be less, as the bill may be split with Oriel's JCR, since their E&E rep has been involved in the planning of some events and Oriel will provide some attendance

This JCR Believes:

1-There is widespread apathy about environmental issues

2-A talk from a member of a large international charity provides a great opportunity to raise awareness of environmental issues

3-As many measures as possible should be taken to raise attendance to the event to take advantage of this opportunity

4-Provision of a free lunch to attendees would attract more people to the event, particularly those with less interest in the subject

5- The importance of the cause justifies the large expenditure

This JCR resolves:

1-To provide the E&E officer with additional funding of £100 to cover the costs of the aforementioned lunch.

**proposed: Julian Woods**

**seconded: Tom Lyons**

Short Factual Questions:

*Stef: can you send an email to get numbers?*

*Julian: I have.*

*Kate: what were the numbers?*

*Julian: 20 people who said they would like to, 20 who might.*

*Iona: Corpus and Oriel still?*

*Julian: there will be people from oriel attending, yes.*

*Cameron: What proportion of the people attending will be from Corpus?*

*Julian: More than half.*

*Kate: why is this a £5 a head?*

*Beth: college charge through the roof essentially*

*Amy: is there anyway we could do something with a smaller budget, and purchase food yourself?*

*Julian: I’m not sure what id do and if it be good.*

Move to Debate:

*Kate: we can afford it, you just have to really want it.*

*Cameron: if were doing something with Oriel, cant they put some money towards it?*

*Julian: I hope Sam can get back to me and provide funding, but it’s not looking great.*

Move to Vote:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 8

**MOTION PASSES**

## 4. TV Licenses

This JCR notes

Article 8, point 10 of the JCR Constitution states that: “Only a quorate JCR Meeting may authorise expenditure not specifically approved in the budget presented by the Treasurer at the beginning of term.”

The TV license (for the TV room) is paid quarterly by direct debit from the JCR current account, and the next payment is due on 2nd March 2015.

The TV license was not included in the Hilary budget, mainly because the Treasurer didn’t realise we had one.

This JCR believes:

Not paying the TV license would be bad.

This JCR resolves:

To mandate the Treasurer to pay the TV license, on the understanding that this expenditure will be budgeted for in future terms.

**Proposed Kate Ogden (Treasurer)  
Seconded David Windmill**

Short Factual Questions:

*Amy: Which officer is in charge of the tv room?*

*Jem: me, because I’m corpus cinema.*

*Beth: games are Jason, as they're entz.*

*Sammy: This is a legal requirement, right?*

*Kate: Constitutionally I should bring this - although I’d pay it anyway.*

Move to Debate

No Debate

Move to Vote

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## Other Motions

## 5. Let’s Get Constitutional

This JCR notes:

1) That Article 2 Part 4 of the JCR Constitution requires us to re-ratify the constitution every year at the second JCR meeting of Hilary Term

2) That this has not been done in the recent institutional memory of Corpus (since Jamie and Amy arrived in 2012)

This JCR believes:

1) In valid and binding constitutions, and ratification where the constitution deems it necessary

This JCR resolves:

1) To ratify the JCR constitution as it stands - using as the definitive copy the document available on the JCR website on 19th February 2015

**Proposed: Amy Jones**

**Seconded: Guy Ward**

Short Factual Questions:

*Julian: Can we define ratifying?*

*Jamie: Formal assent*

Move to Debate:

*Cameron: Version on the website is out of date.*

*Amy: I’d like to propose the following amendment:*

Amendment to change to ‘This JCR Resolves’ to ‘1) To ratify the JCR constitution as it stands.’

Taken as Friendly.

Move to Vote:

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## 6. A Charity isn’t just for one term…

The JCR notes:

1. Corpus is a very generous and charitable college

2. As a college, we do not have many long term relationships with any charities

3. There are many opportunities for us to establish such a relationship

The JCR believes:

1. That it would be a good step forward for the JCR to have a specific cause that we can maintain over coming years.

2. Sponsoring a school/child/village would be a much more personal way for the JCR to get involved

The JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the charities officer to hold a vote to allow the JCR to choose a charity to have a relationship with

2. To mandate the charities officer to maintain that relationship by regular communication and fundraising events

**Proposed: Jemimah Taylor**

**Seconded: Sammy Breen**

Short Factual Questions:

*Amy: why do we need a mandate? to give legitimacy?*

*Jemimah: yeah, plus it might need more money.*

Move to Debate:

*Stef: do we need to do this?*

*Jemimah: sponsoring is different to what we already do though.*

*Jem: how are you going to choose the thing to put on the vote.*

*Jemimah: I could ask for nominations, hadn't thought that far ahead yet.*

*Iona: is this just for you?*

*Jemimah: no for others*

*Amy: would need to be constitutional.*

Move to Vote

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## 7. Lyons in the OUSU Jungle

This JCR notes:

1) That the St Catz OUSU rep maintains a blog about their experiences at OUSU Council, and it's a good way for JCR members and for undergrads in general to connect with OUSU - it can be found at <https://catzinousu.wordpress.com/>

2) That this blog also functions to allow prospective students a glimpse into life at Oxford and the way in which OUSU can influence our time as undergrads

This JCR believes:

1) That we can do better than St Catz

2) That Tom Lyons is a very photogenic human being, and we shouldn't selfishly keep his wit to ourselves in Corpus

3) That the shiny new website Cameron McGarry has created for us would benefit from his smiling visage

This JCR resolves:

1) To mandate the OUSU rep to produce a vlog about his experiences at OUSU council every other week, updating the people of Corpus about the various goings on in OUSU council

2) To request that he also borrow the JCR GoPro for at least one OUSU council meeting a term, and wear it, in order to allow those of us who unfortunately cannot attend OUSU Council a glimpse into his exhilarating experiences there

**Proposed: Amy Jones**

**Seconded: Jamie Wells**

Short Factual Questions:

*Cameron: if this motion passes, will you do it?*

*Tom: no.*

*Adrian: where is the JCR gopro?*

*Beth: no idea, could be in the office.*

*Luke: does anyone else in the meeting wear a gopro?*

*Tom: no.*

*Emma: what is a gopro?*

*Tom: its a camera, you can put on stuff.*

Move to Debate:

*Tom: this JCR believes 2. I'm photogenic? i don’t want to be part of a JCR who is ableist, and superficial, if only ‘photogenic’ people can be on the blog. i don’t like the motion. i also feel that if this was directed at someone else, it would be seen as bullying - some of us are sensitive.*

*Stef: last week you expressed how much you wanted a budget, and wanted to be more involved in committee.*

*Tom: I categorically did not say i wanted to be more involved in the committee.*

*Mary: two concerns - the go pro is designed to engineer public ridicule. if people did want to see the ins and outs of OUSU council, then pass that. An OUSU blog might be a fine idea*

*Amy: the intention of the motion is that we don’t engage with OUSU enough. that leads to things being passed. i wanted it to be funny, because when OUSU gets mentioned people switch off. I want it to pass. I'm not bringing it because I'm nasty, and i didn't think he’d be offended.*

*Luke: I’d like to propose the following amendment:*

Amendment to remove point 2) from ‘This JCR Believes’. Also, to remove all references to Tom himself.

taken as friendly.

*Jem: there is an argument for a blog of OUSU. that would be acceptable.*

*Guy: I don’t see the point in doing it.*

*Adrian: he’s categorically said he's not going to do it. will you do it at all?*

*Amy: the point of the motion is that we don’t know that Tom goes. this would be an interactive way of getting people involved.*

*Tom: The idea that someone is going to watch the vlog, is wrong. i don’t really want to do it.*

*Amy: is the fact that you don’t want to do it a thing?*

*Iona: i was going to say i would be more willing to watch a 2-3 min video.*

*Cameron: i feel like were over looking the prep. in a vlog. he does have to produce a video.*

*iona: how about people publicise his OUSU snapchat story?*

*Stef: Can I propose the following amendment?*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1) To mandate the OUSU rep to produce a vlog about his experiences at OUSU council at least once a term, updating the people of Corpus about the various goings on in OUSU council’

Taken as Friendly.

*Mary: id hate a vlog. can i amend for it to be a blog?*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1) To mandate the OUSU rep to produce a blog about his experiences at OUSU council at least once a term, updating the people of Corpus about the various goings on in OUSU council’’

Not Taken as Friendly.

Debate on the Amendment:

*Jamie: i think that given its referring to OUSU officer generally - i wouldnt like a video of myself talking about OUSU council.*

*Amy: I’m happy to take a blog, if its fortnightly.*

Amendment Withdrawn

Move to Debate on the Motion:

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1) To mandate the OUSU rep to produce a fortnightly blog about his experiences at OUSU council, updating the people of Corpus about the various goings on in OUSU council. The blog must include pictures’

Taken as Friendly

*Jamie: I want it to include reference to Jack Matthews.*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1) To mandate the OUSU rep to produce a fortnightly blog about his experiences at OUSU council, updating the people of Corpus about the various goings on in OUSU council. The blog must include pictures and at least one reference to Jack Matthews’

Taken as Friendly

*Cameron: can we specify if its a blog or vlog?*

*Beth: Blog leaves it open to interpretation.*

*Tom: Me having a blog I have to do every fortnight, why doesn't everyone else in their other roles?*

*Amy: its an issue about engagement with OUSU.*

*Jamie: what about if Tom live tweeted OUSU council?*

*Beth: already done at #OUSUCouncil.*

*Luke: there was an important castle mill motion and the marine le pen motion. like how Loughlan does a summary, I’d like to mandate the OUSU rep to summarise the motions.*

Amendment to add a second point to ‘This JCR Resolves’ which reads as follows: ‘2) To mandate the OUSU Representative to summaries the OUSU motions in their fortnightly email informing the JCR’

Taken as Friendly

*Tom: I think thats unwise because there are loads of motions.*

*Luke: I think it works well in the way Loughlan does it, so you could do it.*

Move to Vote:

Opposed

Vote on the Move to Vote:

For:14

Against: 4

Abstentions: 3

Move to Vote:

For: 14

Against: 12

Abstentions: 1

**MOTION PASSES**