

Chair: Alice Rubbra  
Secretary: Henner Petin  
Returning Officer: Akshay Bilolikar

### 1. Report from the JCR President

Alice: attended academic affairs committee, can ask Rebecca or her about anything to do with that. Also discussed getting the Reach Scholarship back in place and funded.

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### 2. Reports / Questions to Officers

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### 3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Hail Caesar, bridge-builder,  
citizen first among equals,  
your 28 legions salute you,  
and the Republic marches  
against the same.

Fear, Caesar,  
for your reign is short,  
and spare your crowds,  
less they remember  
your name.

- Robert Jackson

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### 4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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### 5. Constitutional Amendments

#### **Re-consti-new-tion**

This JCR Notes:

1. That every state and Oxford JCR has a constitution
2. That constitutions have been described as "the bedrock of democracy"
3. That Edward Green (Former JCR Vice President) and the RO have invested their own time in designing a new constitution
4. That the JCR approved the new constitution in Michaelmas along with the elections and

that since then some minor changes had to be made, which are not substantive in nature

This JCR Believes:

1. That the current constitution is a mess, having been amended on the fly for years of JCR meetings without due thought or attention
2. That the new constitution upholds the spirit of the old
3. That the new constitution effectively implements the current operating procedure of the JCR

This JCR Resolves

1. To mandate the President to elicit approval for the new constitution from all relevant college bodies, including the governing body, at the next possible opportunity
2. That the new constitution shall take effect as soon as it is approved by all these bodies and that the JCR should be notified by the Returning Officer as soon as this is the case

**Proposed: Cameron McGarry (Old Man of the JCR)**

**Seconded: Thomas Munro (Treasurer)**

SFQ:

Cameron: who re-wrote my motion?

Ashkay: we told you about this.

Debate: None

**Vote: Overwhelming majority, the motion passes**

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## 6. Motions of No Confidence

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## 7. Charities Motions

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## 8. Monetary Motions

**Bop it! twist it! Pull it! Budget!**

This JCR Notes:

1. The treasurer needs to pass a budget
2. Some big expenditures are occurring and it is necessary to budget for them
3. We will get some of the budgeted money back (from Charities, and the Challenge)

This JCR Believes:

1. It is good to have well-organised finances
2. A budget is essential for well-organised finances

This JCR Resolves:

To pass the following budget for Hilary Term, in the Year of Our Lord MMXVII

ACADEMIC	£30.00
DOMESTIC	£100.00
NEWSPAPERS	£600.00
PEER SUPPORT	£0.00
MEETINGS	£260.00
ENTZ (inc cinema and games)	£100.00
WELFARE	£600.00
COMPUTING	£0.00
ARTS	£20.00
EQUAL OPPS	£100.00
ENVIRONMENT AND	
ETHICS	£100.00
ACCESS	£50.00
COMMITTEE MEAL	£225.00
RO/ ADMIN	£25.00
CORPUS CHALLENGE	£2,000.00
CHARITIES WEEK	£250.00
TV LICENSE	£38.00
<u>Direct Expenditure</u>	<u>£4,498.00</u>

**Proposed: Thomas Munro**

**Seconded: Peter Woodcock**

SFQ:

Paul: Academic Affairs – why 30 GBP? Bex: for incentivizing people to come to feedback sessions

Ingrid: Why meeting money? Tom: Pizza. Ingrid: Why Newspaper so high? Tom: Because student papers are also expensive. Ingrid: stopped getting the sun? Tom: Yes.

Debate:

Cameron: Can we have a bike-kit budget?

Tom: We have a tab for this and there is money for this. If necessary, we can also pass a motion before next term, when its replenished anyway.

**Vote: Overwhelming majority, the motion passes**

### **Raindrops Keep Falling on my Coat**

This JCR Notes:

1. That we have no coat stand
2. That we used to have a coat stand but it broke under the weight of an entire JCR worth of coats

This JCR Believes:

1. That it is helpful to have somewhere to hang damp coats in the winter when it is often wet outside
2. That the use of coat stand in the past was clearly popular because they kept breaking under the weight of all the coats on them
3. That the hooks we bought last year have never been hung up and were a bad idea anyway
4. That if you buy cheap, you buy twice

This JCR Resolves:

1. To mandate the treasurer to buy two coat racks for no less than £30 each up to a maximum of £200 total

**Proposed: Cameron McGarry (Old Man of the JCR)**

**Seconded: Peter Woodcock (Clubs and Socs)**

SFQ: Finn: Don't have a coat, do you need them? Cameron: Yes. Finn: I don't understand.

Lucy: Why hooks a bad idea? Tom: I was mandated to hang them up and maintenance blanked us and hasn't done anything. We have the hooks, the most sensible thing would be to get the ones hung up which we have.

Ryan: Where are these hooks going to be hung up?

Cameron: I said I'd withdraw if they get hung up.

Tom: Ryan, you should probably go through the porters.

**Cameron withdraws the motion in the hope that the coat hooks will be hung up before the next JCR meeting**

**This is the Sound of Settling (in for a Long Night of Bopping)**

This JCR Notes:

1. That last term the Entz Pres was mandated to repair or if, that was not possible, to replace an amplifier
2. That at the last bop the Entz Pres could not get the speakers in the beer cellar to work, resulting in running the first twenty minutes of the bop on sub-woofer alone

This JCR Believes:

1. That the bop speakers are too complicated for mortals to set up
2. That the Old Man of the JCR has better things to do than set up for the bop every three weeks of term
3. That even Graham Kelly was able to set up and operate the speakers we borrowed for the Christmas bop, and they were good too
4. That there is such thing as too much bass

This JCR Resolves:

1. To revoke the mandate given to the Entz Pres last term to repair or replace the amplifier

2. To mandate the **Entz President** to purchase new speakers up to the cost of £1000  
[Note: once I find out the actual speakers I want to buy I will amend this, likely cost is significantly lower]

**Proposed: Cameron McGarry (Old Man of the JCR)**

**Seconded: Graham Kelly (Celtic Supporter of the JCR)**

SFQ:

Pete: Is there such a thing as too much bass: Graham: No. Cameron: Yes.

Tom: do we have closer figure to the real price? Graham: it won't be a 1000 GBP.

Debate:

Amendment proposed and taken as friendly: Mandate not the treasurer, but the Entz Pres.

Vote:

Overwhelming majority, the motion passes

### **Let's staff a party**

JCR Notes:

1. The Staff help us out immensely in our time here at Oxford
2. We should express our gratitude to the staff

This JCR resolves:

To donate £200 to the staff party

**Prop: Thomas Munro**

**Second: Stef Paterson - changed to Pete Woodcock**

SFQ:

Jack: Was the party any good? Graham: Yes.

Debate:

Amendment to mandate the Treasurer maybe?

Tom: the slight twist is that we have already paid for this without being consulted first, this is just a formality.

Finn: We should not pass it then.

Cameron: We should pass it. We do this every year, let's not be silly.

Finn: Maybe we could spite them by giving them 250 GBP - why don't we try that?

Tom: because the staff party was also yesterday.

**Vote: Overwhelming majority, the motion passes**

### **Make the PS4 work again!**

This JCR notes:

1. The PS4 in the TV room has been broken for a long time now
2. The Xbox has been out of action for even longer
3. Sony are asking for £125 to repair the PS4
4. The Entz Budget is nowhere near sufficient to cover this

This JCR believes:

1. There is high demand to have a working console
2. It would make the TV room fashionable again

This JCR resolves:

To mandate the Entz President to firstly inquire into whether college is willing to pay for this and whether it is covered by their insurance and, if that fails to spend up to £125 fixing the PS4.

**Proposed: Shiv Bhardwaj**

**Seconded: Arthur Hussey**

SFQ:

Paul: Why fix the PS4 and not the Xbox? Arthur: Xbox is older.

Ryan: What games are on the PS4. Arthur Fifa.

Debate:

Jack: Can't we have an argument with college that it should be stored in a secure room - can we not get it through them somehow seeing it wasn't entirely our fault?

Tom: Amendment, which is taken as friendly: Mandate the Entz Pres

Jack: can we get it ensured. Tom: I don't know if its covered by college insurance, but I can check about it.

Cameron: mandate 1. Investigate whether it's possible to get it fixed through college, perhaps insurance and 2. Cover the cost ourselves. Taken as friendly.

**Vote: Overwhelming majority, motion passes.**

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## 9. Motions as submitted

### **We're not Meating on Mondays**

This JCR notes:

1. That the NHS advises that we consume only 2-3 portions of meat per week to reduce risk of high cholesterol and certain cancers.
2. That at present, our hall serves three meat portions per day.
3. That animal agriculture contributes more greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere per annum than all forms of traffic on the planet combined and is responsible for 91% of Amazon destruction.
4. That livestock and their by-products account for 51% of all worldwide greenhouse gas emissions.

5. That animal agriculture has been widely cited as the leading cause of deforestation, habitat destruction, animal extinction, ocean dead zones, and water pollution. (WWF, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Worldwatch Institute, Scientific America, Centre for Biological Diversity, Oppenlander)

This JCR believes:

1. That we should be acting in the interest of the planet and its inhabitants, both human or otherwise, by fighting climate change collectively.
2. That cutting down our meat consumption is an essential factor in cutting down our greenhouse gas emissions and minimising our impact on our world.
3. That by not serving meat and fish on Mondays, we would reduce our reliance on meat and move towards more sustainable levels of consumption.

This JCR resolves:

1. To serve only meat and fish-free (vegetarian) options in hall on Mondays.
2. To add resolves 1 to the JCR Policy document

**Proposed: Elizabeth Shelmerdine**

**Seconded: Abbi Newton**

SFQ:

Q: What's the definition of meat-free – does that include milk? Abbi: vegetarian, not vegan.

Ryan: Is this for breakfast too? Lizzie: Yes, all three meals.

Jack: Do we plan on consulting the rest of the college? Lizzie: we're moving up by bodies, JCR first, then MCR then SCR

Ryan: Is there going to be vegan as well? Lizzie: have a poll of everyone who eats in hall and then figure out things that people like.

Gustaf: What about a shell-fish, which has a negative carbon-footprint? Lizzie: That is included in the motion, we're not going to make exceptions like that. Fishing also contributes to the problems mentioned in the motion.

Debate:

Procedural Motion brought forward by Gustaf and seconded by someone else:

**Motion to have a secret ballot. In favour: overwhelming majority.**

Akshay: amendment to add resolves 2 "to add resolves 1 to the JCR Policy document" - taken as friendly.

Ingrid: What about having more vegetarian options and less meat options generally? Like alternate between 2-veg and 1-meat and vice versa.

Lizzie: That's what we're going to have if people are against meat-free Monday. But that is not going to make a huge different on the meat consumption, but there is also the point that meat free Monday is likely to cause more vegetarian food going to waste. Cutting meat on one day completely is better for carbon-emission, this has worked in other places.

Adam: resolves doesn't solve the issue, even though the belief clauses are all right. The great impact over the entire life of having more vegetarian options and more vegetarian meals is better achieved by serving more vegetarian options throughout Lizzie: disagree.

Stef: in the past, Mike has said that vegetarian food goes to waste much more. There is just going to be more waste. First thing to do is to improve vegetarian options, to make people go for that.

Lizzie: Mike doesn't want to go through the trouble of better vegetarian again, but there are more vegans now in college so the options have actually improved significantly due to more research in the kitchen. Poll to find out what meat-eaters would like in terms of vegetarian options. OUSU can help us reducing waste by working with homeless charities.

Jack Beadsworth: breakfast most important, ca we have that please? Jack proposes an amendment to retain meat for breakfast, which is seconded by Cameron abd taken as hostile by Lizzie.

Debate on amendment:

Zerenna: the point of a meat-free Monday is essentially evident so that's it.

Ryan: what are you replacing breakfast meat with? You're not really replacing meat at breakfast.

Lizzie: we need better vegetarian suasages at breakfast, agreed.

Jemimah: not great veggi options at breakfast, they're likely to replace it with mushrooms, it is doable if we want it.

Beth: porridge is quite a nice alternative.

James: breakfast is not that popular, so the difference wouldn't be as great as we might think, inconveniencing some people and they're going to eat meat.

Lizzie: fair.

Tom: Move to vote on amendment.

Ingrid: breakfast: most people are rowers who wake up early and want protein and fats after that, it's hard not having protein for breakfast:

Finn: dichotomy between protein and veggi which is false (other scientists ship in)

Lizzie: we'd need to change a lot of breakfast vegetarian options if this passed, and Mike is genuinely concerned to get everyone the nutrients they need.

Vote on amendment: 21 in favour, 30 against, 2 abstentions:  
amendment fails.

Debate on the motion as a whole

Alex: I reckon 90% people less would come to college hall if this happened.

Amendment to clause 1) Resolves to serve "More vegetarian options but to retain at least one meat option". Seconded by someone and taken as hostile by Lizzie.

Debate on the amendment:

Lizzie: I've covered why I don't want that, it's viable, but I want the motion as it stands. Keble had this for ages and they had a slight decrees but it generally works. A lot of vegetarians don't want to eat in hall when other people are eating meat.

Stef: If we didn't pass this, we'd have to pass another motion to have more vegetarian options.



Ingrid: overall, we shouldn't prioritise awareness over long-term save the planet.

Lizzie: I think it will have a bigger effect in that people will choose more vegetarian options. This campaign has been running since 2009 and this is a long-term solution to many problem.

Abbi: The point is not solely about raising awareness. The point is that people get to eat in college, more options is probably improving the individuals' food better.

Ingrid: I do want more options throughout the week, rather than just on one day - it's not solely raising awareness, it's prioritizing the campaign itself over its actual aims.

Lucy: about the environmental impacts of vegetarianism and veganism. World population better fed with some meat and some vegetarian etc.

Beth: meat eaters would just not go to hall on Monday, but it would allow the actual vegetarians to eat meat.

Finn: Lucy, sort of right, but there is no argument that us eating meat is helpful in any way - in other parts of the world this may be true.

Fran: If you want to come to hall for the social effect, you can just come on Monday and just eat vegetarian meals.

James: wouldn't it be better to support campaigns that are support charities for meat-replacements etc. this would be better for environmental factors and more climate-friendly and not alienate anyone.

Rob: We've moved away from the original motion, the scientific advances are outside of our day-to-day actions here.

Move to vote on the amendment, seconded:

Vote: In favour 16, against 19, 3 abstentions. The amendment fails.

Move to vote on the motion as a whole, which is conducted in a secret ballot.

In favour 29, against 27, abstentions 1, 2 spoiled. The motion fails as it does not achieve a simple majority.

### **Digital Democracy?**

This motion is withdrawn on account of the new constitution coming through.

This JCR notes:

1. For a democracy to work, all constituents must be able cast their votes.
2. Oxford academic life can lead to a lack of free time for JCR meetings.
3. Some JCR members live an inconvenient distance from the JCR.
4. For vote outcomes with small margins, judging a percentage by eye can be unreliable.
5. JCR officers are elected by an anonymous online vote.
6. The JCR is of very limited space (as evidenced by JCR husts in Michaelmas).

This JCR believes:

1. It is unfair for JCR members who are preoccupied during JCR meetings and/or live far away from the JCR to be inconvenienced by voting on matters that directly affect them.
2. The minutes provided via email provide a sufficient summary of debate on JCR matters.
3. Voting for JCR officers online is both easy and convenient.

This JCR resolves:

1. To distribute an online voting form of all matters debated in each JCR meeting.
2. To allow a period of 3 days from the form being available before voting closes.
3. To publish the results of the motions soon thereafter.

**Proposed: Ben Lakeland**

**Seconded: Arthur Berkley**

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1. Emergency Motions

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2. Any other Business