

# JCR Meeting Minutes

## Hilary 2016 Week 2

Chair: Jemimah Taylor

Secretary: Ed Green

Returning Officer: Henner Petin

### I. Report from the President

In the last two weeks we have had meetings on the introduction of a Tutor for Race in combination with some of the other Merton Street colleges, the possibility of getting some gender neutral signs for the toilets in the auditorium, and on the continuation of Unity week for this year as well.

### II. Reports/Questions to Officers

### III. Reading from the Poet Laureate

### IV. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

Minutes ratified.

### V. Constitutional Amendments

### VI. Motions of No Confidence

### VII. Charities Motions

### VIII. Monetary Motions

#### 1. Hilary 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: Kate Ogden**

Hilary 2016

ACADEMIC

£20.00

DOMESTIC	£200.00
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	£50.00
ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS	£50.00
ACCESS	£15.00
COMMITTEE MEAL	£225.00
RO/ADMIN	£20.00
TV LICENSE	£38.00
<u>Direct Expenditure</u>	£2,398.00
CHARITIES	£3,000.00
	amount of punt
PUNTS	levy
<u>Total Expenditure (excluding punts)</u>	£5,398.00

### Short Factual Questions

Redha: Why do we not have a careers budget this term?

Saskia: Because I'm not getting speakers in this term, I'm running a CV workshop and will be getting speakers in next term after people have done Mods etc.

Thomas: Are we making a profit after the Levy is collected?

Stef: We are covered by the Levy and College Grant. I can only tell you if we're in profit or not once people have paid their battels.

Kate: Have you heard any more about the Christmas tree? [we were charged for a Christmas tree that we didn't have {Ed}].

Stef: We are chasing it up, but hopefully we should get that money back. We also should not have a milk charge next term.

Kate: How much per head was budgeted on the Committee Meal?

Stef: It has happened and we spent the whole of what I have budgeted for (£15 a head). There isn't one happening in Trinity, however.

Debate

Stef: [Amendment] Change Academic budget to £0.

Automatically taken as friendly

Move to vote

In favour: Overwhelming majority

Motion passes

## 2. The Obligatory Heaters Motion

**This JCR notes:**

1. That the JCR is cold;
2. That our current make of heaters (DC Dimplex) are old, ineffective, and seem to stop working all the time

**This JCR believes:**

1. That having a warm JCR is important for college cohesion and wellbeing

**This JCR resolves:**

1. To mandate the Domestic Officer to spend up to £150 for two or more better-quality heaters for the JCR;
2. To mandate the Domestic Officer to ensure the new heaters are clearly labelled and securely stored over the vacs.

**Proposed: Luke Mintz**

**Seconded: Edmund Little**

Short Factual Questions

Hannah: Are the heaters in the library at the moment being rented and if so could we maybe get those instead?

Sammy: Don't know – we could ask them first?

Thomas: Where/how much are heaters?

Luke: Good heaters seem to be around £70, cheaper ones around £30.

Kate: Do we have a motion for this already?

Ed: I have looked, but I don't know if the heaters we have are the heaters that were bought with the last motion or not, so maybe?

Debate

Stef: Maybe we could get college to fund the heaters? It's really cold in here in the winter.

Luke: I think that college have shown that they aren't going to pay for them – when we tell them that they're broken, they fix them and bring them back rather than looking at new ones.

Sammy: Have we dealt with the issue specifically though? Like asked them for good new heaters? Also maybe we could invest in blankets?

Luke: Blankets get lost/grotty; heaters are the better solution.

Amy: We tried asking college for a heating solution before, but you can't fit anything to the walls and they were worried that the JCR was the only group who would break the heaters and therefore thought that we should pay for them.

Sammy: [Amendment] Amends resolves (1) to:

Mandates the Domestic Officer to ask the college to buy new heaters but if they refuse then to ask the library if the JCR could buy their heaters when they have finished using them but if that is not possible then to spend up to £150 on two new heaters for the JCR.

Taken as friendly

Move to vote

For: Overwhelming majority

### **3. Motion for Rock Band Instruments**

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

1. That the game Rock Band is available for the Xbox 360 in the TV room.
2. That no instrument controllers are available with which to play the aforementioned game

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

1. That the ability to play Rock Band would be an attraction and entertainment to the members of the JCR

#### **This JCR Resolves**

1. To attempt to find instruments in the JCR's possession to play Rock Band, or, if none are found,
2. To purchase instrumental controllers, consisting of two guitar controllers and one drumset controller. (Note that a microphone is available in the TV room)

The task of procuring and purchasing these instruments should be delegated to the Entertainment President. The price of a set of used instruments should not exceed £60.

**Proposed: Oxford Wang**

**Seconded: Jay Swar/Akshay Bilolikar**

Short factual questions

Akshay: Can't we just get the new game?

Oxford: We would still need the controllers

Stef: How many people actually play/would actually want to play the game?

Oxford: There is some interest in playing the game.

Debate

Stef: It seems like quite a lot of money for the JCR to be spending.

Graham: If you wanted to buy the new game and the controllers then that would be £100, and I'm not convinced that the demand is there for it.

Kate: How much does Rock Band 4 cost? [since there was no answer, with all the instruments it's £199.99. You're welcome Kate {Ed}]

Thomas: At the moment we can't play the PS4 because only one controller is working and the charging wires are broken, the SCART lead also doesn't work which means we can't watch TV. Fixing the basics is surely more important than this?

Redha: I have the instruments for the Rock Band game that I would be willing to give to the JCR.

The motion is withdrawn  
The JCR gives thanks to Redha

#### **4. Coat-standing up to Adversity (as imposed by lack of Coatstand)**

**This JCR Notes:**

1. Both our coatstands are broken

**This JCR Believes:**

1. In having somewhere to hang coats, hats, etc.

**This JCR Resolves:**

1. To mandate the Treasurer to purchase a new coatstand in keeping with the aesthetic of the JCR for up to the price of £50.01

**Proposed: Cameron McGarry/Redha Rubaie**

**Seconded: Arthur Harris/Kate Ogden**

Short Factual Questions

Kate: Did we not have two coat stands?

Stef: We replaced the broken one when we bought the new one.

Stef: Do we need more money for the coat stand to not break?

Finn: Do we even need a coat stand?

Sammy: It was part of the gentrification programme in the JCR a few years back.

Debate

Finn: I don't think a coat stand is necessary really, I don't really understand the concept.

Stef: I think we should spend more money on it to prevent us having to sort it out every year.

Kate: Each year we spend £50 on a coat stand that breaks, so surely we could have a better solution

Kate: [amendment] Strike resolves (1) and replace it with:

To mandate the Domestic Officer to, in consultation with Maintenance and college, arrange for coat hooks to be put in the JCR Office, at a cost of not more than £50.

Taken as friendly

Move to Vote

For: Overwhelming majority

Motion passes

## 5. Mugged Off

### This JCR notes

1. The JCR used to have loads of mugs and now most seem to have disappeared;
2. Those that remain are mostly dirty and a bit rubbish;
3. There was a motion to this effect last year but it was never followed through.

### This JCR believes

1. JCR tea is best enjoyed with good mugs;
2. It's not nice to drink from dirty mugs.

### This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the treasurer to buy new mugs, up to a budget of £50;
2. To make sure that mugs are always reliably cleaned by whoever is in charge of JCR tea so they don't end up filthy.

**Proposed: Thomas Munro**

**Seconded: Arthur Harris, Cameron McGarry, Jem Jones**

[The motion is withdrawn after it is made clear that a motion already exists to do this]

## 6. Cleaning Fines Motion

### This JCR notes:

1. After the Christmas bop, there were two £25 cleaning fines to be paid. When no one owns up (and nobody did) these fines fall to the JCR to pay.
2. The Accommodation Manager (Hannah Talbot) requested that this be paid in cash during 9<sup>th</sup> week, so that the scouts could be compensated as soon as possible.
3. We can't withdraw cash from the JCR bank account.
4. The ex-JCR Treasurer paid this fine on the JCRs behalf.

**This JCR believes:**

1. JCR Officers shouldn't be left out of pocket.

**This JCR resolves:**

1. To mandate the Treasurer to pay Kate Ogden the sum of £50.

**Proposed: Kate Ogden**

**Seconded: Lottie Ferguson/Sammy Breen**

Short Factual Questions

Debate

Move to vote  
For: Overwhelming majority  
Motion passes

## IX. Motions as Submitted

### 1. Unity Week

**This JCR notes:**

1. That Unity Week last year was a great success;
2. That Beth and Jem as JCR President and Equal Opportunities Officer headed up the organisation for Unity Week last year;
3. That organising Unity Week is a lot of work.

**This JCR believes:**

1. That it would be beneficial to the college and community to have Unity Week every year;
2. That it is important for there to be a team to head up the organisation of the Unity Week.

**This JCR resolves:**

1. To add the organisation of Unity Week to the Standing Orders of the JCR President and the Equal Opportunities Officer

**Proposed: Lucy Hirst**

**Seconded: Ed Little**

## Short Factual Questions

Paul: When is Unity week?

Jemimah: In Trinity term.

Josh: Was it a joint venture last time?

Lucy: Yes it was, but we are hoping to get more colleges involved

Kate: Could you have it in a different term? Trinity is quite an expensive term for the JCR.

Lucy: We could from next year, but this motion does not tie us into having it at a specific time.

Debate

Move to vote  
For: Overwhelming  
Motion passes

## X. Emergency Motions

[This motion was read first as Joe had to be elsewhere]

### 1. Corpus Challenge

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

1. That Corpus Challenge is coming up.

#### **This JCR Believes**

1. That we should go to Corpus Challenge and demonstrate our sporting prowess.

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

1. To provide £2500 of funding for Corpus Challenge

**Proposed: Joe Ball**

**Seconded: Graham Kelly**

## Short Factual Questions

Stef: People who are going pay for the t-shirts right?

Joe: Yeah they pay and the JCR gets that money back.

Kate: Do we pay for the coaches ourselves or does the JCR do it traditionally?

Joe: The JCR has footed the bill for the coaches, although I have got it for substantially less than last time.



Paul: Do we have the money to do this?

Stef: Yes the money is there for it, particularly because we get some of it back.

Amy: Have you sorted out formal yet?

Joe: We're paying for it, but I don't know how much it is yet, the Cambridge rep has not got back to me yet. We will ballot for those who want to go as there aren't enough places, but I can't see it being more than £10-12

Debate

Move to vote

For: overwhelming majority

Motion passes