

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

### 1. Report from the JCR President

New 5,000 GBP Travel Grant for US etc. check emails – all encouraged to apply  
Thanks to Louisa for Sail of the JCR Office Goods – we can now get a water boiler

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### 2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Ryan: Tom, how much do I spend on Camp Beds. Tom: 50  
Hannah: OUSU Elections this week, please vote and get us some money

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### 3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

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### 4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

#### **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), absent taken over by Pete Woodcock**

**Seconded: Thomas Munro (Treasurer)**

SFQ: none

Debate: none

Vote: overwhelming majority, the motion passes

### **Co-option of new Women's Representative**

This JCR Notes:

1. The constitution requires by-elections to be held for vacant JCR positions
2. By-elections may be cancelled if there is only one valid nomination for the position
3. Lilya Tata was the only nominee for Women's Representative
4. This motion must take place according to a secret ballot and requires a two-thirds majority

This JCR Believes:

1. The candidate would fulfil the duties of their roles in accordance with the constitution
2. The candidate should be appointed to their roles in accordance with the constitution
3. Appointment of a candidate in this manner is consistent with democratic constitutional principles

This JCR resolves:

1. To ratify the appointment of Lilya Tata as Women's Representative in accordance with Article 4 clause 8.iii

**Proposed: Akshay Bilolikar**

**Seconded: Zerenna Arshad**

Questions for Lilya:

Tom: Do you have any further ambitions. Lilya: having thought about that as much as the role itself

Debate: none

Move to vote (in secret ballot): 30 in favour, 1 against, 2 spoilt – the motion passes

**Co-option of new Computing and Website Officer**

This JCR notes:

1. The constitution requires by-elections to be held for vacant JCR positions
2. By-elections may be cancelled if there is only one valid nomination for the position
3. Edward Hart was the only nominee for Computing and Website Officer
4. This motion must take place according to a secret ballot and requires a two-thirds majority

This JCR believes:

1. The candidate would fulfil the duties of their roles in accordance with the constitution
2. The candidate should be appointed to their roles in accordance with the constitution
3. Appointment of a candidate in this manner is consistent with democratic constitutional principles

This JCR resolves:

1. To ratify the appointment of Edward Hart as Computing and Website Officer in accordance with Article 4 clause 8.iii

**Proposed: Akshay Bilolikar**

**Seconded: Lilya Tata**

Questions for Edward:

Pete: will you do a better job than Redha

Edward: Yes

Zereena: How do like the website

Edward: I think it's good, it just needs to be quicker

Debate: none

Vote (in secret ballot): 30 in favour, 1 abstention, 3 spoiled – the motion passes

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**5. Constitutional Amendments**

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**6. Motions of No Confidence**

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**7. Charities Motions**

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**8. Monetary Motions**

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**Cushions in the library**

This JCR notes:

That there are some cushions in the library.

This JCR believes:

1. That there should be more cushions in the library
2. That cushions help people work longer and more comfortably

This JCR resolves:

To mandate the Academic Affairs Officer to buy 5 more cushions for the library, up to the price of £40.

**Proposed: Rebecca Waterfield**

**Seconded: Tom Spink**

SFQ: not more expensive? Bex: our research suggested this as a reasonable price.

Debate:

Tom: College should pay for this, it's not only used for us.

Hannah: but if we want the cushions we'll have to pay for them.

Tom: but it's for comfort in our degree

Ryan: Andy is unlikely to pay for this

Alice: We could bring this to JCC

Tom: we don't have to spend the money if the outcome of JCC is positive

Vote: overwhelming majority – motion passes

**Decorations about International Formals**

This JCR Notes:

that international themed formals need decoration for the spirit.

This JCR Believes:

we should have decorations for the international themed formals.

This JCR Resolves:

to reimburse Louisa (£24.69) for the formal decorations and give her a budget of £25 for each international themed formal (2 a term).

**Proposed: Louisa Jagmetti**

**Seconded: Zereena Arshad**

SFQ: Mamun: 1 or 2 a term. Louisa: 2

Hugo: What others? Louisa: depending on when Mike can fit it in and then we'll figure out which international occasions are fitting

Debate: none

Vote: overwhelming majority – the motion passes

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## 9. Motions as submitted

### Feeling fobbed off

This JCR Notes:

1. That corpuscles living in Liddell are given access cards rather than fobs to get into the library
2. That other corpuscles get fobs
3. That both access cards and fobs are distributed from, returned to and managed by the Corpus Porters lodge, so there shouldn't be a logistical issue in replacing access cards with fobs.
4. That certain corpus porters, when asked, said they weren't aware of a reason for this state of affairs

This JCR Believes

1. That these access cards are inferior in a number of ways, to wit:
  - a. they are given to stop working without warning, which if someone was unlucky could leave them trapped in the Library/Thomas quad
  - b. they are easily lost because they are unlabelled (they really are just blank white plastic cards) once lost they cannot be distinguished from each other without going to the lodge, which is a half hour round trip of walking
2. That given that keycards and fobs are apparently meant to record who enters and leaves the library, the above could potentially be a safety problem
3. That this is unfair

This JCR Resolves:

To mandate the DO to make inquiries into the provision of fobs for Liddell Building students, and report back with any results in the 6th week JCR meeting

**Proposed: Lucie Drayton**

**Seconded: Beth Graham**

SFQ:

Teneeka: Aren't Liddell key given out by Liddell porter? Lucie: key yes, but not cards

Ryan: Why me? How?

Lucie: just had to put someone down?

Debate:

Ben: key cards can be kept, fobs can't usually because they belong to the keychain

Lucie: cards seem to stop working sometimes though  
Tom: that's often due to the system though

Move to vote by Pepe, Lucie accepts

Vote: Overwhelming majority – the motion passes

## 2 Vegetarian Options on Mondays

This JCR notes:

1. That animal agriculture, linked to meat consumption, has been widely cited as the leading cause of deforestation, habitat destruction, animal extinction, ocean dead zones, and water pollution as well as contributing more greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere per annum than all forms of traffic on the planet combined.
2. That in addition to this, the NHS advises that we consume only 2-3 portions of meat per week to reduce risk of high cholesterol and certain cancers. The amount of meat available at hall is thus not only unsustainable but also unhealthy.
3. That exchanging two meat options and one vegetarian option for one meat and two vegetarian would almost halve the amount of CO2 emissions produced in a single day.

This JCR believes:

1. That we should be working to reduce the college's negative environmental impact, and acting in the interests of building a more sustainable future.
2. That in order to combat the effects of climate change, it is essential that we cut down the amount of meat we serve in hall in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as well as promoting a healthier lifestyle for the JCR.

This JCR resolves:

**To ask the Manciple** to serve two vegetarian options and one meat option at lunch and dinner three days a week.

**Proposed: Lizzie Shelmerdine**

**Seconded: Miriam Lee**

SFQ:

Tom: have you talked to Mike as being behind this? Lizzie: He liked this idea more than the idea of Meat-free Mondays. Ryan: He is actually really up for this as an alternative.

Pete: What days? Lizzie: will be based on what options are most popular and what days work well

Ryan: anything in regard to Vegan Food? Lizzie: one of the vegetarian options should be vegan.

Debate:

Lucie: should we have an amendment saying that one of the options should be

vegan? Ryan: it's more about the logistics, we can push for more but the forcing it will be difficult. Lizzie: it always depends on what

Arthur: resolves states that the members of the JCR will begin to serve food. Lizzie: I didn't mean that.

Pete: Amendment to change it to mandate to **ask the Manciple to serve...**

Lizzie: taken as friendly.

Vote: Overwhelming majority – the motion passes

### **Motion to Take Part in the Uni Campaign for Fairtrade Accreditation**

This JCR notes that:

1. At a global level, more than 800 million people are still living in extreme poverty. (UN Millennium Development Goals)<sup>1</sup>
2. 34% of the world's labour force is engaged in agriculture, and it is the largest income source for the rural poor. (CIA World Factbook).<sup>2</sup>
3. There are over 1.65 million farmers and workers across 74 countries helped by Fairtrade. (Fairtrade Foundation)<sup>3</sup>
4. The Fairtrade organisation gives the cooperatives a premium to invest back into the community through such means as education and improved technology.<sup>4</sup>
5. Oxford Brookes, Cambridge and 170 other universities and colleges are Fairtrade accredited, and that LMH, Christ Church, Linacre and several other colleges have successfully pioneered this policy.<sup>5</sup>

This JCR believes that:

1. We have obligation as global citizens to respect those who provide our food and clothing.
2. Fairtrade certification provides a clear, sustainable and effective framework through which to fulfil this obligation.
3. The University and its constituent colleges are an international intellectual leader and will inspire others to follow suit in upholding justice.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Endorse the University-wide campaign for Fairtrade accreditation.
2. Mandate the E&E Rep to liaise with the Domestic Bursar and MCR E&E Rep to bring a proposal to the governing body for the college to become Fairtrade accredited.
3. Mandate the E&E Rep to continue working with the Domestic Bursar and MCR E&E Rep to achieve the goals required to become Fairtrade accredited

**Proposed: Lizzie Shelmerdine**

**Seconded: Miriam Lee**

SFQ:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/poverty.shtml>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/xx.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/farmers-and-workers>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/what-is-fairtrade/what-fairtrade-does/fairtrade-premium>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-community/universities>

Debate:

Pete: Policy Document, add resolves 1) to the JCR policy document

Ryan: What about Vending machines – do they have to be fair trade

Miriam: we can investigate, but it's not absolutely necessary

Vote: overwhelming majority – the motion passes

### **Renaming the Spectrum Rep**

This JCR notes:

1. Spectrum rep is the only equal opportunities representative which doesn't have the name of the minority group in the name of the role
2. Many Freshers have expressed confusion at the name of the rep

This JCR believes:

1. It is important for the names of Equal Opportunities Committee representatives to be clear, concise, and recognizably relevant to the minority group in question. 'Spectrum' might therefore be misleading.
2. It is important for a representative to be visible and for their mandate to be explicit in their title
3. A confusing name makes life more difficult for Freshers, especially before arriving at Corpus
4. It is important for LGBTQ applicants and offer-holders to know explicitly that we have a dedicated representative for marginalized genders and sexualities
5. 'LGBTQ' is recognizable, concise, and inclusive
6. Using the acronym rather than 'spectrum' connects the role to the university wide society with which the rep is mandated to liaise

This JCR resolves:

**Amendment: resolves to change all instances of Spectrum to LGBTQ+ in the constitution, the Policy Document and other relevant documents.**

**Proposed: Will Greaves, Shahryar takes over as Proposer**

**Seconded: Shahryar Iravani, Eve seconds in his place**

SFQ: none

Debate:

Zereena: LGBTQ only includes those people, all included would be LGBTQI+

Shahryar: But it just becomes more letters. What about a plus

Shahryar: Amendment to replace the Resolves with: **to change all instances of Spectrum to LGBTQ+ in the constitution, the Policy Document and other relevant documents.**

Taken as friendly

Vote: overwhelming majority – the motion passes

## 10. Emergency Motions

### **Motion to subscribe to the TLS and FT**

This JCR Notes:

1. That in the past 12 months the JCR ceased paying subscriptions for The Independent and The Sun newspapers.
2. That the Times Literary Supplement (TLS), published weekly, is a leading international literary journal, containing varied and well-written material.

This JCR Believes:

That subscriptions to the TLS would benefit all members of the JCR.

This JCR Resolves:

**Mandate the Treasurer to go to Honeys and discuss cost of subscribing to the TLS**

**Proposed: Arthur Harris**

**Seconded: Graham Kelly**

SFQ: How much will this cost? Arthur: a few hundred pounds

Q: Does the university subscribe to these publications already? Tom: The FT yes. Not sure about TLS.

Debate:

Amendment by Arthur: strike everything about FT.

Tom: **Mandate the Treasurer to go to Honeys and discuss cost of subscribing to the TLS.** Taken as friendly.

Vote: overwhelming majority - the motion passes

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## 11. Any other Business