

JCR Meeting Sunday 4th Week TT10

Chair: Seb Baird (JCR President)

Secretary: Jim Everett (JCR Vice-President)

Meeting Start: 19.30

Number of People: 35

Pre Meeting Talk

Seb explains MCR have passed motion with effect of asking JCR motion writing people to be respectful to MCR

Kate MacArthur from the MCR interrupts Seb while he is speaking and says the MCR pay money for JCR, which most JCR members knew anyway. Seb is polite and listens to her, despite her interrupting what he was about to say. (*Secretary notes: We have a nice JCR President*).

Stuart Thomson comes in and explains case and says that if we are asking money from MCR, we should talk to them first. As ever, Mr MCR President is very nice and amenable and JCR seems to listen and take on board his comments.

Stuart's basic point is that JCR members should think through motion first, and if it needs college approval, talk to them. JCR members shouldn't just ask MCR for money as they already contribute and don't really take much back.

Jan Willem, the amazing Tortoise Keeper, thanks everyone from coming. He tells us we have raised £2329.63 (about!) and with costs taken about, we have around £1700 profit! General applause and happiness in belonging to such a glorious college.

Motion One: We all scream for Ice Cream

This JCR notes:

That ice creams are nice

That we have to walk a long way to the closest ice cream shop

This JCR believes:

The JCR has a lot of money to spend on the welfare of its members

That its members are honest

This JCR resolves:

To purchase a **cheap second hand freezer (<£75)** **A standard freezer** and a stock of ice creams (£100) to be stored in the JCR with a secured honesty box for 50p/item

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Jack Evans asks if dining hall sells ice cream in summer
- James Pontifex says no
- Ed McGovern – would the trust system work?
- James: If they didn't, wouldn't be a disaster – we wouldn't lose too much money
- Stuart Thomson says that our MCR doesn't have such a system, but in some colleges it works well for, some colleges doesn't. Colleges that work well say that they only lose between 5-10%.
- Katie Bayliss: Where will it be?
- James: In JCR, in corner by window
- David: Where can we get the ice cream for such a cheap price?
- James: Cash and carry type thing
- Charlotte: Can't we walk to Tims? (*Secretary notes: Where is this Tim's? Who is Tim?*)
- Donal: Not for 50p, we can't!
- Kate McArthur: Wouldn't it be noisy? (*Secretary notes: Getting a horrid flashback to last meeting where we decided we'd get a quiet BBQ*)
- General consensus that this wouldn't matter
- David: Talks about chocolate debacle (*Hint hint, James*) – are we actually honest enough?
- Donal blames 'outside forces'
- Alastair: Proposes amendment for an 'A standard freezer'? (*Secretary notes: What on earth is that?*)
- David: Points out that freezers cost £130 – see motion 6
- Kate MacArthur: What happens if they're not eaten?
- Everyone: Of course they'll be eaten
- Nicole does speech in opposition
- James does speech in proposition
- 17 in favour
- 17 in opposition
- Motion fails (Needs 2/3rds)

Motion Twelve: Asylum Seekers (Procedural Motion Moved Forward by Ruth Simister)

This JCR Notes:

Under British government policy Asylum seekers and some refugees are classed as international students and have to pay fees of up to £20,000 per year instead of the "home fee" rate of £3,225.

Asylum seekers cannot afford these fees or living costs because they are not allowed to apply for student loans, or gain access to most universities' bursary schemes.

Asylum Seekers are unable to apply for a bursary from Oxford University.

That OUSU council passed a motion last term to support a national campaign to develop a system of making fees more affordable for refugees and asylum seekers, co-ordinated by Student Action for Refugees

This JCR Believes:

That everyone has an equal opportunity to education.

That the current funding system, both nationally and within Oxford University, is punitive towards asylum seekers.

This JCR Resolves:

To pledge support to a campaign to compel Oxford University to:

- 1) Offer degrees at 'home rate' prices to Asylum Seekers (the university would subsidise degrees for Asylum Seekers, to make up for the gap in government funding, or another means such as a sponsorship system like Birmingham has developed could be introduced to take the burden from the university, or a college-based procedure)
- 2) To make the Oxford Bursary available to Asylum Seekers.
- 3) To pledge its support to the STAR and OUSU campaign for a change in government policy that will give Asylum Seekers and refugees equal rights to government funding.

Proposed: Ruth Simister

Seconded: Alastair Marsh

- No comment.
- Motion passed.

Motion Six: Freezers (Procedural Motion, Moved Forward)

This JCR Notes:

That most kitchens in Liddell are lacking freezers

That all kitchens in Liddell have plenty of room for a freezer

That the ability to freeze food is a good one.

That suitable freezers can be purchased from Argos for £130

This JCR Believes:

That being able to freeze food encourages people to cook interesting meals

That the JCR budget could easily accommodate the purchase of these freezers

It should be basic standard of Corpus accommodation to have freezers

This JCR Resolves:

To mandate Donal to speak to Colin Holmes about provision of A standard freezers, and if college will not support, JCR believes sensible to do so.

To purchase 9 Freezers at £130 each, corresponding to the number of flats in Liddell currently without a freezer corresponding to number of offsite accommodation without freezers in kitchens which can accommodate them.

That in the interest of fairness the JCR should purchase the freezer from staircase 2 for the price of £50

Proposed: David Lloyd

Seconded: James Gibson

- Francis: Are you living in Liddell?
- David: Yes
- James: How would freezers make a meal more interesting?
- David: You can cook larger portions and freeze it
- Daniel Stubbins: How many more have freezers?

- David: Yes, Lower Red House, Liddell Staircase 4 and 142 Walton Street
- Donal: Don't fridges have small freezer section?
- David: Yes, but can't fit much in there
- Stuart: 1) Have you asked college to get them? 2) Why not graduate flats?
- David: I will amend to add graduate flats. I have talked to Steven Bartlett but not Colin Holmes and propose amendment that will approach first and then after.
- James: Why just Liddell? Is it helping JCR?
- David: Well no, but people can always offer to store food in the freezer
- Gareth: What if the freezers malfunction?
- David: We'll have warrantee, and if we buy them we'll turn over to Lidell maintenance
- Charlotte: To be fair, shouldn't all out of college accomodation have freezers?
- David: Nope, that's fine. I put motion for Lidell because that's what affects me.
- Jack: Why not communal area?
- David: Communal area would get filled up very quickly, and with smaller people more responsibility to clean and look after it
- Alastair: Talks about the environmental implications. If could cook whole meal, would be environmentally friendly, but if not used much not very environmentally friendly. But fresh food is better for environment
- Mek: How big are the freezers?
- David: Standard size *insert gesture here*
- Ed: How many people live in each flat?
- David: 3, 4 and one 5 person flat
- Mek: Are there communal areas in Lidell?
- David: In Red House, but not really suitable for freezer, and none for flats. Also with communal case, no real accountability
- James: I don't see how you can justify if it's not benefiting all?
- David: Will be used over years, and so help a lot of people
- Nicole proposes amendment to make it for all college accommodation and taken as friendly
- Stuart: I think asking college is good, but if we are saying that we are buying them anyway, they are not going to pay for them. Also, when they break etc, college will say JCR will be happy to pay. It would be more sensible to make an amendment to take away the caveat we will buy anyway. If we are still committed, we can put through a new motion based on further research.
- Francis: Why not get microwaves too?
- David: Because you can use ovens
- Donal: I Think we should ask Colin Holmes, but to ask JCR for it is ridiculous. What people usually do is buy it for them and sell on to next residents.
- Donal proposes amendment to only ask Colin Holmes and not buy it if they say no.
- Stuart: Even if Colin wants to, Colin knows there is competition between attracting applicants to colleges and we should push colleges on it. It will need to change to stay competitive, and it's better for college to pay.
- Nicole: We just need to have done our research and he'll take us seriously.
- Kate: Why bother passing it if he'll say no?
- James: Just because he'll say no, doesn't mean we should pass motion to try.

- Alastair proposes amendment for 'A standard freezers.' Accepted as friendly.
- No opposition. Motion passes.

Motion Two: Rory's Balls

This JCR Notes:

That Touch Rugby was a great success

This JCR Believes:

The Touch Rugby co-ordinator should be refunded for the cost of Touch Rugby balls as they now belong to the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

To refund Rory's rugby balls (<£20).

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- No opposition or points for debates
- Motion passes.

Motion Three: Squash

This JCR Notes:

No racquets for squash courts

This JCR Believes:

Racquets essential part of squash

This JCR Resolves:

To purchase 2 squash racquets (<£150)

To buy one squash racquet for less than £35 pounds

- David: Can't we get from Porters?
- James: No, they're broken
- James proposes amendment buy one for less than £35
- Kate: Asks if it's even used?
- JCR: Of course it is. A few times every day on average.

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

Motion Four: Coffee

This JCR Notes:

Coffee Machine gone

This JCR Believes:

Coffee Machine was costing £2000pa

This JCR Resolves:

To purchase Coffee Machine alla SCR (<£500)

To mandate Donal to look after it.

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Ed McGovern: How does it work in SCR?
- Stuart: Well, you press a button
- Kate MacArthur: Doesn't the SCR have someone to look after it?
- James proposes amendment to get Donal to look after it
- Christina: Why did previous one get moved?
- James: Too much money
- Donal: It was moved *BADLY*
- Chris Davies: Would this be an annual cost?
- James: That's for machine and then there will be small cost for coffee
- Gareth: Who will pay for coffee?
- James: JCR, as we do for JCR tea
- Francis: What cups?
- Donal: We could buy paper cups to give it an authentic feel.
- Colin: Does it do hot chocolate?
- James: Yes
- Colin is now very happy.
- Nicole: Do you just press button?
- James: Yes
- David: Does it use beans?
- James: Yes.
- David: Have you asked scout to clean it?
- James: I will sort something out.
- Katie Bayliss: How robust?
- James: Very robust. It's even made of metal.
- Stuart: JCR has £30,000 on bank account, and we should spend it on something to make students life better. Everyone loves coffee, and so we should spend it to make JCR better place. Coffee machine may break after 6 months, but 6 months is still better than £500 in a bank account not doing anything. Even we don't use the money, we may not get it anymore. Coffee machine may not be perfect but it is worth it
- James: Adds to Stuart's point that colleges has reduced money already by £3000, we don't want to lose anymore.
- Gareth: Honesty box?
- JCR: No
- Kate: asks about the quality of machine?
- Stuart: It's good
- No opposition. Motion passes.

Motion Five: Charity Auction

This JCR Notes:

The charity auction was a very successful and enjoyable JCR event

This JCR Believes:

We should support charity as much as possible

This JCR Resolves:

To pay the £175 costs so that this does not take a significant bite out of the money raised

Proposed: Emma FR

Seconded: **Millie Ismail** Jessica Lewis

- Francis: How much was raised?
- Emma: £1500 if we can keep money
- Move to vote. No opposition. Motion passes.

Motion Seven: Corpus Symposium

This JCR Notes:

Corpus Christi does not really have a formal space for people to discuss intellectual matters openly

This JCR Believes:

That it would be a good addition to college life for an open forum for discussion to be created. Discussing a range of issues and expressing your opinions is an integral part of academic and cultural life

Many students feel that their voices are not heard and it would be empowering for people who feel this way to come

This would be called 'Corpus Symposium' and would be run by students for students with a view to generating open discussion on a huge range of issues

Issues would include

1. Philosophical issues; e.g. ethics, identity etc
2. Cultural issues: e.g. integration, multi-culturalism, racism
3. Social issues: e.g. sexism, homophobia
4. Political issues: e.g. anarchy, anti-capitalism, socialism

We will create a 'term card' so that people can decide which weeks (hopefully all!) they'd like to come to, and can read a bit and think about the issue is at hand

While these issues will come into contact with political issues, this will be an apolitical club with no allegiances or focus on any one political school of thought.

That improving confidence in public speaking and informal debating is something many people would like to practice, and Corpus Symposium would be a friendly and welcoming environment for this.

This JCR Resolves:

To fund the operation of a new club called 'Corpus Symposium'.

For this term this would be 75 pounds for food and drink to encourage participation and create a relaxing atmosphere so people are more willing to express themselves. This would equate to £15 per week.

Next term we will re-evaluate and consider instituting a membership scheme to help with the funding.

A complete run-down of all of expenses given

Proposed: Jahan Meeran

Seconded: Jim Everett

- Matt: What night?
- Jahan: Thursday probably
- Kate: Where?
- Jahan: Waiting to hear back from Colin. Probably Seminar or Fraenkel Room
- Alastair: When?
- Jim: Thursday probably.
- Mek: How will it work? And Pub Quiz is Thursday?
- Jim: We can discuss date after.
- Jahan: Explains format. Open discussion. We are willing to be flexible and cater to group that night.
- No opposition. Motion passes.

Motion Eight: Arts

This JCR Notes:

The current JCR art collection is small and undistinguished;

The JCR has not commissioned or bought any art in the recent past;

The current financial situation of the JCR is an opportunity for expenditure on the art collection

This JCR Believes:

It should demonstrate a commitment to the fine arts;

Young artists, particularly those connected to Corpus, should be encouraged and supported by the JCR;

The addition of an artwork by Charlotte Hall would be a beneficial addition to the art collection

This JCR Resolves:

To commission a large painting of some part of the College from Charlotte Hall for the JCR art collection;

To mandate the Arts Officer to spend up to five hundred pounds of JCR funds on said commission

To pay up to £150 for framing

Proposed: Stuart Thomson

Seconded: Maria Ledeneva Alastair Marsh

- James: Where can we display?
- Stuart: Once we own, we are flexible on where we choose to display it
- Matt: Who is Charlotte Hall?
- Stuart: 4th Year Biochemist. Sings in choir. She produces watercolours for choir things. In 2008 front cover of Pelican record and several pictures in the Pelican. Corpus have commissioned her for art, e.g. for a Medic tutor. She is hoping to become professional artist.
- Francis: Would this come from the art budget?
- Stuart: General budget, but ultimately it doesn't matter which one.
- James: Thinks should come from general budget. Does that price include framing?
- Stuart: Amendment to include £150 for frame
- Donal: Will this become a regular thing?
- Stuart: Depends on the JCR response really. The current collection is pretty poor. It's common in other colleges for distinguished art collections. We will put it in a communal room.
- Francis: So it will be a public place?
- Stuart: Yes
- Nicole: Where did £500 figure come from?
- Stuart: £500 is general commission fee. We can afford it, and we don't need to pay less – paying will be benefit for us, and for her to help on her career. It's actually rather cheap for an art commission.
- David: Where will it be put?
- JCR: Doesn't matter. Just somewhere.
- Stuart: It can be moved wherever we want.
- Francis: Who is Arts Officer?
- Seb: Laura Jackson
- Kate: Shouldn't we have a say of what it is?
- JCR: No we shouldn't. Charlotte can pick – it will better that way.
- Stuart waxes lyrical. And very well indeed, it seems.
- David: £500 a lot for something not much use?
- JCR: That is art... (*Secretary Notes: What IS art? My aesthetics essay just won't escape me, even in JCR meetings. Facepalm*).
- Passes Overwhelming.

Motion Nine: Titus Andronicus

This JCR Notes:

That Corpus's drama company, the Owlets, hasn't put a play on in ages

That our new £3 million auditorium has been open for almost an entire academic year, and no-one has put a play on there yet.

That the Owlets are putting on Titus Andronicus in Corpus Auditorium in 7th week

That four of the actors, including the producer, are Corpuscles.

This JCR Believes:

Plays are fun

Incredibly gory Shakespearean plays are even more fun.

We should support drama in Corpus

This JCR Resolves:

To give the Owlets a **pro-rata** £400 loan.

To go and watch the play

Proposed: Matt Ryder

Seconded: Nakul Krishna

- Kate: What kind of loan?
 - Matt: Standard?
 - James: Pro-rata loan, then.
 - Matt: We should make profit, and can use money to kickstart for next etc
 - Matt proposes amendment to make it pro-rata.
 - David: Will any other colleges gave money?
 - Matt: Exeter has already
 - David: Any other colleges taking part?
 - Matt: Yes, but it's happening here and so a big focus will be on Corpus
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- Motion passes.

Motion Ten: E+E Budget

This JCR Notes:

The Environment & Ethics are very important for us all.

It is important to promote sustainable living, and provide resources to make sustainable living as convenient and easy as possible for Corpus students

This JCR Believes:

Some things cost money

It's annoying to make regular motions requesting v.small amounts of money Corpus

This JCR Resolves:

To make a yearly E&E budget of **£75** **£100**

Proposed: Alastair Marsh

Seconded: Jim Everett

- Francis: What will you spend money on?
 - Alastair: Well at moment I make everything myself so not a high cost, but with a small budget it would be better.
 - Francis: What will money be for?
 - Alastair: Food for meetings and events, resources.
 - Ed McGovern proposes amendment to increase to £100. Accepted as friendly.
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- No opposition to motion. Motion passes.

Motion Eleven: Laundry

This JCR Notes:

That the washing machines and dryers in used in Liddell are at best useless

That the over complicated card reader has broken twice in the last week

That over on the Christ Church side they have much nicer, and cheaper machines, some of the proceeds of which go back to the college

This JCR Believes:

That we are better than Christ Church and as such should have better laundry facilities to reflect this.

That the company used by Christ Church are called "Circuit" and that since they were installed they have not had any instances of them not working

That under their laundry regime the driers can cost as little as 20 pence per cycle

This JCR Resolves:

To mandate the Domestic Affairs Officer to talk with the domestic bursar and persuade him of Corpus' desire for a new, brighter and (bold-er) era of laundry in the college

To request a change of supplier of our laundry equipment

To purchase a novelty Apron for Donal O'Hara and allow him the first wash in the shiny machines

Proposed: David Lloyd

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Donal: Who lives in Lidell. Is it a real issue?
- Everyone from Lidell: YES
- Gareth: Will this just for Lidell?
- Jane: If it's same company for both, we might change both.
- Donal: I have a special relationship with Colin. *(Secretary Notes: I'm not sure the context of this right now, but it sounds funny, so in the minutes it shall remain).*
- No opposition. Motion passes.

Motion Thirteen: Tom Barker**This JCR Notes:**

Sunday 8th week MT09, JCR resolved to, "petition the governing body to make Tom Barker a fellow of the college".

This JCR Believes:

Action must be taken to ensure that Mr. Barker does indeed become a fellow of the college, preferably before the end of Trinity Term 2010

This JCR Resolves:

To mandate JCR president to write to SCR with appropriate proposition.

To add following to policy document

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Francis: Do you enjoy wasting our time?
 - Jack: Can we talk about Tom Barker's legacy?
 - Charlotte: No (*Secretary Notes: Could literally hug her*)
 - Stuart: These minutes are read by college – we should take things seriously in these meetings. It's a waste of time and diminution of our credibility.
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- Move to vote. No-one in favour.
 - Motion fails overwhelming.

Motion Fourteen: TV Booking System

This JCR notes:

The TV room currently operates a system whereby anyone can go and sign out at any time, if it is free

This makes it difficult to organise film / TV viewing events, as there is always the possibility that it will not be free

We have recently got sky, increasing both demand and variety of shows

This JCR believes:

Operating a booking system would make things vastly easier, and mean that everyone can know that once they have booked their slot, they will be able to watch their programme
That being able to book slots would ensure lots of happy times for all Corpuscles, such as assured sports viewing, film nights and Dr Who time.

This JCR resolves:

To operate a slot booking system, similar to the Punt Scheme

Each slot will last one hour, and JCR members can book up to 3 slots in one go

JCR members can only book up to 3 slots at any one time

If the slot is booked for a certain time and no-one has arrived for 30 minutes, the room will be free to anyone who wants it

Anyone found abusing the system (i.e. getting a group of people to book it for them every night in a week) will lose their TV room rights for 2 weeks.

Any complaints (i.e. on perceived abuse of system) will be directed to either the President, Vice-President or Cinema Curator who will talk to those involved

This will be on a trial system for 4 weeks to give it appropriate testing time, where it will be reviewed at the JCR Meeting of Sunday 8th Week.

Proposed: Jim Everett

Seconded: Alastair Marsh Gareth Langley

- David: Is sky working now?
- James: Yes
- Mek: Could we not record on it?
- Colin: Limits to what we can record at one time
- Donal: Are there clashes?
- Gareth: Yes
- Chris, James and the rest of testosterone crowd: But if there are more people surely they should be able to watch it
- Jim: Minorities have rights too.

Move to vote:
Favour: 14
Opposition: 10

Motion passes.

Motion Fifteen: 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 if possible all Careers publications from the JCR at the end of each term"

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Alastair Marsh Gareth Langley

- Ed McGovern proposes amendment to 'if possible'. Accepted as friendly.

Motion Sixteen: 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 Donal O'Hara

- Gareth: What rooms are used?
- Seb: It is understood all rooms in college grounds used.
- David: Proposes amendment to strike part b of JCR Resolves. Not taken as friendly.

- Gareth: College should provide help when moving
- Jane: I've tried to get College to help and very hostile

- Vote on amendment
- 17 in Favour
- 2 in opposition
- Amendment passes.

- Kate: It's understood when you get a Quad room that you won't have it for term. You should be aware that you'll have to move, and otherwise live somewhere else where you know you won't have to move out.

- Move to vote.
- 16 in favour
- 6 in opposition.
- Motion passes.

JCR Meeting Over. Huge sigh of relief at 21.15