

# JCR Meeting Minutes

## Trinity 2016 Week 2

Chair: Jemimah Taylor

Secretary: Ed Green

Returning Officer: Akshay Bilolikar

### I. Report from the President

Rent negotiation beginning this term. The rate went up slightly more than it should have last year but it should be pretty standard.

Prevent legislation in 5th week. John Watts is positive on our position.

We are continuing to make progress on the welfare survey conducted last term.

### II. Reports/Questions to Officers

### III. Reading from the Poet Laureate

### IV. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

[Akshay ratified as the new RO by majority as per the Constitution].

## 1. Creation of an Socio-Economic Liberation Representative

#### **This JCR Notes:**

1. That there is currently no representation in the JCR for students who find themselves in hardship at university or need help adjusting to life at Oxford.
2. Students need more information on bursaries and support available to them at all times throughout their course.
3. Nearly 100 JCR members voted in the rep name poll; such enthusiasm cannot be ignored.

#### **This JCR Believes:**

1. A representative under the Equal Opps committee with the title Socio-Economic Liberation Representative needs to be created.

#### **This JCR Resolves:**

1. To amend article 4 part 2 of the Constitution to create elections for an Socio-Economic Liberation Representative in Trinity Term;
2. To add the Socio-Economic Liberation Representative to the Equal Opportunities Committee
3. To create the following Standing Orders for the Socio-Economic Liberation Representative

#### **Duties**

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 socio-economic/finance issues, and act as a signpost to social economic/finance related welfare services in college, in the university and more broadly
3. To publish in College all social economic/finance welfare-related information from the College, University, OUSU, and NUS via the welfare board and JCR welfare website

4. To liaise with OUSU in connection with its social/economic welfare services, including any OUSU social economic/finance - focused welfare group.
5. To liaise with the appropriate university societies, distributing any information about social economic/finance related entz or welfare

**Proposed: Alice Rubbra**

**Seconded: Jonny Mainwaring**

### **Short factual questions**

[None]

### **Debate**

Oliver: I don't think it's a great name — if people from less well off backgrounds go to the rep, then would they want to be liberated?

Internal Access Rep is not a bad name, it's descriptive. If you're someone who wants to come to the position they might be put off by the name.

Sammy: We had this discussion and why we went with this name — there is a welfare aspect, but because it's on the Equal Opps committee, on a general level of liberation of the issues with class, particularly those in Oxford. It is not a case of liberating the individual, rather raising the issues.

Lucie: Had some useful resonance, and I'm not sure that it's as ridiculous as you're suggesting. The Women's Representative name has been changed, if you want to change it later then you can do so. The idea of liberation has a resonance with other campaigns.

Polly: Bit facetious to suggest that we should call it something else simply because it won't cure capitalism.

**Move to vote:  
In favour: overwhelming majority  
Motion passes.**

## V. Constitutional Amendments

## VI. Motions of No Confidence

## VII. Charities Motions

## VIII. Monetary Motions

### **1. Trinity Term Budget**

#### **This JCR notes:**

1. That we need to pass a budget to get stuff done.
2. That we like knowing what we're going to spend

#### **This JCR believes:**

1. That we should pass a budget ASAP.

#### **This JCR resolves:**

1. To mandate the treasurer to implement the following budget

**Proposed: Stephanie Paterson**

**Seconded: Leila Parsa**

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Budget Areas

Amount Budgeted

CAREERS

£50.00

DOMESTIC

£150.00

NEWSPAPERS

£600.00

PEER SUPPORT

£50.00

MEETINGS

£260.00

ENTZ (inc cinema and games)

£100.00

WELFARE

£700.00

COMPUTING

£20.00

ARTS

£50.00

EQUAL OPPS

£400.00

ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS

£50.00

ACCESS

£15.00

RO/ADMIN

£10.00

CLUBS AND SOCS

£100.00

TV LICENSE

£38.00

### Expenditure

£2,593.00

(Charities Levy £3000 as usual, the tortoise fair will be brought as a motion to allow debate)

Short factual questions

Debate:

[Amendment] Sammy: Please can we have more money for welfare. Finalist welfare and finalist teas means that we need more. Can we have £800? [taken as friendly]

[Amendment] Stef: Environment and Ethics to £0 [automatically taken as friendly].

Kate: Do you need more for T.V. licences? We might need to over the summer?

[Stef amends to £150]

Alice: Can I cut my budget? We don't have enough to do anything. [taken as friendly]

Kate: How do you envision Unity Week going?

Lucy: We might not need all of it because DarkMatter aren't coming

Lucie: Newspaper budget seems excessive? Do we need it?

Stef: Literally comes from what people say they want on the survey.

**Move to vote:**  
**In favour: Overwhelming**  
**[Motion passes]**

## **2. Peer support hoodies**

### **This JCR notes:**

1. That 6 new peer supporters have started at the beginning of this term
2. That they will be buying peer support hoodies at a price of £15 each
3. That in previous years, the JCR has subsidised the peer supporter's hoodies

### **This JCR believes:**

1. Having such a vital role, the peer supporters should be visible and recognisable
2. That peer supporter hoodies make it clear who peer supporters are
3. That it's important for the JCR to show their investment in the peer support programme
4. Peer support hoodies do good work in advertising the presence of mental health programmes in Oxford

### **This JCR resolves:**

1. To pay £90 to cover the cost of the hoodies of the 6 new peer supporters

**Proposed: Adam Wicks**

**Seconded: ~~Chloe Duncan~~/Sammy Breen**

**Short Factual Questions: none**

Debate: none

**No opposition: motion passes**

### **3. Croquet Mal**

**This JCR notes**

1. Our last croquet mallet has broken
2. That we can no longer play croquet at Corpus
3. We have four teams in coppers, and countless causal players
4. There is normally four mallets in a croquet set
5. Jonny has bought one new mallet at the cost of £65

**This JCR Believes**

1. That the croquet set should be complete
2. That Jonny shouldn't be out of pocket for his quick thinking and speedy response which has kept the dream of a Corpus coppers win alive

**This JCR resolves**

1. To reimburse Jonny £65 for the new mallet

**Proposed Jonny Mainwaring**

**Seconded Arthur Harris/Stef Paterson**

**Short Factual Questions:**

Sammy: Can this come out of Clubs/Socs budget?

Stef: There isn't a College Clubs and Socs budget again until Michaelmas, and there probably won't be money for this because it isn't a society.

**Debate: none.**

**No Opposition**

**Motion Passes**

## **IX. Motions as Submitted**

## **X. Emergency Motions**

### **Tortoise Fair**

**This JCR notes:**

1. That it's now not long until the annual Tortoise Fair
2. That inevitably the tortoise fair cannot happen unless it's funded

**This JCR believes:**

1. That we must therefore make a donation and loan the tortoise keeper money in order to put on a great day for everyone.

**This JCR resolves:**

1. To mandate the treasurer to donate a sum of £500 to the Tortoise Fair.
2. To further mandate the treasurer to give the Tortoise Keeper a loan of £750, to be returned to the JCR once profits have been collected.

**Proposed: Stephanie Paterson**

**Seconded: Leila Parsa**

**Short factual questions:**

Tom: Can we make it all a loan?

Stef: We traditionally give the money, it's all going to charity anyway.

Jonny: Why can't it come out of the Charities Budget?

Stef: We would have to wait until the Charity Levy was collected and then go from there.

**Debate:**

Kate: We give £10 a term to charity, £10 to the JCR. Not sure it's where our JCR levy should be going.

Robbie: Can we swap the two numbers? [taken as unfriendly]

Stef: We wanted to put the money in the budget and the donation as a motion. We don't have enough money to donate that much, it makes very little difference in the tortoise fair. Hopefully on good weather this year we'd make more money than last year (circa. £2000, I didn't get the number down, ask Stef if you're interested).

Sammy: Could we take the money from the charities budget?

Stef: I do not have the Charities Levy at the moment, it's a very separate thing.

Vote on amendment: £750 on the donation, £500 donation.

Passes.

[Amendment] Stef: £750 loan, Stef to investigate the possibility of the £500 coming out of the Charities Levy and to report back to the JCR next meeting. [Taken as friendly]

**Move to vote:**

**No objections, motion passes**