# TT15 Week 2 JCR Meeting Agenda 7:30pm - 3rd May 2015

Chair - Bethany Currie  
Secretary - Loughlan O’Doherty  
Returning Officer - Nikhil Venkatesh

*any issues with the minutes of the last meeting?*

*Kit: why isn't JCR tea being done?*

*beth: first week - people haven't put it into their phones. points have been allocated and finger wagging done.*

*kit: can i submit a procedural motion to move the LGBTQ rep motion first?*

procedural motion to move the LGBTQ rep motion first

seconded

JEM: can i amend to make it second?

procedural motion to move the LGBTQ rep motion second.

taken as friendly.

**MOTION PASSES**

**Constitutional Motions**

## 2. The Mental Health Representative (Second Reading)

This JCR notes:

1. That several colleges have now successfully introduced a mental health representative into their JCR

2. That many of the issues the JCR committee take up with college have a mental health angle, currently attended to by the president, welfare officers or equal opportunities officer

3. That mental health activism has become increasingly focused upon the specific discrimination mentally ill people deal with, and the need to reduce this stigma through awareness and representation

This JCR believes:

1. That a lack of mental health access, awareness and education creates harmful inequality within society and our university

2. That students with mental health problems deserve a representative dedicated to their specific needs

3. That not having a representative specialized in these areas harms the progress of mental health provisions in college

4. That it would be great for our college to be one of the first to introduce a mental health rep for these causes

This JCR resolves:

1. To create the position of Mental Health Rep, elected with the other Equal Opps reps each Trinity for the term of one year

2. To give the Mental Health Rep a position on the Equal Opportunities committee

3. To apply the following standing orders to the Mental Health rep:

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 mental health issues, and act as a signpost to mental health welfare services in college, in the university and more broadly
3. to publish in College all mental health welfare information from the College,  
   University, OUSU, NUS and Mind Your Head campaign via the welfare board, and JCR   
   welfare website
4. to liaise with OUSU and the appropriate university societies, distributing any information   
   about mental health related events or welfare
5. to promote access for students affected by mental health problems, and to promote education and understanding of these issues within the college community

**Proposed: Jem Jones**

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

NONE

Debate:

NONE

Move to Vote:

NO OPPOSITION

**MOTION PASSES.**

**2. EMERGENCY MOTION TO CHANGE SPECTRUM REP TO LGBTQ.**

**proposed: Luke Mintz**

**seconded: Raffy Hull**

**(for full wording, please see Luke - it didn’t pass anyway…)**

Short Factual Questions

Luke: on the motion it says LGBTQ, but if you have a better idea, then feel free to take amendments.

Move to Debate:

*Sandy: i want to remind people in the room that this affects some people more than others. if it doesn't affect you, can you avoid making amendments if it silences the spoken over minority. Also, please consider abstaining from the vote. You have to have 2/3rds majority.*

JEM: can I amend it so it reads LGBTQ+?

Amendment to change ‘LGBTQ’ to ‘LGBTQ+’ in the motion.

Taken as Friendly

*Nikhil: people can abstain if it wont affect the*

*Lily: Balliol are moving to a GSM (gender and sexuality minorities) which is more progressive. Can I propose an amendment?*

Amendment proposed change ‘LGBTQ+’ to read ‘GSM’

Taken as unfriendly.

Move to Debate:

*Beth: point of info GSM or GSD (minorities, diversities)*

*Jen: i would prefer GSM than the other options. I feel that this has been part of the Asexual community to go into the LGBT community. The big problem with it, is heteromantic asexuals need to be included in LGBT spaces. they dont face the same issues that bisexual romantics face. I would hope that GSM focuses on oppression rather than the minorities.*

*Sandy: i prefer LGBTQ to SGM or GSM. from a personal perspective, i prefer spectrum. When you come here as a 18 year old, you might not know where to go. GSM could be alienating to people who are new to the scene.*

*Luke: Whilst SGM is more inclusive, it is an intellectually niche a term. In terms of access, it could certainly be an issue.*

*Jem: a lot of the problem could be solved by using the sexual and gender minorities rather than SGM. we do the same with BME already. In that case spectrum and sexuality and gender minorities both have the advantage by allowing someone in the closet to go to events, more so than LGBTQ. I’d also prefer it to say sexual rather than sexuality.*

*Luke: i don’t agree entirely with what sandy said before - i think cis straight people, i think you shouldn’t vote on this - for example if it affects inclusivity or access.*

Move to Vote on the Amendment

*nikhil: we need 2/3rds for the amendment to pass.*

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 1

ABSTENSTIONS: 8

AMENDMENT PASSES

*jem: this has to passed twice right?*

*nikhil: yes.*

Return to Debate on the motion

*Ed: i think a 3 letter acronym is hard and unfriendly, compared to Spectrum.*

*Stef: why did you submit this Luke?*

*Luke: it was never intended to refer to cis-gendered straight people - which is not the role of a liberation officer. All the others refer to a community. Also, some autistic people don’t like people using spectrum to mean LGBTQ, because it is appropriation.*

Move to Vote

**For: 5**

**Against: 8**

**Abstentions: 12**

**MOTION FAILS.**

**Monetary Motions**

**3. Budget Trinity 2015**

This JCR notes:

1. That budgets are important.

This JCR believes:

2. That we should budget.

This JCR resolves:

3. To pass the following budget for TT15 (with further explanation on the handout):

**Proposed: Kate Ogden**

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| Trinity 2015 |  |
| ACADEMIC | £50.00 |
| DOMESTIC | £400.00 |
| NEWSPAPERS | £860.00 |
| PEER SUPPORT | £85.00 |
| MEETINGS | £300.00 |
| ENTZ (inc cinema and games) | £300.00 |
| WELFARE | £1,000.00 |
| COMPUTING | £20.00 |
| ARTS | £400.00 |
| EQUAL OPPS | £400.00 |
| ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS | £50.00 |
| INTERNATIONAL | £30.00 |
| ACCESS | £20.00 |
| COMMITTEE MEAL | £230.00 |
| CLUBS AND SOCS | £200.00 |
| RO/ADMIN | £80.00 |
|  |  |
| Direct Expenditure | £4,425.00 |
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| CHARITIES | £3,000.00 |
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| Total Expenditure | £7,425.00 |

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*Adrian: when are we having the newspaper review?*

*kate: hoping to do it in the next 2/3 days. soon.*

*cameron: why did the money on newspapers increase?*

*kate: last term i used the figure Ian had used the prev. term - but it doesn't include OSPL (cherwell, ISIS, BANG, OXSTU).*

*Josh: has 50 been added to Joe Goughs account for sailing cuppers?*

*Kate: Anna did that. Can I amend to put TV license, £75?*

Amend to add ‘TV License - £75’ to the Budget. Total Expenditure is now ‘£7,300.00’

Taken as Friendly

Move to Debate

NO DEBATE

Move to Vote:

NO OPP.

**MOTION PASSES**

**4. Oxford Dignity Drive Donation**

This JCR notes that:

1 Many homeless and vulnerably housed people in Oxfordshire have difficulty with regular access to sanitary products while menstruating.

2 Oxford Dignity Drive will take place throughout second week

3 This will be a one-off drive to collect physical donations of sanitary products to be donated to a number of shelters in Oxford and Oxfordshire.

4 There will also be a drive to raise funds to purchase sanitary products for additional donations.

5 Over the course of the second week drive there will also be a programme of events to raise awareness about this issue and other related topics including homelessness and stigma around menstruation.

6 There are a number of administrative costs such as speaker travel expenses and purchases of boxes for storage of products.

This JCR believes that:

1 Sanitary products are an essential item for people who menstruate, and that homeless people should not be forced to use unsafe or unhygienic alternatives.

2 By donating products and by raising awareness, Oxford Dignity Drive will be campaigning against this injustice against homeless and vulnerably housed people in Oxford.

This JCR resolves to:

1 Donate £100 towards Oxford Dignity Drive

**Proposed: Jemimah Taylor**

**Seconded: Ed Little**

Short Factual Questions:

*kit: how did you get to £100?*

*jemimah: suggested, but open to debate.*

*josh: why the one off drive?*

*jemimah; the drive is this week, just trying to get publicity.*

Move to Debate:

NO DEBATE.

Move to Vote:

NO OPP.

**MOTION PASSES**

**5. University Parks Membership Cards**

This JCR Notes:

1. That we currently have membership cards for University Parks, which gives us access to their facilities.
2. That our membership is about to run out
3. That feedback from last year indicates that membership was worth the money
4. That many members of the JCR have expressed interest in playing Tennis this year too
5. The tennis budget of £100 will cover league fees and some court bookings for social tennis, but the Junior Dean has said there is no more money above the assigned clubs and socs budget.

This JCR Believes:

1. In supporting Corpus’ sporting ventures

This JCR Resolves:

1. To spend £220 on renewing our two University Parks membership cards, which can be used by all Corpuscles.

**Proposed: Miles Partridge**

**Seconded: David Windmill**

Short Factual Questions:

*stef: can we have an email if it goes through?*

*kit: any other perks but tennis?*

*miles: nope*

*cameron: have you thought of a society?*

*beth: says in the motion already looked into and cant be done.*

*Kate: how popular will it be?*

*miles: last year it was quite popular.*

*adrian: does the lodge have requests or balls?*

miles: yes

Move to Debate:

NO DEBATE

Move to Vote:

NO OPP

**MOTION PASSES**

# 6. Cooking Up Some Cycling Fun (A Request for an Apron)

This JCR notes:

1. That currently we do not possess any overalls/apron to protect people’s clothing when repairing their bikes

2. That the repairing of bikes can be a messy task

This JCR believes:

1. That people who wish to repair their bikes/employ the services of the Resident Bike Doctor (Adrian Matthew) should have access to a bike apron and some hand cleaner

This JCR resolves:

1. To purchase a bike apron to be kept in the lodge along with the bike servicing kit and tools, such as the following:  
<http://www.rutlandcycling.com/135068/products/park-tool-sa-3-heavy-duty-shop-apron.aspx?origin=pla&kwd&currency=GBP&gclid=CjwKEAjwpYeqBRDOwq2DrLCB-UcSJAASIYLje3IboK2YtMv-a45s9Xh6fHHUapYCxLC3iraWC3qIzhoC7Xzw_wcB> Priced at £24.99

2. The bike apron to cost no more than £30

3. To also purchase some hand cleaner, such as the following:  
<http://www.halfords.com/cycling/tools-maintenance/cleaning-lube/muc-off-nano-gritted-hand-gel-cleaner-500ml> Currently priced at a discount at £6.73

4. The hand cleaner to cost no more than £10

**Proposed: Adrian Matthew**

**Seconded: Sandy Downs**

Short Factual Questions:

*loughlan: who is going to do it?*

*adrian: me.*

*jem: what do we do when Adrian leaves?*

*adrian: the tool kit will last. the pump people need to learn to use. Or use the Road Bike maintenance book in the JCR*

*kate: would Adrian be interested in running a ‘how to maintain your bike’ session?*

*Adrian: thats fine, although i already emailed about it, and only got one reply*

Move to Debate:

NO DEBATE

Move to Vote:

**MOTION PASSES**

# Emergency Motions

7. **Tortoise Fair Budget**

This JCR Notes

- Last year the JCR donated £750 to the Tortoise Fair

- In addition to this, Arthur Harris spent £100.05, Alice Harberd £124.69, Beth Currie £9.29, Nikhil Venkatesh £16.41, all of which was eventually reimbursed from the Tortoise Fair profits.

- After reimbursements were made for the above costs, £3311.27 of profit from the Tortoise Fair was donated to the JCR-elected cause, Mind Your Head.

This JCR believes

- Corpus Christi Tortoise Fair is an important charitable event, and one of the highest-profile events in the Corpus calendar.

- Involvement in charity work should not be a financial burden on individual JCR members.

This JCR Resolves

- To donate £750 to the Tortoise Fair again.

- To additionally lend £250 to cover extra costs, all of which will be reimbursed.

- To pay sum to the Tortoise Keeper in advance of the Tortoise Fair.

- To mandate the Tortoise Keeper to render his accounts to the Treasurer after the fair.

Proposed: Arthur Harris

Seconded: Kate Ogden

Short Factual Questions:

*kate: i’d like to do with the £750, and put it on a prepaid card, so i dont have to lots of bank transfers.*

*ed: can you mandate the tortoise keeper to do anything?*

*beth: technically you cant.*

*kate: how are we going to work the £250?*

*arthur: we need people running shopping errands on the day, so its more of a float for the day.*

*jemimah: wouldnt it be better to take more than £750 just in case?*

*beth: we used to take it as a loan and then the JCR would grant it later.*

*kate: currently the 250 is a float*

*Kit: when is it?*

*arthur: sunday of 6th week. 31st of May*

*josh: does the float mean you wont have to run errands?*

*arthur: rather side on slightly less rather than slightly more money, so no.*

*Cameron: shouldn't we spend more money on the tortoise fare? Maybe we can provide more for float?*

*Arthur: providing the weather is fine, I feel like it will be bigger. Spectator and Country Life are interested in covering it*

*Beth: it was £500 before that.*

*Lottie: what happens if it rains?*

*Beth: dont raise much money, and everyone is miserable.*

*Arthur: this year i’ll have wet weather plans. Some of the thing i wont need to buy again too.*

*Josh: will there be a bouncy castle?*

*Arthur; yes, for toddlers only…*

*Stef: wouldnt you rather a bigger float?*

*Beth: point for debate.*

Move to Debate:

*stef: what is a more appropriate float? 400? 500? the year before we spent £250 more than last year. propose to raise it to 300. we might want a bit of leeway?*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ 2. to read ‘- To additionally lend £300 to cover extra costs, all of which will be reimbursed.’

Taken as Friendly.

*Tom: if Arthur spends more, than we’ll reimburse right?*

*Beth: reimbursement comes from the profits on the day though*

Cameron: propose to raise it to £500 float.

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ 2. to read ‘- To additionally lend £500 to cover extra costs, all of which will be reimbursed.’

Taken as Friendly.

*kate: what is the float for? i think £300 is fine.*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ 2. withdrawn. ‘This JCR Resolves’ 2. now reads ’- To additionally lend £300 to cover extra costs, all of which will be reimbursed.’

Taken as Friendly.

Move to Vote:

NO OPP

**MOTION PASSES**

8. Homelessness Motion

This JCR notes:

1. Oxford has the second highest rate of homelessness per capita in the country
2. Oxford City Council has recently proposed to implement a ban on rough sleeping (among other behaviours, e.g. pigeon feeding, dogs off leads, unlicensed busking) in the ‘city centre’ by using a Public Spaces Protection Order, on the grounds that rough sleeping “has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality” and makes other residents and tourists feel “uncomfortable”.
3. Violation of this proposed order would be a criminal offence, and would result in an £100 fine or prosecution.
4. Oxford City Council will formalise its proposals on May 5th, and make a final decision on the Public Spaces Protection Order on May 14th
5. These proposals have been criticised by OUSU’s homelessness charity On Your Doorstep.

This JCR believes:

1. The Public Spaces Protection Order is not a supportive, compassionate or positive way to help rough sleepers in Oxford, but instead pushes vulnerable people further away from support and services, and into potentially more dangerous situations.
2. Evidence of the efficacy of enforcement-based approaches to rough sleeping remains inconclusive.
3. Treating rough sleepers as a problem, threat or inconvenience to tourists and residents in the city, rather than as individual human beings with rights, is unacceptable.
4. Many rough sleepers have complex needs which prevent them from accepting hostel accommodation (e.g. mental health issues, PTSD, fear of relapse into drug or alcohol habits, fear of assault and crime)
5. Oxford City Council should work with the homelessness sector to find a more compassionate way to help rough sleepers who want to move out of homelessness

This JCR resolves:

1. To support On Your Doorstep’s opposition to Oxford City Council’s proposals, with the ultimate aim of removing rough sleeping from the list of behaviours it seeks to ban.
2. To mandate the JCR Executive to sign an open letter to Oxford City Council to be submitted by May 5th, expressing concern over the proposals, and encouraging the Council to remove rough sleeping from its proposed list of banned behaviours

Proposed: Luke Mintz  
Seconded: Tom Lyons

Short Factual Questions:

*Jemimah: can we encourage people to sign the letter?*

*Nikhil: I support the motion but i think people should know that it is not quite true that the council has banned rough sleeping, they've actually proposed PSPOs.*

Move to Debate:

*Jem: i thought they’d heard the council are planning to do that.*

*Nikhil: it is possible that is what they’ll do, and the motion says they dont have formalised plans yet*

*Jemimah: Amend to encourage individuals to send their own letters*

Amendment to add to to ‘This JCR Resolves’ point 3. ’To encourage individuals to send their own letters to Oxford City Council too’

Taken as Friendly.

Move to Vote:

NO OPP

**MOTION PASSES**

9. Nepal Motion

This JCR notes:

1. That the current situation in Nepal is a tragedy and lots of people are struggling to help those in need

This JCR believes:

1. That this is a valuable cause to support.

This JCR resolves:

1. To donate £500 of this term’s charity levy to the Nepal Army Wives Association to help with all of their work.

Proposed: Jemimah Taylor

Seconder: Stef Paterson

Short Factual Questions:

*Arthur: can we have summary of what is happening Nepal?*

*Jemimah: there was an earthquake.*

*Finn: what are they doing?*

*Jemimah: the charity was suggested by a nepali grad.*

*Cameron: why does this have to go through the JCR rather than through the levies? thats not usually till 4th week.*

*Kate: can you send the money sooner?*

*Jemimah: im sending last terms this week. so can do it then*

Move to Debate:

*tom: make it £1000 from the charities levy. Can we keep it how it is now, but still put it in the levy poll?*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read ‘to donate £1000 of this term’s charity levy to the Nepal Army Wives Association to help with all of their work.’

Taken as Friendly

*Tom: 4th week is a while away, and the disaster is now.*

*Cameron: can we have it now?*

*beth: it would be against SOs and lots of work.*

*Cameron: would you go against it?*

*Beth: i cant say, and other people can bring forward a No Con*

*Nikhil: this will need 2/3rds as its monetary.*

jem: we did something similar last term, its not unusual - in case people are concerned.

Move to Vote:

NO OPP

**MOTION PASSES**

**10. Punting (a technicality)**

This JCR notes:

1. £3768 was collected through the punt levy in Hilary term.
2. The prices of punts had gone up; even cutting back (we didn’t have punts in 0th week) the punt scheme cost £3704.
3. The budget we passed last term only allowed £3500 for punts.

This JCR believes:

1. Punting is good.
2. The punt levy is intended to go towards the punt scheme.

This JCR resolves:

1. To spend £204 of the remaining punt levy on this term’s punt scheme.

Proposed: Kate Ogden

Seconded: Sandy Downs

Short Factual Questions:

*stef: where else would the money go?*

*kate: it gets absorbed into the account, and I've already spent the money.*

*finn: how did we get more in the punt levy more than we budgeted?*

*kate: i didnt know how much we would get, i just assumed most people paid it and the price didn't go up. i dont know how Ian did it.*

*mary: how much are the punts used? its a lot of money.*

*beth: everyone pays for access*

*kate: i can review at the end of the year. we pay £10 in one term. £5 for jcr levy and £10 for charities every term - its not that much.*

Move to Debate:

NO DEBATE

Move to Vote:

NO OPP

**MOTION PASSES**