TT15 Week 8 JCR Meeting Agenda
7:30pm - 14th June 2015

Chair - Bethany Currie
Secretary - Loughlan O’Doherty
Returning Officer - Henner Petin

minutes ratified

Questions for Officers

*toby: wheres Jason?*

*Beth: He’s in Brussels.*

*Lottie: Id like to bring a procedural motion to move the room ballot motion first*

Procedural motion to bring Motion 5 first.

Move to Vote:

overwhelming majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## 5. Please Pity the Fourth Years

This JCR Notes:

1. The renovation of New Building has resulted in a large number of JCR members being displaced to less desirable accommodation.

2. That all previous JCR members have had the opportunity to go for a college room

3. The class of 2013 is the only year that has not been in this enviable position.

4. 4th year can put scientists out of touch with the beautiful Corpus Christi

This JCR Believes:

1. Nobody wants to be out of touch

2. 4th year scientists are people too

3. Everyone should be given a fair chance at living in college.

This JCR Resolves:

1.To move all students entering their fourth year in October 2016 into the A1 accommodation ballot group for the Hilary 2016 ballot (and for any other ballots concerning that academic year if there is to be more than one ballot), if they are not in this ballot group already.

**Proposed: Jack Holland**

**Seconded: Charlotte Ferguson**

Short Factual Questions:

*Erika: did you have the option to pick between ballot pots?*

*Josh: we did for 3rd year, but only A/D or A2/B2*

*Lottie: biochemists didn’t get that*

*Jack: at the time we made the decision, we didn’t know too.*

*Nikhil: what are most people in in 4th year?*

*Jack: A2*

*Kate: who suffers because of this?*

*Cameron: anyone who is in A1 already i suppose. and anyone in A2 or B1?*

Move to Debate:

*Adrian: 4th years go off radar anyway, because they need to be near to the science park. fewer 4th years make use of the library. it seems a bit selfish and a bit pointless*

*Jamie: i agree that the purpose of the ballot is that people with the big exams are put in college. it doesn't make sense*

*Josh: point of information, most of my degree comes from 4th year exams more than anything else.*

*Jamie: Materials and chemistry isn't though.*

*Sammy: its knocking out people in their 3rd year (who have more exams)*

*Jack: we are 4th year scientists and we would like to live in college. all of the first years got the benefit of the library. I’d like to make an amendment too.*

Amend ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read ‘To mandate the accommodations officer to move all students entering their fourth year in October 2016 into the A1 accommodation ballot group for the Hilary 2016 ballot (and for any other ballots concerning that academic year if there is to be more than one ballot), if they are not in this ballot group already.’

taken as friendly.

*Erika: the system is already quite unfair. we should think about the people who would get pushed out. suck it up, or change the system completely. (think of the psychologists who have 9 exams, for example)*

*Beth: people in a2 and b1 have a lot of exams too (such as 2nd year classists)*

*Kate: some of the scientists (5) in our year had the opportunity to live in college this year and didn’t take it.*

*Adrian: if you’re increasing the size of A1 by 16 people, you wont all do well, and you’ll have to split up. it makes more sense to all live together, as a lot of people leave. even though you get a ‘better’ room, you might have a worse time.*

*Lottie: i have friends in 1st year, so that’s irrelevant. were not even talking about many people.*

*Beth: its increasing the size of A1 by nearly 25% it is quite a lot.*

*Jamie: for medics, you would push those people whose whole degree depends on the 3rd year. you cant say we will definitely choose a college room, as you might just artificially inflate your own scores.*

*kit: college has screwed you over here, not the new freshers. you should remember that.*

*Erika: Beth will be negotiating to get you something in compensation, so please keep that in mind.*

*Cameron: a lot of the counter argument to this hinges on access to the library. i don’t think exams are the be all and end all of the ballot. people can get up and go to the library.*

*Erika: its more about welfare.*

*Jack: the ballot pots have been deflated because the choice of rooms has been diminished. you all sat finals and you didn’t live in college - that went fine.*

*Erika: i don’t understand why you want to live in college so much actually.*

*emma: none of the 3rd year medics this year are living in college. we’ll survive, let them be pushed down!*

*Kate: there are only 7 freshers in the room, and a lot of scientists.*

*Josh: it was there choice not to be here.*

*Beth: it was an emergency motion.*

*Adrian: think of it as proximity to hall. for the first 2 and half years of my degree i didn’t work in the library, but i always eat in hall. if you’re doing a research project, you wont be using hall. it'll be more out of your way from the department, you wont need college facilities, and younger years will.*

*Jamie: if you think you have a right to a college room. all of the medics do not currently live in college, they’ll be in A2, they’ll be the ones getting pushed down*

*Josh: it might be that college isn't the best option for us, but we should be given a choice. i don’t understand how that’s a bad thing. i know the 4th years this year were worried they wouldn’t get even banbury for example.*

*kit: you’ll get kicked out after term too, even though you have longer terms. then you’ll be living off site. it seems as if you want college rooms, rather than them getting moved up to A1. So, i want to amend the motion, so we can properly debate what you’d like.*

Amendment to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows ‘1. To mandate the accommodations officer to offer 4th year scientist a higher ballot in the A1 pot. If they choose to accept, they must pick a college room. However, if they don’t, they return to their original score - even if that happens at the ballot itself’.

taken as unfriendly.

Move to Debate on the amendment:

*Jamie: you seem to be saying its about having the chance to live on college site, rather than exams etc. i don’t see why this should allow you to push people down.*

*Jack: we just want a shot, were not asking for a college room.*

Move to Vote on the Amendment

opposed

speech in favour of moving to vote on the amendment:

*Sammy: the same arguments are being made again and again. the general feeling is that this motion is going to fail, so were voting on something pointless.*

speech against moving to vote on the amendment:

*Cameron: i think thats a terrible reason, its premature.*

vote on the move to vote on the amendment

for: 23

against: 7

abstentions: 2

Move to Vote on the Amendment:

summary speakers in favour of the amendment:

*Jamie: point 2 says that people should have a shot at a college room - this protects people from that.*

Summary speakers against the amendment:

*Jack: thats a good point. those people will still get a shot at a college room.*

Move to vote on the Amendment:

for: 17

against: 10

abstentions: 11

Therefore the Amendment passes. ‘‘This JCR Resolves’ now reads as follows ‘1. To mandate the accommodations officer to offer 4th year scientist a higher ballot in the A1 pot. If they choose to accept, they must pick a college room. However, if they don’t, they return to their original score - even if that happens at the ballot itself’.

Move to Debate on the whole motion:

*Lottie: that doesn't guarantee us college rooms, if we then drop down, then we wouldn’t be able to group ballot together.*

*tobias: as a suggestion, i think there are two considerations for ballots. one is its nice to live in college for a little bit, and its good for exams. can we not reach a compromise, so that 4th years could live in college, and the last term finalists?*

*Sammy: 2 ballots in one year is a hassle, don’t give the accommodation officer more work. one group isn't going to be in college when their exams are, either way.*

*Josh: there is a flaw in the amendment we just passed, that lottie pointed out.*

*Beth: you could make the decision to risk going for a college room before the ballot.*

*Josh: what happens in the situation, if they decide to take a college room, and dont get in. do you change it in the middle of the ballot?*

*Jamie: you can change their ballot score in the middle of the ballot, that would work.*

*Nikhil: we should've resolved the wording of the amendment earlier. do the 4th year scientists want this to pass now?*

*Erika: i don’t understand where this notion everyone gets a chance to live in college. you shouldn't be asking the JCR to accommodate for your unluckiness, you should ask college.*

*Adrian: the people that have been in your position. we only had 1 term in college ourselves.*

*Arthur: meddling with the ballot is a dangerous thing. this discussion is being dominated by people who wont be affected by this (including new freshers).*

*Cameron: Erika said that we might get compensation - those in Staverton haven't seen that. nothing seems to have happened so far. Adrian - you had to suck it up and deal with it, whereas we have the opportunity to actually make a correction.*

*Beth: there in a lower room grade, and they’re being offered individual compensation, actually.*

*rose: people at staverton haven't had much compensation.*

Move to Vote:

opposed

*Nikhil: whats the opinion of the scientists now? the amendment seems strange. 5/11 4th year scientists in the room want it to pass*

Speech in favour of the motion:

*Josh: whilst i dont think the motion is as good as it originally was, it gives the potential for compensation.*

Speech against the motion:

*Jamie: there are 16 people who will be moved down the ballot, who will also lose out. these are not necessarily people who are currently living in college (current 1st year medics). some of the people who have the toughest time in finals is those who keep themselves to themselves. also, think about how few people this motion actually effects are here*

overwhelming opposition

**MOTION FAILS**

**Monetary Motions**

**1. Croquastrophe!**

This JCR Notes:

1. That there is only one croquet mallet left in the college set (sad face)

This JCR Believes:

1.Croquet is super fun

2.Having to share the same mallet between up to four competitors is inconvenient

3.All the other colleges will laugh at us during Croquet Cuppers 2016 when they turn up and we have only one mallet

4.You can’t post a sick group croquet pic on the ‘gram with only one mallet

This JCR Resolves:

1.To mandate our esteemed Clubs and Socs Officer, David ‘Dave’ Windmill to purchase 3  croquet mallets at a total cost of up to £250 (fyi this is negotiable)

**Proposed: Kit Aina**

**Seconded: David ‘Dave’ Windmill**

Short Factual Questions:

*Erika: could you amend to include safekeeping of the mallets?*

*kit: yeah.*

Amendment to add to ‘This JCR Resolves’ a second point, which reads as follows: ‘To mandate the Clubs and Socs Officer to be responsible for the safekeeping of the new mallets’

taken as friendly

Move to Debate:

*tobias: i brought the mallet to maintenance who might actually be able to fix it.*

*Kate: given that when we had the netball motion, couldn't this go on the clubs and socs budget(especially since people don’t play in michaelmas)?*

*david: if we order them now they wont come until earliest until the end of the week. they’ll be used most next trinity.*

*finn: how often do people actually play croquet?*

*Arthur: quite a lot*

*miles: do you need 4 mallets to play croquet?*

*kit: strictly not.*

*jem: we could just put this to college, couldn't we?*

*miles: amend to add a central post.*

*Kate: vote against it, we’ll still get the equipment.*

move to vote:

*overwhelming against*

**MOTION FAILS**

## 2. Mugs!

This JCR notes that:

1. Over the last term the number of mugs available for JCR tea has declined rapidly from 3 trays-worth of mugs to now just 1 tray. We do not know the current whereabouts of the mugs that have disappeared.

2. If the person doing JCR tea does not return the dirty mugs to the wash-up then the next day there will be no clean mugs for JCR tea, which isn't good.

3. The mugs we do have are dirty and stained with the residue of JCR teas long past.

4. In October roughly 80 new students will arrive and that in the first few weeks of next term JCR teas will probably have a high attendance. We currently do not have enough mugs to meet this demand.

This JCR believes that:

1. If we are going to put on JCR tea every day and Welfare Tea on Sundays we need a good supply of mugs.

2. It’s time to retire the old mugs and replace them with some nice new ones.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Mandate the Domestic Officer to buy new mugs for the JCR at a cost of no more than £50, although this cost is open to debate.

2. Mandate a member of the committee to ask departing finalists if they would like to donate any mugs they do not want to keep when they sadly leave us to enter the real world.

**Proposed: Tom Lyons**

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*Jamie: how hard would it be to electronically label mugs?*

*Beth: quite hard.*

*Kate: there are 35 at the moment, which is enough for normal tea.*

*Mary: but not enough for welfare tea.*

Move to Debate:

*Adrian: can you buy dark coloured mugs?*

*Erika: then no-one will clean them.*

*Beth: just talk to stef about it adrian.*

*iona: can i propose the following?*

Amendment to remove ‘This JCR Believes’ point 2, and to add to ‘This JCR Resolves’ a third point which reads follows: ‘3.To mandate a member of the committee to ask Hannah Talbott if she knows of the whereabouts of the JCR mugs’

taken as friendly.

*emma: we can clean tea stains with denture tablets, by the way.*

Move to vote

overwhelming majority

**MOTION PASSES**

## Emergency Motions

## 3. Fresher’s Week Budget

This JCR notes:

1. A new batch of Freshers will descend on Corpus during 0th week of next Michaelmas.

2. Last year, £3000 was budgeted for Fresher’s Week, but this proved to be too little.

3. Club tickets have so far been sourced at £3087; apparently, these cannot be returned. They are usually sold to Freshers (and non-freshers) at no profit to the JCR. This year, far more tickets have been bought than we would reasonably expect to sell to Corpus students.

4. We will also need to spend money on Freshers' t-shirts, t-shirts for the Equal Opps reps, committee jumpers, entertainment for the Big Night In and Freshers’ Bags.

The current budget looks like this:

Fresher T-shirts £600

Committee Jumpers £300

Equal Opps T-shirts £75

Club tickets (Mon-Wed and Saturday) £2,587

Club tickets (Friday) £500

Big Night In £400

Freshers’ Bags and Printing costs £200

TOTAL: £4,662

This JCR Believes:

1. Freshers’ Week is a useful and fun way to welcome and appease the impending swarm of Freshers; we should make it as good as possible.

2. It is also important that the JCR remains solvent; £4700 is the very upper end of what the JCR can afford to spend.

This JCR Resolves:

1. To spend up to £4700 on the items above for Freshers' week 2015, in the expectation that some money will return to the JCR from the sale of club tickets.

2. To mandate the JCR officers on Freshers’ Week committee to spend this money in accordance with the budget above, and to minimise costs wherever possible.

3. To mandate the President to try to arrange for any club tickets which we don’t expect to sell within Corpus to be sold to other JCRs.

**Proposed: Kate Ogden (Treasurer)**

**Seconded: Mary Trend**

Short Factual Questions:

*beth: just so you know, Jason is in brussels, so can’t answer questions about the tickets.*

*Cameron: what happens if we don’t pass this motion?*

*Kate: freshers week essentially wont happen, and jason might be out of pocket.*

*Nikhil: what was the budget last year?*

*Kate: £2000, but it was amended up to £3000 in the meeting. Ian may have spent more.*

*Nikhil: so some of the money has been spent?*

*kit: Jason hasn’t actually given any money to anyone.*

*Jack: how much did you spend on club tickets last year?*

*kit: about £2,300.*

*Beth: we have 170 tickets for Wednesday, and tickets for sat. we’re trying to sell them to other colleges.*

*Jamie: we’ll get a fair chunk of the money back from selling tickets remember.*

*kit: yeah, i think we sold £2000s worth, so we lost £300.*

*Lottie: do you think it needs amending, Kate?*

*Kate: i cant see where there could be cuts.*

*Jack: how will the £300 loss affect our lives in the JCR?*

*Beth: oh, we don’t have to give catz the loan anymore.*

*Kate: we have £3,500 in the account. we’ll need some austerity-measures most likely.*

*Vandana: can Jason be held accountable?*

*Beth: he was worried he left it too late. you can ask him next meeting*

Move to Debate:

*Jamie: Jason isn’t to blame - he made a mistake, thats all.*

*Arthur: our entz officer has let us down - not only with this, but with 0 pub quizes these term as well.*

*kit: this motion is about trying to solve freshers week, and we should wait until the next meeting to ask jason.*

*Nikhil: just a small thing, can we make sure theres a jumper for the new RO? judging by the roundness of the sums, it looks like the other items are negotiable.*

*Kate: i came up with this this afternoon. we might be able to do them cheaper, but this is already quite a reasonably conservative budget.*

*Lottie: if there is an issue with logos on jumpers say etc. they could pay for it out themselves?*

*Jamie: could we not make money on the 100 tickets? - we have 100 tickets for park end on Wednesday of freshers.*

*ed: we bought fresher’s bags last year, only cause we didn’t know that we would get some for free. its not actually a huge expenditure - so we could just use the old ones.*

Move to Vote:

overwhelming majority.

**MOTION PASSES**

## 4. Nepal Motion

This JCR notes:

1. It was decided in the 2nd week JCR meeting earlier this term to donate £1000 of this term’s charity levy to the Nepalese Army Wife’s Association.

2. The Bursary was uncomfortable making a direct transfer to this charity as it is not registered in the UK; it is registered in CDO Kathmandu. It was therefore agreed that the £1000 would be transferred to the JCR account, so we could make the donation ourselves.

3. The Tortoise Fair raised £2110.88 (including £100 from the Clubs and Socs budget to buy the leftover Pimms and lemonade). Our Tortoise Keeper ran a vote, which decided that the money from the Tortoise Fair should be sent to the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal (registered charity no. 1062638).

This JCR believes:

1. The Tortoise Fair was an incredible success, especially given the awful weather.

2. Both charities will channel the money raised to very worthy causes. However, there is limited information available about the Nepalese Army Wife’s Association.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Treasurer to donate £2110.88 to the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

2. To mandate the Treasurer to pass on £1000 to the Nepalese Army Wife’s Association OR the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal (to be debated in the meeting).

**Proposed: Kate Ogden (Treasurer)**

**Seconded: David Windmill (Clubs & Socs)**

Short Factual Questions:

*Nikhil: wasn't the discussion to choose the NAWA based on a connection someone in the MCR had?*

*Kate: yes, her father works for it. in the meantime, its been difficult to figure out how to pay them. jemimah said she's spoken to the person and she said as long as it goes to Nepal its fine*

Move to Debate:

*Kate: amend to send to DEC Nepal*

Amendment proposed to change ‘This JCR Resolves’ to read as follows: to mandate the Treasurer to donate £3110.88 to the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal.’

taken as friendly

Move to Vote:

overwhelming majority

**MOTION PASSES**

RO rules that there are not enough valid signatures to debate the emergency motion number 6 (please see appendix) Therefore it shall not be debated.

*Arthur: I’d like to propose a procedural motion to overturn the RO’s decision in that case*

Procedural motion proposed to overturn the ROs decision to not debate motion 6.

Speech in favour of the procedural motion:

*Arthur: this motion did receive 35 signatures - i maintain that AGDs is legitimate. Adam wicks was just very keen. a Time crisis machine would be good.*

Speech against the procedural motion:

*Jamie: this is disgusting. you have gone behind the back of democracy. AGD is ill, adam wicks and sam webs are repeated - clearly this should not be debated.*

Move to Vote:

*for: 10*

*against 15*

**MOTION FAILS**

## Appendix:

## 6. All of the Crisis, All of the Time

This JCR notes:

1. Time Crisis II was the pinnacle of arcade gaming.

2. There is a Time Crisis II Machine on eBay for $893.33 (£574.12).

This JCR believes:

1. That St. Catz (a far inferior college to ours which we recently bailed out) has a Time Crisis 3 machine.

2. If we can give hundreds of pounds to a JCR with a Time Crisis 3 Machine, we can certainly spend a few hundred on ourselves.

3. Time Crisis II is timeless and will be forever enjoyed by all who grace Corpus.

Welfare efforts to show Corpus Cares have been great and all, but what we really need is to shoot some people.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Clubs & Socs Officer to purchase a Time Crisis II Machine for up to up to £1000 (including shipping).

2. To buy a portrait of Tom Heaps and/or Toby Abbott to be hung in the JCR, with a cost of up to £150.

**Proposed: Arthur Harris**

**Seconded: Tom Lyons**