

# 2<sup>nd</sup> week TT JCR Meeting:

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**Chair: Jack Evans (President)**

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

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

**Sunday 8th May 2011**

**Meeting opens at 7.34pm**

## Preliminary Business

### **Present:**

President, Jack Evans;  
Vice President, Sophie Cass;  
Treasurer, Alex Franklin;  
Academic affairs officer, Megan McCullagh  
Access and Admissions officer – Mes Mesfin  
Clubs and societies officer, Joe Mohan;  
Domestic officer, Donal O'Hara;  
Environment and Ethics officer, Imogen Jones;  
Equal Opportunities officer, Olivia Chinwokwu;  
Female welfare, Juliet Zani;  
Male welfare, Mike Hardy;

**Minutes from JCR meeting in 8<sup>th</sup> week, Hilary term 2011, signed off without opposition**

## Officers' Reports

### **Academic Affairs officer, Megan McCullagh**

- Attended Academic Committee where we decided to introduce the new role of subject ambassador to replace that of subject rep.
- Advertised the position of subject ambassador to the JCR and compiled a list of nominations to be sent to the Senior Tutor and individual subject tutors. Really big thank-you to everyone who put themselves forward - the response was phenomenal!
- Continued working on the introduction of JCR-led Academic Feedback Sessions (AFS) with Jack.

- Organised meeting between Senior Tutor and current subject reps and potential subject ambassadors about AFS.

- Helped to organise a study skills session for finalists with Jules and Mike.

**Access and Affairs officer, Mek Mesfin**

*Nothing to report*

**Accommodation Officer, Alix Harmer**

*Nothing to report*

**Clubs and Societies Officer, Joe Mohan**

*Nothing to report*

**Environment and Ethics Officer, Imogen Jones**

- Investigated a bio-diversity in the garden stall aimed at children for the tortoise fair possibly with real woodlice and snails and that.
- The woodlice have been met with ambivalence at best.

**Equal Opps Officer, Oliva Chinwokwu**

*Nothing to report*

**Entz President, Kamillah Ismail**

- Organised dead famous bop
- Will be investigating new speaker to replace the one that blew

**Vice President, Sophie Cass**

- Organised wedding celebrations of the tortoise and Royal varieties
- Started collecting articles from committee members for the alternative prospectus

**Welfare Officers, Juliet Zani and Mike Hardy**

*Nothing to report.*

**President, Jack Evans**

- Rent is too damn high campaign – potentially run in Corpus
  - Probably going to be Van Noorden, but looking for freeze as fees have been frozen
- Launch of subject ambassadors – sign up

## Questions to Officers

Gareth Langley – is the Entz rep around? Bar man on Thurs says the college might shut it down

Jack Evans – they're not going to

Greg Yates – technically I'm a member of the Entz team. We've got something in the pipe line involving Corpus cinema; found a popcorn machine and what we think is a hotdog machine in the cellar.

## Summary of actions

- To approve the budget for TT 2011
- To give Maisie Lawrence up to and including £12.00 to replace her own flag.
- To give D. O'Hara up to and including £12.00 to buy one for the JCR, to be bought before the next JCR meeting.
- To give Maisie Lawrence up to and including £12.00 to replace her own flag.
- To ~~give D. O'Hara~~ **mandate D. O'Hara to spend** up to and including £12.00 to buy one for the JCR, to be bought before the next JCR meeting.
- **That the funds for the flags come out of the new Entz budget**
- To grant Mike and Juliet the £200 they didn't spend last term to go towards putting together another Corpus Cares week featuring things like films, picnics, workshops, puppies etc...
- To stroke the puppies [maybe]
- To mandate the JCR President to communicate these views to the College President and write an open letter including all grievances listed above and mentioned in the meeting.
- This letter is primarily concerned with this year's Challenge but it would also seem prescient to point out a number of other inconveniences that Corpus sport has suffered over the past year, such as the fact that this season the football team has been unable to play a significant number of fixtures due to Univ's use of the pitches. No instance is known of Univ ever being denied access due to Corpus playing.
- The Men's Football 2nd Team in particular have only been able to play one game in sixteen weeks at the usual kick-off time of Sunday lunchtime. We were assured that a groundshare would not inconvenience us, it has.
- It would also enquire as to the prospect of hard courts being installed at the Univ/Corpus complex. The grass courts there last summer were, frankly, embarrassing with daisies dotting a severely uneven surface.
- To encourage current students to propose to one another this term and become engaged.
- To mandate the Access and Admissions Officer, to assign each college marriage two (or more) fresher children to complete their family over the summer .

- **To assign Stanford exchange students adoptive families for the duration of their stay**
- That any students who remain 'single' at the end of term but who still wish to be parents can give their names to the Access and Admissions Officer, who will arrange marriages for them.
- To continue the new college family system next year if it proves to be a success.

## Motions

Jeremy Lloyd proposes a procedural motion that the fifth motion be put now. Motion refused, on advice of Secretary on grounds of constitutional provisions stating that money motions must be heard first. Meeting continues according to agenda.

The Secretary erred in this advice, and wishes to apologise wholeheartedly to those concerned. The Secretary notes that it is her responsibility to have detailed knowledge of the JCR Constitution, and that such a mistake is inexcusable. The Secretary begs the forgiveness of the JCR.

### **Motion 1: The Budget**

#### This JCR Resolves:

- To approve the budget for TT 2011

#### **OUT**

CHARITIES	£3,000.00
ICE CREAM	£500.00
ISO	£100.00
NEWSPAPERS	£750.00
COFFEE/TEA	£500.00
TV	£300.00
MALE	£250.00
FEMALE	£250.00
ENTZ	£200.00
ARTS	£150.00
CLUBS+SOCS	£150.00

MEETINGS	<del>£100.00</del> £150.00
WELFARE	£50.00
SPECTRUM	£50.00
COMMITTEE	£20.00
COMPUTING	£20.00
OUSU/ECO	£10.00

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-       **£6,400.00**

### **In**

GRANT	£3133.33	[Reduced by £200 following fines from Corpus Challenge]
CHARITIES LEVY	£3000.00	
JCR LEVY	£1500.00	
REBATES	£266.67	

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+       **£7,900.00**

**Proposed: Alex Franklin (Treasurer)**

- [Short factual questions](#)
- Olivia Chinwokwu – when it says committee, what does it mean?
- Alex Franklin – stapler, folders etc
- Eddie Lundy – bigger pizza budget?
- Alex – yes
- **Amendment proposed: to increase pizza budget by £50**
  - Proposed: Eddie Lundy
  - Seconded: Donal O'Hara
  - [Accepted as friendly](#)
- Donal – we might be needing a new coffee machine....
- Alex – managed to get receipt and date bought for the broken one, so hopefully will be able to get it replaced for free. If not, will do a motion
- Gareth – fines for Corpus challenge?
- Franklin – broken pot, vomit. College took money out of grant

- [Points of Debate](#)

*None*

MOVE TO VOTE

For: overwhelming

**Motion passes**

## **Motion 2: Spectrum flags**

This JCR Notes:

- Maisie was kind enough to donate her spectrum flag to the end of term bop.
- This flag was reported to be M.I.A.

This JCR Believes:

- That this flag should be replaced.
- That Bops are fun
- That it would be pretty darn good if the JCR had its own Spectrum flag.

This JCR Resolves:

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- To ~~give D. O'Hara~~ **mandate D. O'Hara to spend** up to and including £12.00 to buy one for the JCR, to be bought before the next JCR meeting.
- **That the funds for the flags come out of the new Entz budget**

**Proposed: E. Lundy**

**Seconded: D. O'Hara**

- [Short factual questions](#)
- Matilda – just to check; we're buying two flags?  
Eddie – yes
- **Amendment proposed: that the money be taken from the new Entz budget**
  - Proposed: Alex Franklin
  - Seconded: Mike Hardy
  - Accepted as friendly
- Eddie – amendment, change to £6; doesn't need one, can just spend less.
- Greg – amendment to move flag to JCR? Don't need one, can just do it

- [Points of Debate](#)

MOVE TO VOTE

For: overwhelming

**Motion passes**

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### **Motion 3: Corpus Cares Week**

This JCR Notes:

- That Mike and Juliet spent £199.10 under their collective welfare budget last term

This JCR Believes:

- That Corpus Cares [uncontrolled spending aside] was one of the highlights of the Jack and Nicole [Jacole?] era.
- That Corpus needs all the care it can get with finals and prelims over the horizon.
- That films, picnics in the garden, workshops and puppies [maybe] would keep us all cheery

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant Mike and Juliet the £200 they didn't spend last term to go towards putting together another Corpus Cares week featuring things like films, picnics, workshops, puppies etc...
- To stroke the puppies [maybe]

**Proposed: Michael Hardy**

**Seconded: Alex Franklin**

- [Short factual questions](#)
- Gareth – what was last budget?
- Franklin – no one knows...

[General laughter]

- Franklin – Was supposed to come out of welfare budget, but didn't. Don't know where the money came from.
- [Points of Debate](#)

*None*

MOVE TO VOTE

For: overwhelming

**Motion passes**

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**Procedural motion proposed that the fifth motion be put now - accepted**

## **Motion 5 4: Sportsground**

This JCR Notes:

- This year, for the first time, we were unable to host Corpus Cambridge at our own sportground. We were not even able to host them at our shared sportground.
- Instead, with no assistance from College, the JCR Clubs and Socs Officer was forced to search high and wide for suitably convenient grounds at which to hold the Rugby, Football, Netball, Lacrosse and Tennis matches (all of which would previously have been held at Corpus's own ground.
- As such the day was a disjointed occasion with Rugby at Brasenose, Football at Pembroke, Badminton at Wadham, and Netball, Hockey and Lacrosse at Queens. Squash was the only sport held at Corpus.
- This contributed to the lowest home attendance in living memory with Oxford supporters heavily outnumbered by their Cambridge counterparts despite supposedly holding 'home' advantage.
- This trend continued in the evening as we were only able to fill one out of six tables at Formal prompting a passionate email for our ashamed and humiliated JCR President.

This JCR Believes:

- That in future the College should not only cover the costs of alternative venues but also endeavour to make the necessary arrangements.
- There is a consensus amongst students that a regular date for the Challenge would help with the logistical side of things and Saturday of 7th week seems the most popular option.
- A promise to cover the cost of coaches to Cambridge every other year would also be a welcome weight off the shoulders of the incumbent Clubs & Socs Officer.



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- The Men's Football 2nd Team in particular have only been able to play one game in sixteen weeks at the usual kick-off time of Sunday lunchtime. We were assured that a groundshare would not inconvenience us, it has.
- It would also enquire as to the prospect of hard courts being installed at the Univ/Corpus complex. The grass courts there last summer were, frankly, embarrassing with daisies dotting a severely uneven surface.

**Proposed: James Pontifex**

**Seconded: Joe Mohan**

- [Short factual questions](#)
- Franklin – have we checked with rowers so we don't clash with Torpids?
- Joe M – can I amend it in a bit? Should be clubs and socs responsibility to liaise with rowers to make sure it doesn't clash. Need to arrange fixed date with Cambridge as well. Ideal date would have been two weekends before, but choir already had Hall
- Matila: shall I tell you when choir formal is?
- Joe – yes
- [Points of Debate](#)
- Gareth – not just men's second, but everyone who uses ground can't use it properly, supposed to be Corpus/Univ
- Jack Evans – basically that's in the motion
- Taff – that definitely has to be in motion
- [General room] – it's already there

MOVE TO VOTE

For: overwhelming

**Motion passes**

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*[Some people leave room. Secretary starts trying to count those remaining – told by room that general feeling is still quorate...dodgy...Ellen counts and confirms we're okay.]*

## **Motion 4-5: ~~College families~~ The 'No Child Left Behind' Act**

### This JCR Notes:

- Corpus currently assigns each 'parent' two unrelated fresher children, and each fresher two unrelated parents
- Corpus is one of the only colleges not to use a college family system

### This JCR Believes:

- It is important to welcome the freshers and look after them properly
- Adopting a system whereby two (or occasionally more) parents are 'married' and look after two (or occasionally more) fresher children jointly would make the transition to Corpus easier for freshers
- A joint parenting family unit is more likely to ensure that no fresher children get neglected
- There is scope for amusing and over the top proposals, which will entertain everyone during a stressful Trinity term

### This JCR Resolves:

- To encourage current students to propose to one another this term and become engaged.
- To mandate the Access and Admissions Officer, to assign each college marriage two (or more) fresher children to complete their family over the summer .
- **To assign Stanford exchange students adoptive families for the duration of their stay**
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**Proposed: Mek Mesfin (JCR Access and Admissions officer)**

**Seconded: ~~Sophie Cass~~ Megan McCullagh (Academics Affairs officer)**

- Short factual questions
- Gareth – isn't this going to remain in friendship groups?
  - [That's not a short factual questions]
- Jan Willem – Can you marry more than once? Say, fifteen times?
- Mek – If you want to marry, divorce, remarry that's fine: I will set a deadline and that will be your final marital status
- JW – excellent

- Points of Debate
- **Amendment proposed: to add to the resolves “to assign Stanford exchange students adoptive families for the duration of their stay”**
  - Proposed: Shannon McClintock
  - Seconded: Greg Yates
  - Accepted as friendly
- **Amendment proposed: to call the scheme the “No Child Left Behind Act”**
  - Proposed: Greg Yates
  - Seconded: Entire room
  - Accepted as friendly
- Colette – people left behind as unmarried when everyone else is married will find it heartbreaking; what if uneven marriages; will choose one of your friends who will probably have same interest; one of the things about two parents is you get diversity, so if don’t get along with one
- Greg – when you go to Hall, it’s popularity; when you play sports, its popularity. Secondly, because everything is popularity that means parents aren’t talking to each other, and this way parents will actually want to spend time together and look after the kids
- Colette – part of the thing about Corpus is that we are a family, and part of the thing about it is that people who might not normally talk to are suddenly parenting a child. Which is a nice thing for Corpus
- Olivia – who has links to their current husband/wife still?
- Matilda – Greg? *[Secretary notes: They’re married]*
- Greg – *Shrugs*. It’s not you, it’s me  
[General laughter]
- Olivia – even though I’m married to...*[Pause. Obviously can’t remember. Carries on anyway.]*....you don’t see them, they’re in different years. Not necessarily a problem
- Mek – what Colette says is obviously important. Reason made motion is my parents weren’t friends, never talked to one of them, never organised anything – felt like a neglected Stanford kid! Sounds like your objection is one that paints the system at something aimed at getting parents together: the actual problem is *because* parents aren’t friends, they won’t organise things together for their kids. Best way to get to know older students is with parents who know each other
- Colette – actually, no. Not to do with parents. Imagine have two parents who are really into clubbing and get a very quiet person. Their first link in Corpus will be very different, should have at least one parent who is into different stuff
- Mek – that’s the kind of thing when we start to consider what people’s interests are; that still happens in the current system, that doesn’t make sure parents have different interests. Problem isn’t that can’t do things – most people just have dinners and meals. That’s what I heard.
- Matilda – I definitely agree with Colette that if people randomly chosen then more likely to have different interests; nothing to stop you doing family stuff with your friends, not that they’re not integrated.
- JW – subject and social parent, how will that work?
- Mek – as long as people don’t marry into their subject, it should be fine. Even if they don’t, we should be able to work around it.
- Kezia Locke – when are we going to do this? How will it work next year?

- Mek – would always do it in Trinity, would set a deadline, then organise families over summer.
- Mike Hardy – just the inter-subject marriage isn't that bad, doesn't mean can't handle the other side of things. Historians are people too.
- Mek – good to have subject/social, but don't necessarily need to
- Rachael Dellar – No one would force people to go clubbing who obviously don't want to, I like my daughter but appreciate it's not for her. There are diverse friendships in Corpus, lots of inter-interests friendships. It'll be okay.
- Gareth – one advantage of current system is have two random people then will meet their friends and associates, so will meet wider range of people. Will only be exposed to one friendship group in their college. If have boyfriend/girlfriend thing that will be quite awkward.
- Mike – people aren't just limited to their parents – I'm friends with none of the friends of my parents, but I'm friends with lots of other people. We're overstating the importance here
- Donal – for the most part, the current system is pretty crap. No one really speaks to their parents; this can only improve the chances.
- **Amendment proposed: to add "Marriages should ideally be between people in different subjects" to the resolves**
  - Proposed: Megan McCullagh
  - Seconded: Ivan DImov
  - Not taken as friendly
  - DEBATE
  - Donal – I believe in same subject marriage, it's not for you to say what should happen  
[General laughter]
  - Speech in proposition (Megan)
  - If both my parents were medics that'd be fine; but if you arrive and neither of your parents do your subject that would be a problem
  - Mek – that's just saying that one of parents should do your subject, that's not what the motion says
  - *[Becomes apparent Megan was confused, and is actually satisfied with motion as it stands]*
  - AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN
- Move to vote,
  - Proposed: JW
  - Seconded: Donal O'Hara
  - Opposition to move to vote – debate ensues
  - Speech in proposition:
  - JW – we're done, I think.
  - Speech in opposition
  - Kezia – I just want to hear Shannon's amendment!
  - Vote: move to vote fails overwhelmingly
- Shannon – if can't get the motion through, maybe establish some sort of safeguard to give to Mek as a rule to give Mek power
- Mek – if you marry into your subject, you'll get one child.
- Felipe – whole point is that for marriages, fifty boys and fifty girls, fifty couples. In first year we've got more boys; what are we supposed to do?

- Mek – can marry a boy in your year, can marry a girl in the year above....Or not marry, and be paired up. Your choice.

MOVE TO VOTE

For: overwhelming

**Motion passes**

*JW promptly gets down on one knee and proposes to Olivia. She accepts – the first Corpus Engagement is official!*

*[Secretary notes: five minutes after the meeting, Olivia catches JW proposing to Katie M, and promptly calls the engagement off. The first Corpus Engagement is also the Shortest Corpus Engagement...]*

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## **Any Other Business**

### **Principles and guidelines for the setting of charges and rents**

As Charitable trustees, the Fellows of Corpus are legally and morally obliged to act as disinterested guardians of both the well-being of current members and the interests of future generations. The Fellows, through the Governing Body, set the charges and rents of the Junior Members, and consider how the endowment may best be used to support the aims of the College. They recognise that student charges and rents represent only one stream, albeit a significant one, of the College's overall income.

In setting charges for accommodation, food and the provision of its other services the College takes account of the real costs incurred and the support available through the endowment and the College's hardship/maintenance grants. Junior Members' fees and charges are set in relation only to their own particular costs, and are not used to subsidize the domestic provision for other members of the College. Fellows have a responsibility to consider the wider economic climate, including the rate of inflation, and to maintain a fair living wage for the College staff.

The Governing Body in setting charges does not do so in direct response to a deficit or surplus in a particular year's accounts. However, the overall financial health of the College and the macro-economic picture necessarily shape how much the endowment can contribute to the running costs of the College.

*Jack cedes floor to Greg who announces film: V for Vendatte being screened in auditorium at 8.45pm.*

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**Meeting closes: 8.06pm**

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