

JCR Meeting Sunday 2nd Week TT10

Chair: Seb Baird (JCR President)

Secretary: Jim Everett (JCR Vice-President)

Meeting Start: 19.30

Number of People: 38

Committee Meeting

Seb asks what committee members will be doing / planning to do this term:

Ed Bradon: Amend constitution and policy document.

Donal O'Hara: Investigating water cooler

Colin Reynolds: Looking into bop for Saturday of 4th week

Charlotte Bunting: Talking to Jenni Clack about some e-mentoring

Jane Sancinito: Stanford Tea, International Picnic in 6th Week

Dave Lloyd and Nicole Taylor: Welfare tea (Sunday 5th Week), Exam stress preparation talk

Alastair Marsh: Enviroment and Ethics stuff on the wall, ethical living resources, specific posters in library / beer cellar

Grace Weaver: Jim is organising LGBT crew date

Ed Brown: OUSU

Katie Bayliss: Finals

Iona Easthope: Organising subject reps

Motion One: Informal Photo

This JCR notes:

- Gillman and Soame need a cheque of £350 as deposit for the informal photo.
- We can't have the photo unless we pay deposit, which will be refundable if we spend £750 (which we usually do!)

This JCR believes:

- The Photo will be lots of fun and people will buy them

This JCR resolves:

- To let James Pontifex write a cheque to Gillman and Soame so we can have photo fun

Proposed: Jim Everett

Seconded: James Pontifex

No opposition, motion passes.

Motion Two: BBQ Fun

This JCR Notes:

- Summer has arrived.
- BBQs are nice.
- Meat Free Monday was a strenuous time for us all.
- Trinity Term has its disadvantages

This JCR Believes:

- A BBQ would be of benefit to the whole of the college.
- More Inter-Year relations are needed.
- To support British Farming.
- More inter-food relations are needed.

This JCR Resolves:

- **Amendment: For Jack and Mek to check if it is even possible**
- To buy a communal JCR BBQ- budget set at £60. Jack E has been on ebay- its doable.
- To install said communal BBQ in the Fellows Garden.
- To BBQ both Meat and Vegetables in the Fellows Garden.
- That each person shall clean the BBQ after use- failure to do so means suspension of BBQing rights.
- To get on to it ASAP.
- Maybe the SCR / MCR could give us some money for this?
- Booking would probs be necessary

Proposed: Jack Evans

Seconded: Mek Mesfin

Ruth: Has college been asked for this?

General everyone: They won't let you.

David: Where will it be?

Jack: In Main Garden

Gareth: Gas BBQ? Everyone laughs with confusion. As per.

Jack: Err, maybe. Doesn't really matter

Katie: What about noise?

James: We'll buy a quiet one. Winner of funniest comment so far goes to Pontifex.
Katie: But people noise... finals! C'mon!
James: Can we just vote on whether we want a BBQ, and if Colin doesn't let us, that's fine?
Seb: We'll hear other arguments first
Ruth: There is already one in Liddell
Nicole: For Ball, we had to had matting under hot food, that will have to be there for BBQ
Fiona: Who will enforce cleaning and maintenance? Will we vote for BBQ officer?
Jack: We'll sign it out at porters lodge, when next person comes, if it is dirty then we know it was the person who used it before who did not clean it and so they cannot use it again
David: Isn't that difficult? We can't clean straight away by virtue of it being hot
Katie: When we use Lidell, we have fire safety for BBQ
Donal: Can we buy a novelty apron?

Naomi proposes amendment: **For Jack and Mek to check if this is even possible before we get it**

Move to vote: Overwhelming

Motion Three: Antigone

This JCR Notes:

- Flipping the Bird Productions are putting on a brand new adaptation of Antigone at the Cellar in 4th week
- Flipping the Bird were the team responsible for The Magic Toyshop at the Oxford Playhouse, a financial and critical success
- The JCR wisely invested in The Magic Toyshop and will (eventually) see roughly £100 profit on a £300 loan.
- Putting on plays requires money upfront.
- Two Corpuscles are producing the show and are therefore responsible for its finances

This JCR Believes:

- Flipping the Bird represent the cutting edge of progressive theatre practice in Oxford
- Supporting artistic innovation is a worthy use of the JCR Arts Fund

This JCR Resolves:

- To make a pro rata loan of £500 towards the costs of Antigone
- To come to see the show.

Proposed: Jeremy Lloyd

Seconded: **Tim Newey** George Skerrett

Donal: Who is other member?

Jeremy: Tim

No opposition, motion passes.

Motion Four: TV

This JCR Notes:

- We have recently acquired a HD ready TV

This JCR Believes:

- This HD-readiness should be taken advantage of
- Many members of the JCR would like to watch programmes/events that are only available on Sky
- Many applicants ask at interviews whether we have Sky - it is a major sway on college selection
- The financial cost for such added enjoyment is minimal
- Many students' welfare suffers from missing Sky programmes/events

This JCR Resolves:

- To acquire Sky for the TV room at a cost of £47/month below £50 with possible contributions from the MCR for their use of the new facility.

Proposed: John Beresford

Seconded: James Pontifex

Ruth: Do you have a more concrete idea than 'many'?

John: I wanted to carry out survey, but forgot

Gareth: What will we get for £47?

John: Sports and knowledge packages

Jane: Have you spoken to MCR?

John: No, but we have correspondence, James will explain

James: MCR not happy, but we can afford it anyway without them

Christina: Is the £47 per month during term or year?

John: £47 per month, but can amend when not in term

Katie: Sure we don't need pub license?

John: They are OK with private (apparently! Secretary thinks: really?)

Gareth: If changed every term, would that incur a service charge?

John: No

Naomi: *With a sceptical hat*: too good to be true?

David Lloyd: What exactly did Colin Holmes say?

James: We had permission before hand.

Matt: How much will bare bones be?

John: around £20

Matt: I only watch Sky for films, and they seem better for sports – should get both

James proposes amendment to less than £50 (to include film package).

John: Plays the boys card. Apparently thinks going to the pub is too hard. General confusion.

Naomi: If it was there, we probably would watch it

David: Where will the dish be?

James: On roof, but won't see it from Quad

John: If we have films, we can do Sunday films watching Sky Premier – IN HD

Mek: It's Skyplus, so we can record it...

Charlotte: Move to vote

Motion passes overwhelming.

Motion Five: Golf

This JCR Notes:

- Corpus' sports teams are currently dedicated to games that involve brute strength and extreme physical exertion
- The clubs and societies budget has already been allocated for this academic year
- Golf is a summer sport

This JCR Believes:

- In the interests of equality, wider participation and applicant attraction it would be beneficial to expand into more skill-related sports

This JCR Resolves:

- to donate £375, £330 to help cover the start-up costs and first outing of Corpus Golf Society, On condition that the society is open to all Corpus students for a lifetime membership for £10 or £5 annual membership and that all members have equal rights
- To mandate the new Corpus Golf Society to make the two people holding membership to be the President and Treasurer, and continue this on annual basis and they are responsible

Proposed: George Skerrett

Seconded: Tim Newey, James Pontifex

Naomi: What is the money for?

George: OOGS membership at golf club, which anyone can use (it's transferable)

Naomi: How many people want to be involved?

George: 8-10 people, but people only just getting aware of it.

Fiona: What is average running cost of other college sports team?

Emma: Boat Club for £4000 running cost per year, members £80 year

George: We have to go through JCR because clubs and socs budget done already

George: People pay £5 to use membership

Ruth: That will work? OOGS OK with this?

Gareth: What happens if there are two people on a hole and two other turn up?

George: I doubt interest will be THAT high...

Matt: Where is golf course?

George: Southfield, all travel cost funded by own people (not JCR)

Naomi: What would you get from membership?

George: Can use golf club at 5 days

James: Corpus Golf Soc will provide equipment

Francis: When we've paid £5 we can borrow your (James) clubs whenever?

James: Um, yes

Katie: Which 5 days?

George: Monday to Friday, but maybe pay more for weekends

Naomi: James, we can afford this?

James: Yes, definitely.

Christina: If 5 days are weekdays, doesn't discriminate science students? Is this catering certain clientele?

George: We want to get it set up as soon as possible so we can use it this term

Matt: Do we have time to enter a team now for Cuppers this year?

George: Not sure now, but that would be the aim

Fiona: How many other colleges?

George: I don't know, no feedback

David: Will the cost from the JCR be for every year?

George: If there is interest we will continue the club, but JCR only front this year

Emma: Have you spoken to Amy Bilderbeck (sp?)

George: She may help us with training etc

Francis: Do we have money to get more people?

James: Ideally we could get more membership

Fiona: Given the idea that media has of us as elitist, would college sponsored golf membership suggest elitism?

George: Well anyone could join...

John: Alternatively, people who couldn't usually play golf could

Donal: £5 for golf membership is pretty inclusive

Fiona: What about opportunities to learn?

James: *General stuttering that makes no sense*

Emma: The concern is, if we are giving you money, we all want to play, not just a certain group? (Award for proverbial nail goes to Emma Lucy)

Francis: How much are clubs?

Gareth: £200

George and James: Wrong. They are a variety of costs

Fiona: Do people playing golf usually have one partner?

Donal: Novelty Apron?

Naomi: Can we have amendment that makes it regulated by JCR?

George: We will use sign up sheets to ensure it is regulated well.

James proposes amendment. On condition that the society is open to all Corpus students for a lifetime membership for £10 and that all members have equal rights

Emma proposes amendment: Mandating new Corpus Golf Society to make two people holding membership to President and Treasurer, and continue this on annual basis and they are responsible

Rachael: What happens when James leaves with his clubs?

James: We can ask next year from clubs and socs

Donal: Why don't we see interest before giving even more money?

Naomi: Considering how much, £10 is a really good deal....

David proposing amendment: or £5 annual membership or....

Move to vote Naomi
Motion passes overwhelming

28/11. Motion passes.

Interlude: Ben Fell reads a poem. General taking piss out of James' questionable expenses and motions. Favourite quote: "My bulls**t doesn't cost money"

Motion Six: JCR Tea

This JCR Notes:

- The cups at JCR tea are "sheet"

This JCR Believes:

- Larger drinks receptacles would increase consumer satisfaction and reduce spillage

This JCR Resolves:

- To purchase 108 new Corpus Collage crested mugs for a total cost of £308.00

Proposed: Donal O'Hara
Seconded: James Pontifex

Naomi: Won't this be hard for those doing JCR tea?

Donal: I don't mind...

Charlotte: Will they still fit in the trays?

Donal: My lawyer told me to say yes. We'll use another tray from the room

Iona: Perhaps we'll refill less and still use same amount of tea

Katie: The hot water machine might not cope.

Matt: 108?

Jane: Welfare tea, Stanford, Freshers week

Preeti: Where does the figure of the cost come from?

Donal: We talked to Robert

Sam: Finger check? (Secretary notes: Nothing dodgy. Apparently)

Ed: How many we have now?

Donal: They fluctuate wildly...

James: Robert says we can use them for brunch

Emma: Will kitchen be OK with them?

James: Yes

Katie: Will they not get stolen? We love them.

Donal: I like to believe Corpus students are not scumbags

Donal: We should get more so at the end of 3 years we get a degree AND a mug. (Secretary notes: Donal is probably the best Irish person in the world)

Move to vote

Motion passes.

Motion Seven: Ipod and Jukebox

This JCR Notes:

- The beer cellar has an electronic jukebox
- Jukeboxes have limited taste/variety
- Jukeboxes cost money

This JCR Believes:

- an iPod dock or similar would provide greater music variety at lesser cost to JCR members

This JCR Resolves:

- To remove jukebox from beer cellar and install iPod dock (or similar)
- To investigate purchasing said equipment and installation costs (But no money is given now)

Proposed: Donal O'Hara

Seconded: Ben Coopman Donal O'Hara

Ed Brown: With an ipod?

James: No ipod, too risky

Donal: I'll donate ipod dock

Ces: Have you spoken to Rob? He didn't like to want me to before.

James: Well it's our jukebox. We'll check with him

David: Installation costs?

James: Will cover speakers etc

David: How will it be secured?

Naomi: Put it behind the bar

Fiona: Will there be someone's ipod every night? Who decides?

Naomi: Everyone is welcome to put them on whenever

Dom: Speakers for jukebox good, can't we keep speakers?

James: We'd have to pay for them

Ces: You can download more songs on the jukebox... why don't we try to use it better?

Donal: But it's also annoying paying every time

Naomi: How much will it be to remove?

James: Not sure

Ed: If we have old speakers, can't we use them?

Donal: Ipod dock generally better

Fiona: We're not contracted with jukebox? We're allowed to move it, yes?

Seb: All is conditional on bar letting us

Emma: Can't we have both if we have speakers?

James: No, it's against rules of jukebox

Naomi: 'Cover costs' is so vague? How much money? What on?

James: For the 'installation', in typical vague Pontifexyness

Fiona: We already have the dock...

Naomi: Maybe find things out before?

James: So lets vote to find out what people think.

Proposes amendment: To see getting rid of jukebox, but spending no money now.

Motion Eight: JCR Office

This JCR Notes:

- The JCR Office has recently been restored to immaculate condition

This JCR Believes:

- The JCR Office should be used as an office by JCR officers

This JCR Resolves:

- To award those responsible for the restoration a £250 bonus
- To purchase a very cheap laptop and secure it in the JCR office for the use of officers at a cost of £300.00

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

Donal: Everyone except James thinks this is stupid

Fiona: Why can't you use JCR computer?

Emma: Can't you use own laptop like everything else?

Move to vote.

Motion fails overwhelming.

Ben: Can we have post-vote amendment to mandate James to apologise to waste our time?
(Secretary: Agreed)

Motion Nine: JCR does investments

This JCR Notes:

- At the start of this term our standing balance reached £30,000.00

This JCR Believes:

- In tough financial climates, rewards are available to those willing to invest

This JCR Resolves:

- To mandate the JCR Treasurer to invest £500.00, £1000 in a Barclays Portfolio ethical managed portfolio
- Get treasurer to report back to JCR

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: George Skerrett

Iona: Is it safe?

Seb: No

Ed: What is typical return?

James: Not sure

Ed: They usually give you information, about higher or lower risk

James: They haven't said

Sam: Is it a managed portfolio?

James: No.

General titter about James investing for us

Jack: Is it just James or committee running it? Seems to be James

Nicole: Is there a system for incentives to ensure James acts in our interest?

Preeti: Why Barclays?

James: Recommended to me by "someone"... (Secretary notes: His vagueness scares me)

Ed: Do you have experience of shares, or ANY skill? (Secretary notes: Laughter)

David: In whose name will account be?

James: Corpus Christi

Emma: Why not premium bonds?

Matilda: No interest

Emma: exactly...

Dave: What's wrong with high interest?

James: Almost impossible for community accounts

Sam: Shouldn't you look before we vote?

James: This is only small amount...

Ben: You said JCR makes profit? If so, why need more? Is it for your golf?

James: More money means more money to do things

Katie: Won't it be difficult to budget when we don't know if we'll have the money?

Seb: We would add interest from previous year into following year budget

Emma: Would we have a say on whom we are investing in?

Nicole: If we're only having £500 then we cannot get sufficient diversity to manage risk

James proposes amendment: £1000

Alastair: Wants to make sure we do it ethical investing?

Preeti: We left RBS because they loaned to arms companies

Alastair proposes amendment: ethical company

Jack: Proposes Amendment: Get treasurer to report back to JCR

Ed: You don't have experience – none of us do

Fiona proposes amendment: Set up a managed portfolio

James proposes amendment: No more ethical again

Vote to move to vote: Passes: 25/15

Move to vote

Favour: 14

Opposition: 23
Absentions: 1
Motion fails

(Secretary Notes: After all that, it fails. FML)

Motion Ten: Tortoise Fair

This JCR Notes:

- The annual Tortoise Fair is coming up again, on Saturday the 15th of May
- The Tortoise Fair does not have a pre-allocated JCR budget
- The goal of the Fair is to raise money for charity

This JCR Believes:

- The Tortoise Fair is a characteristic and fun part of Corpus tradition
- The goal of the Fair is one that is to be supported

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant a budget of £200 for this year's Tortoise Fair to the Tortoise Keeper

Proposed: Jan Willem Scholten

Seconded: Ben Kehoe Jane Sancinito

Chris: How much we raise for charity?

Jan: I think about £700

Nicole: When?

Jan: Saturday of 3rd Week

Charlotte: What money for?

Jan: Food, publicising stuff. Remaining money to charity or JCR.

Matilda: Will JCR get money back?

Jan: Give to charity

Charlotte: Was the last year money a loan or gift?

Consensus probably gift

Motion passes.

Motion Eleven: A New Freshers Week Committee

This JCR Notes:

- Freshers Week is very important
- Freshers Week is what all new students dread/look forward to
- Freshers Week requires a lot of organisation/finance
- Freshers Week is currently generally left to ENTZ team
- Freshers Week committees exist in other colleges

This JCR Believes:

- Freshers Week should remain under the remit of the ENTZ team
- Freshers Week committees may be a good thing
- Freshers Week could do with a separate and more formalised budget

This JCR Resolves:

- To create a Freshers Week Committee (the ENTZ team)
- To mandate the ENTZ team to appoint a Freshers Week Committee President
- To approve the following standing orders for the Freshers Week Committee President

Proposed: Millie Ismail

Seconded: Dom McGovern

Motion cancelled.

Motion Twelve: Clubs and Socs Stuff

This JCR Notes:

- The Clubs and Societies Officer has been lax in carrying out his second standing order
- The Challenge could have been better organised
- The Challenge should continue to include a formal hall for around £6.00

This JCR Believes:

- The Challenge requires a lot of organisation and the Clubs & Socs Officer's responsibility for organising extras such as t-shirts, transport and formal should be formalised
- The college should contribute to an integral part of the JCR calendar including ridiculous Cambridge hall costs

This JCR Resolves:

- To mandate Clubs & Socs Officer to negotiate the creation of a sufficient bi-annual Challenge budget with the Clubs Treasurer (Jay Sexton) to cover extra costs of taking part in the Challenge in Cambridge.
- To change iii) to "to organise the Corpus Challenge every year; including t-shirts, formal hall and transport (when necessary)"
- To create iv) "to organise the annual Summer Sports Ground Party towards the end of Trinity Term in conjunction with the ENTZ team"
- To remind the Clubs & Socs Officer of his second standing order

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Ed Bradon

Naomi: Have you spoken to Clubs and Socs before doing this, which is actually quite mean?

If you want to remind him, talk to him

Rhys: I fucked up, but you're being a prick (to James)

Naomi: It's Seb responsibility, not this. It's mean to do over a JCR meeting, not personally.

James: The thing about 2nd standing order is kind of jokey

Naomi: You're just being bitchy

Rhys: How do the JCR notes affect JCR resolves?

Amendment: James removes the first two points of JCR notes, and the last three of resolves

James: I'm trying to make it better for next year

Rhys: James, shut up

James: Colleges are not putting enough money aside

Rhys: They are usually giving us money, but with the deficit this year, the Challenge came under fire. Nothing can be done about that.

Rhys: You're mandating me to do something that exists already

Dave: Can James and Rhys go and talk and come back another time? Can we withdraw the motion? There is no need for it now

Preeti: Is it biannual budget?

Rhys: Yes. Costs for when we go to Cambridge are different to when the challenge takes place here

David: I repeat my point

Move to vote.

In favour: 10

Opposition: 22

Abstention: 4

Motion fails

Motion Thirteen: Careers kill trees

This JCR Notes:

- The Careers Service pollute our JCR
- The Careers Service provide copies for EVERY member of the JCR when they send us publications

This JCR Believes:

- The Careers Officer should contact the Careers Service to request less copies of their circulars
- The Careers Officer should be responsible for recycling leftover Careers guides from the JCR at the end of each term

This JCR Resolves:

- To create standing order v) "to clear and/or recycle all Careers publications from the JCR at the end of each term"

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Alastair Marsh

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion Fourteen: Conference Guests and JCR

This JCR Notes:

- The JCR has to be emptied for conference guests at the end of each term
- The College make money from conferences

This JCR Believes:

- The JCR common room should be for JCR members
- The College's primary concern should be its students
- Conference guests would not mind a tidy JCR with posters (what do they expect of an Oxford JCR ?)
- There are many other rooms that conference guests could use as a common room
- Many prospective students visit the college over the vacation and are met by a dull, undecorated room

This JCR Resolves:

- To mandate the JCR president to communicate these views to the College authorities
- To mandate the JCR president to investigate a) purchasing the JCR and renting it back to College over the vacations or b) to request a small financial compensation from the College each time the Junior Common Room is required to vacate its Common Room
- To mandate the Returning Officer to add these views to the Policy Document

Proposed: Donal O'Hara

Seconded: James Pontifex

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion Fifteen: Conference Guests and Rooms

This JCR Notes:

- That many JCR rooms have to be emptied for conference guests at the end of each term
- Finalists are particularly vulnerable to these orders
- The College make a lot money from conferences
- The College depends on exam results to a large extent for its reputation

This JCR Believes:

- The College should be run in the interests of its students, not merely financial gain (there should be a recognition that while related these two factors are not incompatible or of equal merit)
- That finalists staying up for the Easter vacation deserve to stay in their own rooms if they are paying for vac res
- Conference guests could be accommodated in Magpie Lane, Kybald and New Building

This JCR Resolves:

- To mandate the JCR president to communicate these views to the College authorities
- To mandate the JCR president to investigate a) the possibility of finalists being allowed to stay in their rooms over the Easter vacation before their exams or b) to request a financial reimbursement be made to those finalists forced to vacate their rooms over this period in recognition of the disruption caused in moving and the financial gain achieved by the college in replacing their own JCR members with guests from outside the University.

- To mandate the Returning Officer to add these views to the Policy Document

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Ed Bradon

Motion Withdrawn

Motion Sixteen: Policy Document

This JCR Notes:

- Items on the policy document lapse after three years.
- Most parts of the policy document are now over three years old.

This JCR Believes:

- The JCR should have a valid, up-to-date policy document so that JCR Officers know where they stand on certain issues when representing the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

- To update and renew the policy document (see Appendix)

Proposed: Ed Bradon

Seconded: Jim Everett

Preeti: Has anything been changed?

Ed: Not really.

Preeti: We voted in Trinity of her 1st year

Preeti: We've talked about it before, and now things have just been taken out now

James: Most of those people have gone, and there are new people now

James: Proposes amendment for Sky tv

Preeti: Amendment to encourage having woman tutor in every interview

Move to vote: Motion passed.

Appendix: Policy Document

Last updated: 2nd May 2010

The policy document documents the JCR's affiliations to external organisations, as well as the JCR's stance on various issues.

This document should be accurate as of the above date. If a change to the policy document is passed, the change takes effect immediately, even if this document is not updated to reflect it.

Affiliations

This JCR is affiliated to OUSU

Policies

Fairtrade

- This JCR supports the Fairtrade system of certification (as propagated by the Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International) is worth supporting.
- Wherever reasonably possible, the JCR should purchase fairly traded products, rather than non-fairly traded alternatives. (02/05/2010)

Socially Responsible Investment

- The JCR supports OUSU's Socially Responsible Investment Campaign (SRI). It believes that the college should be open about its investment policy and portfolio. The JCR therefore calls for full transparency, and institutionalisation of rights to transparency in order to ensure accountability in the future. (02/05/2010)

Equal Opportunities

- This JCR is committed to equality for all students regardless of socio-economic status, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.
- This policy relates to JCR activity, as well as college's conduct towards its students and applicants. (02/05/2010)
- This JCR supports the idea of having a female tutor in every interview

Access

- This JCR commends the work that is being done by College to promote equal access to Corpus.
- This JCR is committed to helping College in its efforts to broaden access, and, where possible, to undertake its own independent access work. (02/05/2010)

Representation within college

This JCR believes that student input should be permitted and encouraged in all areas of college decision-making. This includes the beliefs that:

- Representatives of the JCR should be able to bring motions to Governing Body
- The JCR's representatives on Governing Body should have voting rights
- JCR representatives should not be excluded from any part of any Governing Body meeting, without extremely good and clearly defined reasons
- JCR officers representing the JCR in college meetings should be committed to protecting and promoting the interests of the student body at large.
- This JCR is committed to maintaining good relations with college and believes that a collaborative, co-operative approach is best when dealing with college authorities. (02/05/2010)

Sky

- To support OUSU trying to get college Sky access

Presidential Engagement

This JCR believes that the JCR President can, will and should get engaged during their term of office. (02/05/2010)