

Chair: Alice Rubbra
Secretary: Hannah Cheah
Returning Officer: Francesca Parkes

1. Report from the JCR President

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

Removing ambiguity from RO Standing Orders

This JCR notes:

- 1)The Returning Officer is mandated in their Standing Orders to 'maintain' the Constitution, Standing Orders, and Policy Document of this JCR
- 2)The Standing Orders make no definition of the word 'maintain', leaving it open for interpretation

This JCR believes:

- 1)The current wording of point 6 of the Returning Officer's Standing Orders (pertaining to the maintenance of JCR documents) is too vague
- 2)The Returning Officer should not be able to make substantial changes to JCR documents under the guise of 'maintenance'
- 3)The intention of point 6 in the Returning Officer's Standing Orders is to allow for correction of spelling and grammar mistakes, and to update the documents when names of organisations are altered

This JCR resolves:

1) To alter point 6 of the Returning Officer's Standing Orders to read as follows:

'To correct the documents of the JCR if grammatical errors are found, or if referenced organisations change name'.

Proposed by: Adam Steinberg

Seconded by: Emily Simpson

Appendix:

The wording of point 6 of the Returning Officer's current Standing Orders reads as follows:

'To maintain the documents of the JCR, such as the Constitution, the Standing Orders and the Policy Document'

SFQ

Tyron: Is this in response to anything?

Adam: Yes, OUSU needs to be changed to Oxford SU throughout constitution, which inspired motion

Rhiannon: Would motion then have to be passed to change the name of something to change it

Adam: Yes

Debate

None

27 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions

Motion passes

Mixing Welfare Tea

This JCR notes:

- 1) That Clause 8 of the Standing Orders for both the Female and Male Welfare Officers states that it is the responsibility of Welfare Officers "To run Women's/Men's Tea every Sunday of term".
- 2) That Clause 10 of the Welfare Officers' Standing Orders states "to run Welfare Tea with the Welfare Officer Male/Female) once a term."
- 3) That teas open to people of all genders are generally better attended than separate teas put together.
- 4) That other gender-exclusive events can be organised in the absence of these gendered spaces.

5) That Welfare Teas are often run on Saturdays

This JCR believes:

- 1) That while Clause 9 of the Standing Orders for both the Female and Male Welfare Officers states that it is the responsibility of Welfare Officers "To ensure to the best of their ability that JCR members who do not identify as either men or women are welcome at Women's/Men's Tea, for example genderqueer people, gender neutral people, people with a fluid gender identity," separating teas by gender is still trans-exclusionary as it excludes people who do not identify as men or women and also could involuntarily 'out' students who do not wish to make others aware of their gender identity or exclude them for fear of this.
- 2) That mixed/non-gendered Welfare Teas are welcome to anyone of any gender identity.
- 3) That gendered Welfare Teas can still be run if requested
- 4) Welfare Teas should be run on whichever day is most convenient to the Welfare Officers, accounting for the wishes of JCR members.

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To change Clause 8 of both Welfare Officers' Standing Orders to "to run a Welfare Tea every weekend of term"
- 2) To change Clause 10 of both the Female and Male Welfare Officers' Standing Orders to "to run Welfare Tea with the Welfare Officer Male/Female) at least once a term."

Proposed by: Abi Newton

Seconded by: Robert Jackson

Abi: We're not abolishing gendered Welfare teas, this is just to clarify a point in standing orders and make mixed the norms but gendered ones available on request

SFQ

Akshay: How would a request work?

Abi: Just ask me and we can put on one

Teneeka: How often would you like to have mixed/gendered teas in the absence of requests?

Abi: Most if not all mixed

Polly: For mixed teas, would it be in many rooms or one room

Abi: JCR, TV Room, and Welfare Room

Jack: What criteria would need to be filled to request a gendered tea?

Rob: A significant amount of requests in proportion to how many people turn up to tea, which I realise is vague sorry

Jeremy: Believes point 4, is this more accounting for the Welfare Officers' wishes or the JCR's wishes?

Abi: Whenever we can and when people want them, e.g. I can't do them on Sundays but know people prefer them on weekends

Debate

Jack: Propose an amendment to add resolves 3) Mandate the welfare officers to give the JCR 5 days notice if the time of Welfare tea is altered

Not taken as friendly, move to debate on the amendment

Abi: We're not planning on changing the days, we want to keep them on Saturday

Jack: If this goes into the constitution, the next officers may not have schedules similar to yours

Abi: It says weekend

Jack: When do you roughly know when you want to change time/day?

Abi: Around a week in advance, but time only ever changes when factors are out of control, e.g. when food delivery is late.

Move to vote on the amendment

11 in favour, 10 against, 9 abstentions

Amendment doesn't pass, return to debate on the original motion

Cam: The only issue I had with the week where the time of the tea changed is that you didn't do a post on the page, you commented so it was hard to see so we didn't get notified

Rob: Ok will do a post if it happens again

Akshay: I know you've brought a motion but I think it's annoying to run it on Saturdays without having gone to the JCR first

Abi and Rob: We're sorry it's inconvenient but it's the choice between no welfare tea and having it at an inconvenient time

Jack: If it's three rooms will there be more food or the same amount?

Abi: We're ordering more food to account for there being more people

17 in favour, 11 against, 2 abstentions

Motion passes

OUSU is dead, long live Oxford SU

This JCR notes:

- 1) That OUSU changed its name to Oxford SU over summer
- 2) An organization called OUSU no longer exists

This JCR believes:

- 1) That a JCR Officer's role should be accurately named
- 2) The name OUSU officer is no longer accurate
- 3) The name **Oxford SU** officer would be much more accurate

This JCR Resolves to:

- 1) Change the name of the OUSU Officer in the constitution to **Oxford SU** officer

Proposed by: Zoe Kuyken

Seconded by: Ella Benson Easton

SFQ

Tyron: What is OUSU and OxSU etc?

Alice: Overarching student union that isn't college specific. Used to be called OUSU, is now called Oxford SU. Corpus has a JCR Officer whose role is to liaise with Student Union, motion will change name from OUSU to OxSU

Debate

Akshay: It sounds like Oxstu can you change it to Oxford SU, amend all references to OxSU in motion to Oxford SU – amendment seconded by Dermot and taken as friendly

Tyron: Do University call it Oxford SU or OxSU

Alice: Oxford SU

29 for, 3 abstentions

Motion passes

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

9. Motions as submitted

Extending the Beer Cellar's opening hours

This JCR notes:

- 1) That the Freshers use the beer cellar every day including weekends when the bar isn't open
- 2) Freshers find the beer cellar to be the best social space available
- 3) Lance, the barman, is willing to work in the beer cellar on one weekend night

This JCR believes:

- 1) The social space the beer cellar creates is fundamental to the college community
- 2) The beer cellar should be open on at least one day of the weekend

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Entz Pres and Beer Cellar Rep to liaise with college to extend the beer cellar's opening hours to include at least one weekend day

Proposed by: Rhiannon Ogden-Jones

Seconded by: Tyron Surmon

SFQ

Hugo: Is this in addition to the 5 days it's already open

Rhiannon: In addition

Hugo: Does the JCR have the power to do this

Fran: They can liaise with college

Debate

None

29 for, 3 abstentions

Motion passes

Refurbishment of JCR spaces

This JCR Notes:

- 1) The JCR has the potential to be much improved and modernised

This JCR Believes:

- 1) We should renovate the common room itself as well as the JCR office and Livingstone room
- 2) Renovation would allow us to solve lots of long term issues such as disability access

This JCR Resolves:

- 1) To begin planning the renovation of the common room with college

Proposed by: Shiv Bhardwaj

Seconded by: Hugo Shipsey

SFQ

Tyron: Where's the money coming from

Alice: College but also alumni

Jeremy: When will this be done?

Shiv: JCR Office emptied by Christmas, renovations Summer 2018

Hugo: What about table tennis?

Shiv: Nothing specified about that

Zoe: Will there be any time that we won't have JCR access

Shiv: No

Hannah: Will we have a ramp installed?

Shiv: Yes

Debate

None

Motion passes unanimously

JCR refurbishment committee

This JCR Notes:

- 1) That a project such as the renovation of the JCR requires lots of planning and discussion
- 2) We need people to liaise with college

This JCR Believes:

- 1) That a small group of volunteers would be effective in carrying out the project

This JCR Resolves:

- 1) To form a committee of **at least 3 JCR members, including at least one first year and one second year representative** to plan the project, with anyone able to apply
- 2) To mandate the JCR Executive committee to review applications for the committee

Proposed by: Shiv Bhardwaj

Seconded by: Hugo Shipsey

SFQ

Alex: Will there be hysts

Alice: No

Rhiannon: Who exactly can apply

Alice: Any JCR member

Debate

Adam: Why a committee of 3 people

Shiv: When we discussed it with Helen and Andy, there were three of us there and they agreed it was a good number. We want discussion but also for it to be productive, 3 seems like a good number for that.

Adam: Propose an amendment to make resolves 1) To form a committee of at least 3 JCR members... taken as friendly

Rhiannon: Proposes an amendment to include at least one fresher and one second year representative, taken as friendly

Motion passes unanimously

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any other Business