

# JCR Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> week, HT '11

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**Chair: Jack Evans (President)**

**Secretary: Sophie Cass (Vice President)**

**JCR members present (excluding Chair and Secretary): 25**

**Wednesday 9th March 2011**

**Meeting opens at 7.43pm**

## Preliminary Business

### **Present:**

President, Jack Evans;

Vice President, Sophie Cass;

Treasurer, Alex Franklin;

Academic affairs officer, Megan McCullagh

Female welfare, Juliet Zani;

Male welfare, Mike Hardy;

**Minutes from JCR meeting in 6<sup>th</sup> week, Hilary term 2011, signed off without opposition**

## Officers' Reports

### **President, Jack Evans**

- President's report on the table

### **Treasurer, Alex Franklin**

- Punts have been booked from 0<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> week next term [*Secretary notes: yay!*]

- Colette Weston asks – why not 9<sup>th</sup> week? That's when people finish exams.
- Alex – more expensive

## Summary of actions

1. To support the UCU and academic staff during this dispute. Such support may see the JCR supporting a boycott of exam marking or 'mark and park' (NUS supported such action during a pay dispute in 2006).
2. To relay these views in the appropriate fora when the dispute is discussed, e.g. OUSU and Governing Body
3. To form an organised crime investigation unit comprising the Academic Affairs Officer and the Careers Officer to track down the domestic culprit
4. To mandate the E&E officer to send the barbershop quartet to serenade Joanna Snelling by way of apology
5. To mandate the JCR President to publicly condemn Donal O'Hara, regardless of guilt
6. To give the Corpus Spectrum Rep £20 to buy food and drink for after the film on Sunday

## Motions

### **1. Disputes stuff**

#### This JCR Notes:

- UCU members of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) pension scheme at 67 universities, of which one is Oxford, were balloted for strike action and action short of a strike. Taken overall, two-thirds (64.55%) of UCU members who voted, voted for strike action and over four-fifths (82.19%) voted for action short of a strike. The first period of industrial action will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, with each participant withholding two days labour over a two week period, with potential for more industrial action.
- That Oxford academics, when polled, were in favour of the changes proposed by the UCU, rather than those presented (and subsequently forced through) see [http://www.ox.ac.uk/subsite/uss\\_consultative\\_ballot/uss\\_consultative\\_ballot/](http://www.ox.ac.uk/subsite/uss_consultative_ballot/uss_consultative_ballot/) for details.
- That current and future JCR members who move into academia will be directly affected by these changes
- That the UCU and NUS have worked side by side in the recent past and have campaigned on each others behalf
- That this JCR is affiliated to NUS
- When asked about this, current NUS president Aaron Porter said that the NUS' stance would be based on the views of groups such as OUSU

#### This JCR Believes:

- That although the proposed action is taking place in the vacation, that the JCR should have a stance should the dispute carry over through to Trinity Term
- That the academic staff should be supported in this industrial dispute
- That the vast majority of academic staff do not want to take industrial action because it may hamper the progress of their students

- That JCR members should get the best pension deal possible when moving into the workplace

This JCR Resolves:

7. To support the UCU and academic staff during this dispute. Such support may see the JCR supporting a boycott of exam marking or 'mark and park' (NUS supported such action during a pay dispute in 2006).
8. To relay these views in the appropriate fora when the dispute is discussed, e.g. OUSU and Governing Body

**Proposed: Gareth Langley**

**Seconded: ~~Jacob Diggle~~ Mike Hardy**

- [Short factual questions](#)
- Colette – wise to support boycott of exam markings, which might affect third years who need the markings to move into workplace ?
- Taff – academic staff will probably let you know your result beforehand; mark boycott very, very last resort
- Colette – understand why they're doing it, but why should we support it?
- Taff- unhappy staff, bad for JCR
- Colette - how did they support us in fees stuff?
- Taff – posters, organising, right along side the whole way
- [Points of Debate](#)
- None
- [Speech in proposition](#)
- Gareth - should support the lecturers; two Oxford lecturers on Newnights the other night speaking out against fees, helped NUS massively
- [Speech in opposition](#)
- Colette – this is bad for the jcr

MOVE TO VOTE

In favour: 14  
In opposition: 6  
Abstentions: 3

**Motion passes**

## 2. The mysterious incident in the library...

This JCR notes:

- The library is a place of work, where students further their careers
- Alcohol results in Merton St incidents and loss of transport
- The Domestic Officer's role is highly prestigious and is primarily concerned with consumption of edible substances and the whereabouts of this consumption
- Donal O'Hara enjoys holding officers to account
- There is photographic evidence of Donal O'Hara in the library
- Former VP and RO, Ed Bradon, witnessed a vodka and coke party in the library
- Several abused bicycles were found beneath the library window

This JCR believes:

- However important a JCR member, vodka and coke parties in the library are unacceptable.
- Vodka attracts rats to the library.
- Only 3 freshers attended this party. This is frankly disappointing. Humiliating. To put this in context, this is the first time this has happened in the remembered history of Corpus.
- Vodka and coke parties in the library damage library resources and students' careers

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**Proposed: Eddie Lundy (Careers Officer)**

**Seconded: Megan McCullagh ([ex Libraries and] Academic Affairs Officer)**

- [Short factual questions:](#)
- None
- [Points of debate:](#)
- None
- [Speech in opposition:](#)
- Donal O'Hara - wasn't drinking vodka and coke in library. Need I say more.
- [Speech in proposition:](#)
- Megan McCullagh - Ed in library, witnessed in, photographic evidence, Donal tried to sabotage attempt to let JCR pRes know this was happening

MOVE TO VOTE

In favour: Overwhelming

In opposition: 3

Abstentions: 3

## **Motion passes**

**JCR PRESIDENT, JACK EVANS, PUBLICLY CENSURES DONAL O'HARA IN FRONT OF THE JCR MEMBERS ASSEMBLED**

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### **3. Spectrum repayments**

#### This JCR notes:

- Corpus Spectrum is hosting a film for Trans Awareness Week.
- Corpus Spectrum does not have a budget of its own.

#### This JCR believes:

- Films are nice. Films with food are quite wonderful.
- Last year Corpus hosted a film for Queer History Month. Lots of people came from in and out of college.

#### This JCR resolves:

- To give the Corpus Spectrum Rep £20 to buy food and drink for after the film on Sunday

- [Short factual questions](#)
- None
- [Points for debate](#)
- Gareth – proposes an amendment: “to set up Spectrum budget”;
  - Franklin points out that this is in the works, and will be included in the JCR Trinity budget;
  - Gareth withdraws amendment

In favour: overwhelming

## **Motion passes**

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**MEETING ENDS 20.03**

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