# HT15 Week 8 JCR Meeting Agenda 7:30pm - 8th March 2015

Chair - Bethany Currie  
Secretary - Loughlan O’Doherty  
Returning Officer - Nikhil Venkatesh

## President’s Report:

*Beth: Julian and Noni are going to have a meeting and write a paper on Living Wage accreditation. We’ll submit it at the start of next term.*

## A Farewell Brightened by Thoughts of Reunion

Another term ended, and so we must part

With books in our arms and psalms in our hearts,

As M25 or M42

bear us aft to green pastures and skies blue.

Skies blue with rest and old guardians best

that we might not pay for food nor alcohol blessed.

Days linger in haze and will be driven

by nowhere near eight hours of revision,

but as we read and study and dine

our souls are a-tremor for spires fine.

Although some by exams are cruelly greeted

still friends and good cheer are in Oxford seated.

For one thing stands out in the things we have learned:

the best part of journeying is the return.

## Questions to Officers:

*Huw: newspapers, what happened with that?*

*Kate: Ian did a poll and reviewed the order. I’m happy to do another one next term.*

*Amy: I think we have too many copies of the Ox-Stu.*

*Kate: I’ll look into it.*

*Jamie: What is the situation with the flags?*

*Jem: Andy Rolfe wanted us to take them down on Saturday for the alumni day. We tried to move them to private rooms - but they also wanted us to take them down.*

*Tom: Where do college get money for the library extension project? they're trying to get £2m from college, and fund the other £18m from donors?*

*Beth: I don’t know, I can ask him.*

*Ed: As far I know, it might be from the endowment.*

*Jem: Loosing my Bod card has given me an opportunity to change my pronouns with the university as I identify as non-binary. I also want to be referred to they/them rather than she/her from now on too. I’m going to be changing my name to Jem too.*

*Tom: are Spivak pronouns outdated?*

*Jem: it varies a lot, I'm more comfortable with they/them.*

*Kate: also, were going to be richer than we started too!*

**Constitutional Motions**

## 1. The Mental Health Representative

This JCR notes:

1. That several colleges have now successfully introduced a mental health representative into their JCR

2. That many of the issues the JCR committee take up with college have a mental health angle, currently attended to by the president, welfare officers or equal opportunities officer

3. That mental health activism has become increasingly focused upon the specific discrimination mentally ill people deal with, and the need to reduce this stigma through awareness and representation

This JCR believes:

1. That a lack of mental health access, awareness and education creates harmful inequality within society and our university

2. That students with mental health problems deserve a representative dedicated to their specific needs

3. That not having a representative specialized in these areas harms the progress of mental health provisions in college

4. That it would be great for our college to be one of the first to introduce a mental health rep for these causes

This JCR resolves:

1. To create the position of Mental Health Rep, elected with the other liberty reps each Trinity for the term of one year

2. To give the Mental Health Rep a position on the Equal Opportunities committee

3. To apply the following standing orders to the Mental Health rep:

1. to represent JCR interests on the above committee, and to keep Junior Members informed of developments
2. to provide a focal point for student welfare in college, with a particular emphasis on mental health issues, and act as a signpost to mental health welfare services in college, in the university and more broadly
3. to publish in College all mental health welfare information from the College,  
   University, OUSU, NUS and Mind Your Head campaign via the welfare board, and JCR   
   welfare website
4. to liaise with OUSU and the appropriate university societies, distributing any information   
   about mental health related events or welfare
5. to promote access for students affected by mental health problems, and to promote education and understanding of these issues within the college community

**Proposed: Jem Jones**

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*Johnny: What sort of person do we want to do this?*

*Jem: If instead of welfare and the equal equal opps committee who do this for everyone, we want someones whose remit is specifically Mental Health.*

*Tom: to what extent is mental health covered by disabilities?*

*Jem: There is actually a difference between the two - not many people would know about this though. This is certainly something that the mental health rep. would aim to improve knowledge of. Andrew (current disabilities rep) supports the motion.*

*Amy: why does it say liberation reps? i feel that if it is still equal opps reps mental health works better.*

Move to Debate:

*Iona: do you think its worth mandating the officer to liaise with the peer support officer or have training?*

*Jem: I’d like to propose an amendment from Liberation to Equal Opps Reps.*

This JCR Resolves now reads ‘1. To create the position of Mental Health Rep, elected with the other Equal Opps reps each Trinity for the term of one year'

Taken as Friendly.

*Emma: How would the issues surrounding confidentiality work for this officer?*

*Mary: Everything is confidential until you think they're a harm to themselves or others - it would be the same for this position.*

*Jamie: Currently we have nothing in the constitution about it.*

*Johnny: Do we think they should be peer support trained?*

*Jem: can we do that?*

*Beth: We could, but then they lose a place for Peer Support training.*

*Jem: Currently the standing orders are very similar to the other Equal Opps reps.*

*Johnny: how would they achieve all that then?*

*Jem: Currently it’s done through handover. OUSU listening training would be good perhaps. I'm not sure if they need a formal link in order to carry out their role.*

Move to Vote:

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**

# 2. Other Motions:

## 2. Looking after our Bikes

This JCR Notes:

1. that Liddell’s bike racks have not been replaced.
2. Banbury does not have a covered bike rack either.

This JCR Believes:

1. That we should shield the students bikes from the rain

This JCR Resolves:

1. To lobby college to install a cover for the bikes at Liddell in consultation with Christ Church
2. To lobby college to install covers at Banbury too.

**proposed: Jem Jones**

**seconded: Kate Ogden**

Move to Vote:

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## 3. Hot Water

This JCR Notes:

1. That since college removed the hot water machine in the JCR office, tea takes much longer.
2. The hot water machine was frequently used at other times too.

This JCR Believes:

1. That the hot water machine was loved by the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

1. To lobby college to reinstall a hot water machine in the JCR office.

**proposed: Sammy Breen**

**seconded: Ed Green**

Short Factual Questions:

*Amy: has he ever been in the JCR? We used it all the time.*

*Julian: the last one was left on all the time, and it used up a lot of energy. Can we ensure it isn't turned on all of the time this time around?*

Move to Debate:

*Julian: I’d like to amendment the motion.*

Amendment to add points 2 and 3 to ‘This JCR Resolves’ which reads as follows: ‘2. To mandate all Officers to turn the hot water machine off after JCR tea when they're done. 3. To mandate the Domestic Officer to put a sticker on it requesting people to turn it off when they’re done using it.’

Taken as Friendly

*Jem: Can we ask for a very energy efficient one? or maybe one that turns itself off?*

*taken as friendly.*

Amendment to change point 1 of ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘To lobby college to reinstall an energy efficient hot water machine in the JCR office.’

Taken as Friendly

*Jamie: can it be at least 9 litres?*

Amendment to change point 1 of ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘To lobby college to reinstall an energy efficient hot water machine in the JCR office, which is at least 9 litres in capacity’

Taken as Friendly

Move to Vote:

Overwhelming Majority

**MOTION PASSES**