

JCR Meeting, Saturday 5th Week

Chair: Seb Baird (JCR President)

Secretary: Jim Everett (JCR Vice President)

Meeting Start 16.05

Summary of Actions:

- *To make a pro-rata loan of £800 to OADC, with a guaranteed minimum return of £650.*
- *To change the name from "JCR Arts, Clubs and Societies Levy" to "JCR Levy"*
- *To get a cat if it is practical and permitted*

Motion One

This JCR notes:

- This year a group of Oxford students is reviving the Edinburgh residency, whereby a theatre is hired at the Edinburgh Fringe for the use of Oxford thespians who would not otherwise be able to afford to perform at this world-renowned event.
- The organisation doing this good work is called Oxford Amateur Dramatic Company, the project is called The Bookstacks and will be based in the Royal Surgeons' Hall in central Edinburgh for the month of August.
- There are currently 12 plays signed up, which is a lot for one university (the Tabs last year managed a pitiful three)
- OADC is cooperating with the University Dev Office in the hope that we can show the many prospective students in Edinburgh that our drama scene isn't at all elitist and indeed is vastly more exciting and inclusive than any other comparable university's - which it is.
- That theatre is an expensive, though potentially profitable, business.
- That the team now running OADC made over £400 for the JCR in it's previous incarnations as Revered Productions and Ba-Laylah Productions.

This JCR believes:

- That this venture should be supported.

This JCR resolves:

- To make a pro-rata loan of £800 to OADC, with a guaranteed minimum return of £650.
- To audition for, offer moral support to and even go to see the various plays, musicals and sketch shows when the time comes.

Proposed James Marsden

Seconded Grace Weaver

- No debates, no questions
- Motion passes. Looks like a good start to a nice quick meeting.

Motion Two

This JCR Notes:

- There was a problem with the increase of the Charities levy
The Arts officer has not asked for any significant money from the Arts account for a long time.
- Arts account is mainly used for production loans.

This JCR Believes:

- That the title "Arts, Clubs and Societies" is a cumbersome one
- That the standing Arts account balance of £6,000 would be sufficient for all our Arts needs
- Any interest on pro-rata loans could be used for the minimal expenditure on internal Arts project
- Arty people can always come along and ask for general JCR funds
- Less people are art-y than JCR-y

This JCR Resolves:

- To change the name from "JCR Arts, Clubs and Societies Levy" to "JCR Levy"

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Jacks asks who arts officer is – Laura Jackson
- Gareth asks if asked have actually asked Laura about the proposed change – no, we haven't
- David Lloyd thinks we are members of JCR because we pay? But it seems we are not members because we pay.
- David thinks we need to have approval of Laura
- James says that JCR stuff include arts. We could just use it for "stuff" undisclosed
- David asks why – James said would be easier for further year. James says that we have build up of arts that not being used. We don't need everyone giving to Arts – not being used
- Nicole Taylor points out I'm silly and named motion wrong. Jim concedes he is a prat.
- David asks why we can't just scrap JCR levy? If we don't need it for Arts, scrap it
- James points out that it will mean JCR can be more ambitious and do more stuff – everyone has been paying money and getting nothing back, whereas as a JCR levy we will get stuff back from it
- David asks if we can drop out of JCR levy? James said yes, and we could try kick them out of JCR. Seems reasonable.
- Motion passes

Motion Three

This JCR Notes:

- Other colleges have cats

This JCR Believes:

- Cats are good
- Corpus likes alliteration,
- Cats were traditionally kept in medieval libraries to kill mice (a problem we suffer daily) and were a symbol of liberty in Ancient Rome and worshipped in Egypt and Atlantis.

This JCR Resolves:

- To get a cat if it is practical and permitted

- To mandate the Treasurer to organise a naming competition for the cat.

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: John Beresford

- Jim asks if Atlantis is real. It must be – there is a picture on wikipedia.
- James suggests we can create a new position like tortoise keeper. We need the cat to be looked after
- Gareth asks if we have checked with college. James says “um” – points out that before we ask, we need JCR support
- Jack asks if we can have a cat committee, and James says we can have a variety of positions – fun for all!
- Illusha asks if people have allergies? James says they would simply stay away from cat. And we will get a cat good for allergy.
- Jim asks where cat from – rescue centre.
- We need a male one, and questions the relative benefits of a female pussycat compared to a male pussycat
- James suggests that we will make a cat flap, maybe in greenhouse?
- Would JCR pay for bills? Yes.
- Jack asks when it has to die, who will decide. Mek points out surely the cat committee will! Duh!
- Jack has a testimonial from Mansfield is cute! Ergo we should get one.
- But surely most cats in other colleges are owned by people, not the JCR?
- Jim wants a kitty bank. No one agrees. Jim feels sad.
- James says if it passes, we will have work out logistics – this is supported.
- Friendly amendment by David Lloyd: “To get a cat IF ITS PRACTICAL AND PERMITTED”
- Nicole debates what “workable?” is?
- David points out that we just need to know that it will be a safe cat
- CAT WELFARE IS IMPORTANT
- Jack asks how cat feels about change? It seems cats are ok with change. Apparently, although as no such cat was asked, this conclusion is open to debate
- Jim asks if he can bring his cat. No.
- Gareth asks what if cat comes in to the houses etc? We point out that surely we just don’t let it in.
- Why would Gareth put a cat in a kitchen? This VP is confused. As ever.
- In favour: 16
- In opposition: 7
- Abstentions: 5
- Motion passes!