

Trinity 2016 Week 4

Chair: Jemimah Taylor

Secretary: Ed Green

Returning Officer: Akshay Bilolika

I. Report from the President

Rent negotiations — adjusted VNI, as we expected. Willing to engage with proper discussion about scientists — they'd never thought about it before

Unity Week things this week — you should all come to things.

II. Reports/Questions to Officers

Kate: How much money do we have?

Stef: The grant is in, the Levy is not. The budget is way over what the grant is, £2500 for the grant, £3000 for the Levy. We're over the grant already, so we're eating into the Levy, the money for the Tortoise Fair is coming out of the

III. Reading from the Poet Laureate

IV. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

Meeting minutes ratified

V. Constitutional Amendments

1. Motion to make Liberation reps committee members

This JCR notes:

1. That currently the liberation reps are not members of the JCR committee, so that there is only one voice/person in committee meetings whose purpose is to represent all of disabled/BME/LGBTQ+/women/mentally ill/people from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds
2. That if for some unfortunate reason the Equal Opps Officer did not get on with the rep for/ did not understand the issues facing a particular group, or if an issue at hand in committee affected opposedly two different groups, one (or more) group of oppressed people would not be represented in committee. Inevitably more people will be able to think up more thoughts and approach things from different angles than just the one Equal Opps Officer as well
3. That use of the budget by the liberation reps is wholly dependent on the control by the Equal Opps officer over the Equal Opps budget
4. That the officer for International Students and the Tortoise Keeper (for example) are (rightly) on committee

This JCR believes:

1. That the officers representing disabled/BME/LGBTQ+/etc students should be in control of their own budget
2. Should be in control of their own voice and representation in committee
3. Should have as much power and presence as those representing international students (and tortoises)

This JCR resolves:

1. To make the Liberation reps members of the JCR committee

Proposed: Lucy Hirst
Seconded: Madeleine Norman/Will

Short Factual Questions

Lucie: How much money does Equal Opps actually get?

Debate:

Sandy: A few things — what does the Equal Opps Officer actually do if this motion passes? I want liberation reps to have a role and a loud voice, but there were so many weird issues when I was the Officer, do we still have a joint budget? If we have independent budgets per rep, then we can't switch money between different budgets, having one budget makes it a lot easier. In terms of the liberation reps, some of them are amazing, some of them are not/unfilled. If people had more commitments to their role, then people might be even less likely to run. The Equal Opportunities Officer can take on enough roles.

Lucy: I think the role would still exist. I've been organising Unity Week, overarching organisation etc.

Stef: The more included liberation reps are included in meetings, the more voices you will get. Maybe we could suggest that the Constitution be changed such that if there's a particular issue discussed at Committee then invite them. Maybe we should have a broader conversation about who should be on Committee.

Kate: [Amendment] Strike resolves (1) and replace it with:
(1) To mandate the VP to invite members of the Equal Opps Committee to JCR Committee Meetings.

[Taken as friendly]

Vote: overwhelming in favour

[Motion passes]

VI. Motions of No Confidence

VII. Charities Motions

VIII. Monetary Motions

1. Funding for the Psychology and Neuroscience Applications Society

This JCR notes

1. The Psychology and Neuroscience Applications society aims to shed light on the various career paths that a grounding in psychology and neuroscience can lead to/be applied to.
2. In Trinity term instead of the weekly talks it holds a symposium where multiple speakers join together to give individual talks and partake in panel discussions
3. This year's theme is Human Advancement in the 21st Century with two sub themes of cognitive enhancement and the future of terrorism.
4. Speakers are not paid (other than travel expenses)
5. Money is required to provide refreshments for the three hour event

This JCR believes

1. Symposiums are a good way of raising awareness of important issues because of the range of exciting discussions they offer
2. The symposium would appeal to a range of students studying a range of subjects

3. We should support JCR members in their endeavours outside of college and two of the committee are in the JCR (Poppy and Rose)
4. We should offer funding to help the symposium go ahead

This JCR resolves

1. To give £100 towards funding the symposium.

Proposer: Rose Shendi

Secunder: Saskia Mondon Ballantyne

Short Factual Questions

Lucie: How much is the total cost of the symposium?

Rose: I don't know exactly, Poppy would know as she's the Treasurer.

Stef: Are we the only JCR being questioned for funding?

Rose: There's one more, but two of us are on the Committee

Debate:

Lucie: Are other JCRs funding this as well?

Stef: I don't think that it's a Corpus led thing to be funding this.

Rose: If you're a member of society, then it's free anyway, but if you aren't then you would have to pay.

Stef: What about sponsorship?

Rose: We didn't get it, and the ex-President recommended that we go to the JCRs

Imy: Could you not go to your tutors, academic committees etc.?

Rose: It's a student-run society, so academic isn't an option.

Leila: What is the consequence for this motion not passing?

Rose: We couldn't afford refreshments, and we couldn't return the money to the speakers.

Stef: This money is coming from the JCR Levy and I'm not sure that I want my money to go to this.

Rose: I would be fine with voting down the money,

Leila: [Amendment] To scale down the cost to £50 [taken as friendly]

Stef: I think it's a really good talk, but it's not the JCR's job. If loads of people from Corpus came to fund the things that they're apart of then we could fund a huge number of things. Considering that we would then have to pay again to actually go to the talk, it seems not like the right thing to do.

Lucie: Could you not have the other members of Committee to fund the rest of it? Like there are 6/7 members of the Committee and only 2 JCRs are being asked.

Vote:

In favour: 11

Motion falls

2. Sustainable Croquet for Our Children's' Future

This JCR notes

1. There is a huge interest in croquet at corpus, 17 teams entered the tournament
2. Croquet sets normally have four mallets
3. We currently have one
4. Having one mallet leaves us vulnerable to having a situation with no mallets
5. Mallets have been broken at a rate of about one a year
6. Mallets aren't cheap (last one cost £65, and was cheapest on Amazon)
7. Oxford Uni Croquet recommend colleges spend a little more on a longer lasting mallet, as its more economic.

This JCR believes

1. That having a functioning croquet set is a staple of any Oxford college
2. That buying a new mallet every year is short term and expensive plan
3. That spending a little bit more on a mallet which doesn't have a wooden handle can provide a much longer lasting and more economical mallet solution.

This JCR resolves

1. To purchase two carbon fibre mallets at the price of £170 each to satisfy the croquet needs of corpus for generations

Proposed Jonny Mainwaring Seconded Saul Cooper

Shower Factual Questions:

Lucy: Why do they keep breaking?

Jonny: They get broken in use, and sometimes people just mess around with them. They're not that strong.

Iona: How easy is it to break a carbon fibre croquet mallet?

Jonny: Oxford Uni Croquet suggests these ones.

Lucie: Is croquet important enough that we need three mallets?

Jonny: In the long term this will save us money.

Stef: Why did you buy the wooden one if the carbon fibre is better?

Jonny: Because we didn't know, and because it was bought before the money had been agreed.

Oliver: Could you not pay a subscription fee for participating in the tournament?

Jonny: The tournament has already started, so it would be wrong.

Debate:

Stef: We do not have this money. It is far far too expensive.

Graham: I would like the JCR to note that I putted from 20 yards.

Abi: We've just voted not to fund a neuroscience talk, and then we're talking about croquet.

Lucie: Is the mallet going to break in the next 4 weeks.

Iona: How susceptible would the tournament players be to a switch up where you use impromptu mallets

Kate: To our JCR, croquet probably is more important than neuroscience.

Lucy: Can you not charge people £2 a go to play croquet each go?

Peter: Could we not start up a croquet club and get money from the Junior Dean to get a budget.

Oliver: Is it possible to rent mallets?

Saul: Other JCRs do not want to lend out their mallets.

Imogen: On neuroscience, more the principle that its a university led society, rather than a college one.

Tom: [Amendment] To replace resolves with:

Replace the old mallet with a carbon fibre mallet if it breaks this term.

Stef: Can we please take Peter's argument to take the croquet club

Oliver: Do we not have a way of locking it up and then finding out who has the key?

Jonny: We can't fine people, there's no way that we can make them pay.

Leila: It would also be unfair to start a manhunt on who broke it, maybe it wasn't their fault.

Tom: If we do create a society, can we not then get them to pay backwards?

Lucie: How durable are carbon fibre mallets?

Jonny: I was told that they don't break.

Kate: Can you ask the Junior Dean if it would be likely to get us money?

Peter: I think they would be amenable to it

Stef: [amendment] to change resolves to replace it with a wooden mallet this term.

Mandate Clubs and Socs to look into the Croquet Society [taken as friendly]

Vote

In favour: 26 [passes]

3. Tortoise Fair Donation

This JCR notes:

1. That the Tortoise Fair is a huge event in the Corpus Christi calendar which makes a considerable amount of money for charity.
2. That the current £750 loan that will be returned to the JCR may not be enough to organize and fund the event initially
3. That last year, even in the rain, the event made over £2000.
4. That this year we want to top this and exceed expectations, and in order to do so we need more funding.
5. That a donation from the Charities budget would be great in addition to the loan as ultimately this money will go to charity, and be used to make more money to go to charity
6. That the treasurer has already met with the college accountant, who has affirmed that it is possible to dedicate a portion of the Charities budget to the Tortoise Fair.
7. That in light of this, a minimum of £500 must be dedicated to Charity following the Tortoise Fair to ensure the Charities Budget ultimately goes to charity.

This JCR believes:

1. That on top of the loan that has been made by the JCR, the JCR should contribute by means of a donation
2. That it would be better if the money were to come out of the Charities Budget, since we are a poor JCR and that's what Charities Budget money is for (Charity.)

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the treasurer to meet with the college accountant to make a donation of £500 from the Charities Budget to go into the running of the tortoise fair.
2. That in the event the tortoise fair does not make a minimum of £500 profit (excluding the £750 loan), to mandate the treasurer to make up the donation to £500 from the JCR account.
3. To mandate the treasurer to ensure the tortoise keeper keeps an accurate record of spending and accounts for the tortoise fair, to ensure college can see clearly that the money from the Charities Budget is going eventually to charity

Proposed: James Bruce

Seconded: Stephanie Paterson

Short Factual Questions:

None

Debate:

None

Opposition: None
[Motion passes]

IX. Motions as Submitted

X. Emergency Motions