Chair: Jemimah Taylor Secretary: Henner Petin Returning Officer: Akshay Bilolikar

1. Report from the JCR President

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Striding stringent autumn air I thought our way forward. Magdalen Bridge was burning like all bridges these days, and how to tread the fire

was my concern.

Little answer had I

but keep walking, ash-foot and card-hearted through it, just tougher and more flammable words. You have to make

an immolation heard.

- Robert Jackson

Received with applause

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

Academic Affairs and Suspended Students

This JCR notes:

- That we currently have no formal JCR position in regards to supporting suspended students academically
- That LMH JCR recently adapted the role of their Academic Affairs officer to extend to Academic Affairs and Suspended Students Officer

This JCR believes:

- That suspended students suspend for a variety of reasons
- That suspended students aren't sufficiently supported when they are away from college or returning to college
- That the Academic Affairs Officer has useful links with tutors and the SCR in order to liaise with college on academic issues on behalf of suspended students

• That suspended students should have a formal port of call to bring academic issues to

This JCR resolves:

• To change the title of the Academic Affairs Officer to be the Academic Affairs and Suspended Students Officer

Proposed: Leila Parsa Seconded: Graham Kelly

SFQ: None No debate No opposition, motion passes

5. Constitutional Amendments

Consti-new-tion

This JCR Notes:

- 1. That every state and Oxford JCR has a constitution
- 2. That constitutions have been described as "the bedrock of democracy"
- 3. That Edward Green (Former JCR Vice President) and the RO have invested their own time in designing a new constitution

This JCR Believes:

- 1. That the current constitution is a mess, having been amended on the fly for years of JCR meetings without due thought or attention
- 2. That the new constitution upholds the spirit of the old
- 3. That the new constitution effectively implements the current operating procedure of the JCR

This JCR Resolves

- 1. To mandate the President to call a referendum in line with Article 7 Paragraph 13 of the current constitution, asking the question: "Should the JCR adopt the new constitution as approved by the sixth week JCR meeting of Michaelmas 2016?"
- 2. That should this referendum pass, in accordance with Article 9 Paragraph 2 Subparagraph ii (which requires a turnout of at least 50 members and a two-thirds majority) the JCR shall adopt the new constitution as presented in the annexure to this motion
- 3. That this shall be subject to ratification by the JCR meeting in 8th Week of Michaelmas 2016 and approval by the governing body and academic committee
- 4. That the new constitution shall take effect as of 00:00 on Sunday of 9th week Michaelmas 2016 (the same time that the new committee takes office)

Proposed: Cameron McGarry (Old Man of the JCR) Seconded: Stef Paterson (Treasurer)

SFQ: Tom: why not pass this week? *Cameron: we should have constitution, change the preamble and some clauses need referendum to change. We're still doing the motion again.*

Stef: Any controversial changes? Cameron: No.

Alice: Socio-Economic Role had taken Access role, so that should be respected. Welfare part no stronger in access role.

No opposition, motion passes.

4. Motions of No Confidence

5. Charities Motions

6. Monetary Motions

Getting a Christmas Tree

Notes: It's going to be Christmas soon At Christmas, it's tradition to have a 🌲

Believes: It would be good to partake in his tradition as a JCR

Resolves:

To Mandate the Domestic Officer to liaise with maintenance and DB and then spend up to 200 GBP on a tree given that the MCR and College will contribute to the purchase

Proposed: Steph Paterson Seconded: Tom Spink

SFQ:

Lilya: Can college give us money? Stef: Had meeting with Bursar: they're happy to contribute as well as the MCR. We will just need to spend up to that soon. Jemimah: Bursar wants to us get them as well, probably two of them.

Tom: Where from? Stef: Garden centres outside oxford deliver. Maintenance may be able to pick it up. Jemimah: Suggestion to speak to maintenance and they find the tree for x amount and get it in for us.

Debate:

Amendment by Tom: Mandate the Domestic Officer to liaise with maintenance and DB and then spend up to 200 GBP on a tree given that the MCR and College will contribute to the purchase. Taken as friendly by Stef.

No opposition, motion passes.

Subscribing to The Oxymoron

This JCR notes that:

1) The Oxymoron is a satirical magazine produced by Oxford students that comes out once a term.

2) A termly subscription to The Oxymoron costs £20 for 30 copies.

This JCR believes:

1) The Oxymoron is very funny.

2) That £20 is a good price to pay to get lots of laughs.

This JCR resolves to:

1) Buy this term's issue of The Oxymoron for 20 GBP

2) To mandate the treasurer to include the Oxymoron in the next survey of newspapers

Proposed: Thomas Munro Seconded: Ioan Phillips

Procedural motion by Cameron that this motion need to be put because the treasurer has been mandated to subscribe to the Oxymoron a year ago after which it got lost. SFQs on procedural: Stef: Where is this money coming from? Cameron: not specified. Stef: Should come from newspaper budget. Cameron: If JCR expresses its will, it should have been done. We could no-con the person who didn't do it. We should be subscribed to it, why aren't we? Zereena: why not out of newspaper budget? Cameron: that was the implication. Stef: can't do it now, because newspaper budget is already passed. Motion withdrawn by Cameron.

Thomas: proposes amendment to mandate the treasurer to include the Oxymoron in the next survey and to buy a single edition now for 20 GBP

No opposition, motion passes.

Camp Beds

This JCR Notes:

- 1) There are meant to be two camp beds owned by the JCR for use by guests of members
- 2) These have been missing for over a year, presumed stolen or broken.

This JCR Believes:

It would be good to have camp beds for guests
 No-one wants to sleep on a cold floor

This JCR Resolves:

1) To mandate the JCR Domestic Officer to spend no more than £50 on a pair of camp beds

Proposed: Thomas Munro Seconded: Robert Jackson

SFQ:

Stef: How much? Tom: 20GBP each + delivery. Stef: keep them where? Tom: Keep them secure. Zereena: Can we have a register system? Tom: Yes, sure Graham: lock it in the plummer maybe?

Debate:

Alice: Can you make them pay deposit?
Tom: Where is the deposit kept? I'll know who it is then if they register.
Stef: Can we force people to pay?
Alice: It's not forcing people to pay, it's a deposit.
Xav: Porters should have a sign-up sheet and know who's got the beds.
Tom: No matter who has the key, if it's broken, we don't know who it was. We can't enforce good handling.
Stef: the problem was just that people stole them.
Hannah: is this not despite the point of getting new ones.
Alice: what about the deposit.
Akshay: We can't make people pay if they break it. That's unconstitutional.
Xav: why can't people explain what happened.
Issue is not breaking, but steeling. Voluntary fine after a certain time not returned.
Tom: It's just my responsibility to look after the care of the camp bed. I need to replace them, that's it.

No opposition, motion passes.

Hot Water Bottles

This JCR notes:

1. That other colleges' welfare officers have hot water bottles available for JCR members to borrow

This JCR believes:

1. That hot water bottles can be comforting for period pains

This JCR resolves:

- 1. To mandate the welfare officers to spend £30 on buying 5 hot water bottles
- 2. To mandate welfare officers to store them at their discretion

Proposed: Tom Spink

Seconded: Leila Parsa

SFQs: How can people get them? Tom: Welfare officers lend them out. Zereena: how much? Tom: 5/10 GBP, so we'll get 5.

Debate:

Xav: keep them where? What if you need them immediately?
Leila: If we happen not to be there, you're not going to die. Concern is legit.
Xav: You want it at that point though.
Tom: We could keep them in plummer and see if people respect that.
Leila: Risk throwing away money.
Stef: Porters keep one in lodge for emergencies?
Tom: Propose amendment, add resolves 2: mandate welfare officers to store them at their discretion.

No opposition, motion passes.

7. Motions as submitted

Motion to end the JCR's subscription to The Sun Newspaper

This JCR notes:

1. That currently the JCR takes out a subscription The Sun Newspaper, as a part of its practice of subscribing to multiple news publications

This JCR believes:

- 1. That The Sun is a morally reprehensible newspaper, as evidenced by, amongst other things, the blaming of Liverpool fans for the Hillsborough Tragedy and subsequent failure to apologise for this for over twenty years
- 2. That there is no place in civilised society for the 'blacking' of people's skins via Photoshop to incite racial hatred and widen divisions, as The Sun did to Gina Miller on the front page of the 4th November edition
- 3. That the boycott of the paper, which primarily takes place in the city of Liverpool but also elsewhere, is laudable and worthy of support
- 4. That the JCR should not, implicitly or otherwise, be supporting this newspaper

This JCR resolves:

- 1. To amend the Standing Orders of the Treasurer to run the newspaper survey excluding the Sun from the list of available options.
- 2. To condemn the Sun as a newspaper
- 3. To add the above resolves 2) to the JCR Policy Document

Proposed: James Martin Seconded: Nathan Stone

SFQs:

Akshay. Its Treasurere's standing orders. You can't pass a motion to contradict standing orders. Do you want to amend this? James: Yes, sure. Tom: Why do we have it. Stef: most read newspaper last time. Get out details. Actually, Mo-Fri 13 people, Saturday 15 people who read the Sun. 13% on weekdays. Tom: Compared to what? Stef: independent 14%, FT 11%. Actually one of lower ones. Q: What other papers? Times, Guardian, Telegraph, FT, Economist, Independent (which won't be on the next one). Finn: no communist newspapers B. Stef: There's space for other options Finn: but if it's not distributed, it's not read Jemimah: What's the question? Finn: No idea, sorry Stef: Could amend the survey

Debate:

Amendment proposed by James and taken as friendly: Remove Sun from the survey by changing the standing orders.
Cameron: Amendment to add resolves 2) condemning the sun and to add this to the policy document. Taken as friendly.
Will: Can we not prevent people from having to buy it?
Stef: I'd just ignore this.
Akshay: We're not just removing it from one survey, but for all future ones.
Zereena: We could always get online subscription.
Q: any other papers that have quiz pages and are not as bad as the sun?
Stef: I will send out an email saying that the following newspapers are on the survey, if there is anything else you want, please let me know.
Xav: Are magazines on there? Could we get a puzzle magazine for that?

No opposition, motion passes.

5. Emergency Motions

Equal Opportunities Budget

This JCR notes:

- 1. That the Equal Opps budget was set at the start of term.
- 2. That we should be facilitative of the fantastic events put on by the Equal Opps team.
- 3. That the BME officer and the Equal Opps president did a great job of organising a BME pizza night.

This JCR believes:

- 1. That no officer should have to subsidize JCR events themselves.
- 2. That the BME pizza night should be fully covered by the Equal Opps budget.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the treasurer to increase the equal opps budget by £12 so she can reimburse the Equal Opps president for this event.

Proposed: Stephanie Paterson Seconded: Rogan

SFQs: None Debate None.

No opposition, motion passes.

Sknackshay

This JCR Notes:

- 1. That the Elections in the US happened
- 2. That we watched it and that there were snacks provided by the Entz Pres and Akshay

This JCR Believes:

- 1. That it was a communal occasion benefitting the JCR Members
- 2. That Graham and Akshay should not be left out of pocket

This JCR Resolves:

To reimburse Graham Kelly with 30 GBP, which is what he spent on snacks and drinks for the night.

SFQs:

Tom: is there a itemed receipt? Graham: I tried, but the machine didn't work. Tom: Did it include the Red Stripes? Graham: Yes. Stef: need to make a form which needs to be signed by Treasurer and President detailing what exactly was spent.

No opposition, motion passes

6. Any other Business