# TT15 Week 4 JCR Meeting Agenda 7:30pm - 17th May 2015

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

*minutes of previous meeting were ratified.*

Officer’s Questions:

*adrian: when are we getting ice cream stef?*

*stef: soon*

**Monetary Motions**

## 1. Befriending the MCR

This JCR Notes:

1. That the MCR let the JCR finalists use the MCR over the easter vacation when the JCR was being used for conferences, despite the fact that in recent history JCR members have not treated the MCR with the respect it deserves.

2. That Corpus JCR and MCR aren't super good friends even though we really like the MCR

3. That the JCR/MCR relationship has become a little strained over recent terms

4. That the MCR is under no obligation to let finalists use their common room

This JCR Believes:

1. That is was very nice of the MCR to let us use their common room and we really appreciate it

2. That we are not a selfish aggrandising JCR

3. That gratitude should be exhibited whenever it is felt

This JCR Resolves:

1. To mandate the JCR President to buy some nice wine/port for the MCR up to the value of £50

2. To make this tradition and formally write it into the guest friendship that we have with the MCR over the easter break.

**Proposed: Stephanie Patterson**

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*jamie: do they want wine/port?*

*beth: yes, I’ve asked.*

*ed: the mcr would like a more permanent solution.*

Move to Debate:

*adrian: i don’t like this. whilst its nice being nice, not many people use it.*

*beth: 37 people used it this vac*

*adrian: i think we could not do this and use the MCR next year still*

*finn: why do we need to do this?*

*beth: the jcr gets used for conferences.*

*jem: i think thats maybe an argument for reducing the amount, but at the same time its good to foster good relations.*

*stef: if they see this fails, we look bad.*

Move to Vote

opp: 1

abstentions: 9

for: 14

**MOTION PASSES**

## 2. Netball Kit

This JCR notes:

1. That a few of the corpus sports teams already have kit/stash

2. That lots of members of the JCR have played/play netball

3. That sports kit not only makes a team look professional but also many members do not own netball dresses.

4. That netball kits are very durable and once bought in bulk will last a fair number of years.

5. That almost all other colleges’ netball teams have college kit.

This JCR believes:

1. That the netball team should have netball dresses.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Domestic Officer (In consultation with Philippa Stacey) to buy 12 netball dresses (with shorts and bibs included) of various sizes at a cost of no more that £430.

**Proposed: Stephanie Paterson**

**Seconded: Leila Parsa**

Short Factual Questions:

*stef: there are 7 on a team, but obviously we need a range of sizes. and you cant buy any less then 12.*

*henner: who came up with £430?*

*stef: it'll probably be £420, but they might charge p and p*

*finn: is this not a lot for uniform?*

*stef: if you think of it per uniform, its not.*

*jamie: will it be enough for p and p?*

*stef: yes*

*ed: have you asked for the college sport budget?*

Move to Debate:

*david: this all works on the clubs and socs budget. so at the start of the year, if they’re looking to buy kit, they extend their budget. correct me if im wrong, but cuppers and league are in Hilary. the football team are buying their kit now and getting reimbursed next year. i dont think this is an issue for the jcr.*

*jamie: can we be sure that netball will get their enough? it seems theres a big financial burden on the individuals.*

*ed: if you want to buy your kit, then ask clubs and socs for the budget, and if you cant be covered, then do that.*

*jem: couldn't the jcr buy it and then get reimbursed by college, to stop one person bearing the cost?*

*david: a lot of teams ask for sponsorship too.*

*stef: we have been talking to companies*

*kate: is there a possibility that if we buy it now, college will say no its already been bought?*

*stef: its putting people out of £35 when the jcr can afford it.*

*tom: im concered if we dont get the money back, its a lot. some sports (rowing) charge a levy and we have to pay for our own kit.*

*adrian: why dont you ask college and say i’d like to do it in michaelmas, and then see what they say. you might as well ask college.*

*jamie: the difference with rowing is they get more with money compared to others, and football dont keep the shirts.*

*sarah: the netball team has been really good this year - i think we’ll get promoted next year too.*

*david: when i spoke to phillipa, she said she didn't know what to spend it on. now you do.*

*stef: at the end of the day, i would rather the financial burden to be on the jcr, and not the individuals.*

*jemimah: if people are worried about jcr. can we amend to: to discuss with college, if theres a positive response, buy the dresses.*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: ‘1. To mandate the Domestic Officer to discuss with college the possibility of being able (In consultation with Philippa Stacey) to buy 12 netball dresses (with shorts and bibs included) of various sizes at a cost of no more that £430. If there is a positive response, then go ahead and buy the dresses.’

Amendment taken as Friendly.

*kate: is it still anna comboni next year?*

*beth: not sure.*

Move to Vote:

*for: 13*

*abstentions: 3*

*against: 11*

recount:

*for: 13*

*abstentions: 2*

*against: 10*

**MOTION FAILS**

## 3. Anthea’s Leaving Present

This JCR Notes:

1. that our college nurse Anthea has been mending us for 15 years now

2. that this summer Anthea is leaving to work at a school in Jerusalem!

This JCR Believes:

1. that Anthea was a brilliant college nurse and we will miss her

This JCR resolves:

1. to mandate the JCR President to get Anthea a leaving gift and card of up to £50 to show our thanks

**Proposed Ed Green**

**Seconded Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*Finn: what sort of school is it in jerusalem?*

*ed: its actually haifa.*

Move to Debate:

*ed: amend to do it with the MCR.*

Amendment proposed to change ‘1. to mandate the JCR President to in consultation with the MCR get Anthea a leaving gift and card of up to £50 to show our thanks’

Amendment taken as Friendly

Move to Vote:

*for: 23*

*abstentions: 1*

*against: 1*

**MOTION PASSES**

## 4. Artserity?

The JCR notes:

Iona ran a fabulous arts week

Arts and hilarious caricatures were more expensive than expected

This JCR believes:

The JCR members shouldn’t be out of pocket after such an exceptional, colourful week.

This JCR resolves

To refund Iona the £175 she is out of pocket

**Proposed: Adrian Matthew**

**Seconded: Sammy Breen**

Short Factual Questions:

*tom: can we have something to get stop this happening next year?*

*beth: it’s because she had to get a new caricaturist.*

*kate: did the caricaturist cost that much?*

*adrian: cost 225.*

*jamie: there were a lot of people pulling out last minute.*

*beth: it should be noted that iona is to be thanked as well, she did a great job.*

Move to Debate:

*no debate*

Move to Vote:

*overwhelming majority.*

**MOTION PASSES**

# Other Motions

## 5. Divestment

This JCR notes that:

1. In September 2013 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported that in order to stay below a one-third probability of a devastating global temperature rise of 2°C, cumulative carbon emissions cannot exceed a “budget” of about 800 gigatons. Over-shooting this by just 5% increases the chance of exceeding 2°C to 50%. Over 500 gigatons has already been emitted.        [IPCC]

2. Current fossil fuel reserves amount to nearly four times the remaining carbon budget. Therefore around 80% of reserves must stay in the ground.          [[CarbonTracker.org](http://carbontracker.org/)]

3. Despite this, the top 200 coal, oil and gas companies spent almost $700billion in the last 12 months finding and developing even more reserves.       [[CarbonTracker.org](http://carbontracker.org/)]

4. It’s estimated that UK Universities invest around £2k per student in fossil fuel companies. Oxford hasn't released a detailed breakdown but has no specific policy on FF investment so it is likely to be around the UK average. [[350.org](http://350.org/)]

5. There is a growing international campaign for fossil fuel divestment, which has spread to the UK, notably through the Fossil Free UK campaign. There are currently student-led divestment campaigns in 20 UK universities as well as many other institutions.Notably in July 2014, Oxford City Council voted to stop any direct investments in fossil fuels, and in October 2014, Glasgow University voted to divest its endowment by stopping any new investments in fossil fuels and phasing out existing investments, making it the first UK university to do so.

6. Oxford University has the second largest endowment of any UK university (3.6 billion).

7. Oxford University’s Socially Responsible Investment Review Committee is meant to enforce the Policy on SRI, stating that the university aims to:

negatively or positively screen investments on ethical grounds, where this does not reduce the f nancial return on investment, but with the proviso that, if the activities of a company are, on ethical grounds, inconsistent with the educational and/or research objectives of the University, then the University may choose not to invest even though this may reduce returns.     [University Policy on SRI 1.b]

8. OUSU’s student-led Environment & Ethics Campaign has now been campaigning in favour of divestment for over a year.

9. The University’s Socially Responsible Investment Review Committee held a consultation to inform their stance on divestment.

10. OUSU’s E&E Campaign has submitted a report to SRIRC entitled ‘Averting a Climate Crisis’ requesting that the University:

A. Systematically evaluate carbon risk across the entire investment portfolio;

B. Actively manage the carbon risk exposure of its portfolio with the aim of steadily shifting investments away from high-risk, carbon-intensive assets and toward low-carbon opportunities;

C. Remove from its portfolio all direct investments in coal and tar sands oil assets as soon as possible;

D. Develop a strategy to effectively engage with policy-makers, financial regulators and corporate management, notably by becoming a member of the Institutional Investors’ Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).

11. SRIRC produced their own recommendations in response to the consultation on      divestment. These have been discussed by General Purposes Committee (GPC), the most senior committee in the university, and on March 16th the recommendations of GPC on fossil fuel divestment went to University Council.

12. University Council deferred their decision at the first meeting on divestment

13. University Council will now meet on 18th May to make a decision on divestment, campaigning can and should continue during the lead up to this important meeting

This JCR believes that:

1. Investment made by the University into unethical fossil fuel companies is socially irresponsible and inconsistent with the educational objectives of the University.

2. Divestment is an effective means of protest against unethical corporate behaviour.

3. Actions taken by Oxford University can attract substantial national media coverage. Divestment here would encourage other UK universities to divest.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Support the OUSU Environment & Ethics Campaign, by mandating the JCR President to email [cara.turton-chambers@hertford.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cara.turton-chambers@hertford.ox.ac.uk) with the subject line "Corpus Christi JCR supports the OUSU E&E Divestment Campaign"

2. Mandate the JCR President to raise the beliefs above at an appropriate college forum and request divestment of college investments from fossil fuel companies.

**Proposed: Julian Woods**

**Seconded: Raphaella Hull**

Short Factual Questions:

*jamie: this is just about fossil fuels?*

*julian: we have a lot of investments, some of which are dodgy. john thinks because we have some ethical ones, its sort of balances out. however, this is more about uni-wide divestment.*

*beth: the MCR did an extended request for divestment last year.*

*adam: is there an estimate on how much the uni would lose by divesting?*

*julian: one of the problems is that these stocks are overvalued, and in the future its not sustainable.*

*jamie: investing in fossil fuels is not a long-term sustainable way to earn money.*

*kate: theres a financial argument.*

*beth: theres an ethical argument.*

Move to Debate:

*no debate*

Move to Vote:

*overwhelmingly in favour*

**MOTION PASSES**

## 6. OUSU Re-affiliation

This JCR Notes:

1. That the president recently attended a meeting on common rooms and the law and learnt we must legally reaffiliate with OUSU every year

2. That legally we are not currently affiliated with OUSU because we have not done so in some year because we always thought we were.

This JCR Believes:

1. That OUSU is really brilliant and does an excellent job of representing students at Oxford

2. That Corpus JCR should be affiliated with OUSU

This JCR Resolves:

1. To reaffiliate with OUSU

**Proposed: Tom Lyons**

**Seconded: Ed Green**

Short Factual Questions:

*finn: what happens if were not affiliated?*

*nikhil: all students are automatically members of OUSU. being affiliated means we get votes at OUSU council. there are other forms of support which they provide too.*

*jamie: it also means that they might hold events here too.*

*beth: it also means we support OUSU generally.*

*jem: nearly all of the events are in collaboration with some of the OUSU campaigns.*

*kate: do we pay to affiliate with OUSU?*

Move to Debate:

*cameron: i propose an amendment to get the OUSU officer to bring it once a year.*

Amendment proposed to add to ‘This JCR Resolves’ a second point, to read as follows: ‘2. To mandate the OUSU officer to propose at the first ordinary JCR meeting of each Trinity term a motion that resolves for the JCR to re-affiliate with OUSU, and to change their standing order’s accordingly.’

Taken as Friendly.

*nikhil: only has to pass once by the way, because its only going into the standing orders.*

Move to Vote:

*overwhelming majority.*

**MOTION PASSES**

## EMERGENCY MOTIONS

## 7. Helping out St. Catz

This JCR Notes:

1. That St. Catz’s college has illegally seized fiscal autonomy from their JCR
2. That we wouldn’t like this if it happened to us

This JCR believes

1. In helping our our fellow students
2. that St. Catz are out of order.

This JCR Resolves:

1. to lend £500 to St Catz JCR.

**proposed: Sandy Downs**

**seconded: Sammy Breen**

Short Factual Questions:

*beth: there was a discrepancy in their accounts by 100. turns out its a mistake, but it means the jcr cant decide what they want to spend money on. the officers are funding the jcr out of their own budget.*

*sam: will there be other colleges doing this?*

*beth: balliol are doing it I know for sure.*

*vandana: does it have to £500?*

*beth: that can be debated up or down.*

Move to Debate:

*kate: we can afford this as a loan, as long as we get it back.*

*beth: we can 100% get it back. if we don’t, we’ll raid them.*

*sam: I’d like to amend to add interest in line with inflation.*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ point 1 to read as follows: ‘to lend £500 to St Catz JCR, which should be paid back with interest in line with inflation’.

Taken as Unfriendly.

Move to Debate:

*henner: is there any indication when we’ll get it back?*

*beth: probably at the end of michaelmas.*

*jamie: i dont think we’ll get the extra money.*

*megan: it makes our nice gesture seem slighly less nice.*

*kate: if you make it in line with inflation, it makes my job much harder.*

Move to Vote on the Amendment:

*overwhelmingly defeated*

**AMENDMENT FAILS**

Move to Debate on the full motion:

Move to Vote:

*overwhelming majority*

**MOTION PASSES**

## Any Other Business:

*kate: Newspaper review, were getting rid of the FT, Indy, time international and Notes.*

*megan: are we going to buy anymore?*

*kate: there wasn't that much consensus on what to get instead.*

*beth: subfusc referendum is going on wed-fri. if anyone wants a debate about it, let me know. enjoy diversity and equality week!*

*tom: what does the referendum look like?*

*nikhil: you’ll get an email with a voter code. theres three questions: should OUSUs elections be moved to Hilary? Should it be compulsory to wear sub fusc (bow and suit etc) to exams? Should we have to wear a gown to the exam?*

*toby: i assume its not binding?*

*nikhil: its binding on OUSU, but not the uni. it came up in a meeting with an examiner, who said examiners shouldn't have to wear sub fusc. and we said isn't that true for students? they said there was a referendum in 2001 that made us keep it.*

*beth: even if we wanted to change it, then it probably wouldnt affect us.*

*adrian: do you think we should move the OUSU elections?*

*nikhil: the advantage to moving to hilary is you get more freshers standing. you probably get more publicity about campaigns*

*jamie: there are arguments saying that if you get rid of the elections in Michaelmas though, you give people more time to become disengaged.*

*nikhil: it wouldnt change until the year after either way.*

*luke: is there a threshold turnout?*

*nikhil: i dont think so.*