

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING

Sunday 2nd Week MT11

Chair: Jack Evans (JCR President)
Secretary: Samuel Robberts (JCR Vice President)
JCR Members present: c.40

16th October 2011
19.39 – 20.48

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Moving Michaelmas Term elections to Thursday of 7th week goes through to a second reading.
- The Michaelmas Term budget passes with some amendment.
- Anton Loning wins a letter from Radio 1 DJ, Fearne Cotton.
- A £250 pro rata loan is given to Sophie Cass to help put on a céilidh in College.
- To amend the Computing and Website officer's standing orders to allow him to maintain the JCR Computer in liaison with the IT Department.
- To thank and celebrate the "founding fathers" of the Beer Cellar- Robert Patterson, Colin Holmes, Sam Henry, James Pontifex, Jack Evans and Donal O' Hara.
- To mandate the JCR President to send a letter to George Osborne calling on the Government not to raise alcohol duty.
- To make the £2 pint JCR Policy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Present:

Jack Evans (JCR President)
Sam Robberts (VP)
Alex Franklin (JCR Treasurer)
Access Officer- Mek Mesfin
Accommodation Officer – Livvy Elder
Arts Officer- Alex Coupe
Clubs and Societies- Dom McGovern
Domestic and Careers Officer – Eddie Lundy
Environment and Ethics- Imogen Jones
Equal Opps President – Olivia Chinwokwu
International Student Officer – Jan Willem Scholten
OUSU Officer- Johnny Earl
Welfare Officer (Female) - Jessica Lewis
Welfare Officer (Male) - Mike Hardy

Jim O' Connell (OUSU VP Graduates)
Donal O' Hara (Ball President)

Apologies:

Academic Affairs Officer- Megan McCullagh
Entz President- Millie Ismail
RAG Officer- Emma FR

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- Jack promises more pizza after it was all eaten very quickly at the start of the meeting.
- Jack welcomes Freshers.

Reading from the Poet Laureate, Anthony Collins, which goes down very well (with a long round of applause):

*Long dead is summer's heady glow
As Autumn's laid his nest,
And Corpus clasps us all once more
To her maternal breast.*

*Now I the poet, brave and true,
Must ink my dusty quill,
And weave my web of glittering verse
To stir, excite and thrill.*

*Each meeting of the JCR
I'll chant a humble ditty:
I hold the most exalted rôle
Though I'm not on committee...*

*Now Freshers' Week is over
In a vomit-sodden haze,
As fun and foam give way at once
To crises with essays,*

*But don't despair; be stout of heart;
Don't let your spirits languish:
Your JCR committee's here
To cast away your anguish.*

*First off, it's Alex Franklin's job
To guard the Corpus treasure;
It's Millie's task to cater to
Our Entz-related pleasure.*

*For Formal Hall, you must implore
The help of Edward Lundy,
Then Mike and Jess provide the grub
For Welfare Tea on Sund'y*

*JW's your fellow
If you're from a foreign nation,*

*While Livvy loves to row.
And also does accommodation.*

*With tact and flair will Megan solve
Each academic mystery,
While Gareth keeps an eye upon
The JCR's web history.*

*Now last, the Presidential pair
Of Robberts and of Evans,
With power, might and influence
To topple all the heavens.*

*Great Zeus himself would fail to match
Their awesome majesty,
The single greatest double act
Since picked grapes and brie.*

*Approach, therefore, the coming weeks
With minimal chagrin:
These rulers will protect you –
Let the meeting now begin!*

Minutes of the Last JCR meeting from the 8th Week, Trinity Term 2011, signed off without opposition

CONSTITUTIONAL MOTIONS

Motion One- Michaelmas Statutory Elections

This JCR Notes:

- The timings of Michaelmas JCR Elections are still set to take place on the day of the OUSU Elections, the dates of which have now changed.
- OUSU Elections happening over three days conflicts with JCR Elections happening over one day.
- OUSU Elections clashing with JCR Elections is a headache for JCR Committee members who wish to stand in the OUSU Elections.
- Trinity Elections take place on Thursday of 7th Week.

This JCR Resolves:

- To hold Michaelmas Elections on Thursday of 7th week.
- To amend the constitution accordingly.

Proposed: Alex Franklin, JCR Treasurer

Seconded: Jan Willem Scholten, International Students Officer

Short Factual Questions

Chris Davies - when are the elections currently?

Jack - Thurs of 6th

Gareth Langley - What of presidential elections in 5th?

Jack - That is currently in Constitutional limbo, I will not be bringing it again.

Debate

1. **Alex Franklin** - asks if it is temporary?
2. *Consensus to make it permanent*

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

Motion passes without opposition
Move to second reading at next JCR meeting.

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MOTIONS AS SUBMITTED

Motion Two- The Michaelmas Budget 2011

This JCR Notes:

- That in these unstable financial times, the JCR remains a safehaven of financial stability.
- That prudent measures have led to an increase in financial stability for the long term future of the JCR.
- Although the good times aren't back to pre 2010 levels, we are getting there.

This JCR believes:

- That the JCR should have a strong and stable bank balance
- That the JCR likes growth and spending.
- in budgetary fairness.

This JCR Resolves:

To approve the budget for MT 2011:

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CHARITIES £3,000.00
NEWSPAPERS £750.00
COFFEE/TEA £500.00
ENTZ £300.00
TV £300.00
MALE £250.00
FEMALE £250.00
ARTS £150.00
CLUBS+SOCS £150.00
ISO £100.00
MEETINGS ~~£100.00~~ **£160.00**
WELFARE £50.00
SPECTRUM £50.00
COMMITTEE £20.00
COMPUTING £20.00
OUSU/ECO ~~£10.00~~ **£20.00**

~~£6,000.00~~ **£6,080.00**

In

GRANT £3333.33
CHARITIES LEVY £3000.00
JCR LEVY £1500.00
REBATES £266.67

+ £8,100.00

***Proposed:** Alex Franklin, JCR Treasurer*

***Seconded:** Jan Willem Scholten, International Students Officer*

Short Factual Questions

Rachel Dellar- do we pay OUSU money?

Alex - No

Greg Yates - How many changes? –

Alex - Entz rises for this term only for better bops, spectrum budget is new, otherwise largely the same. Bank account currently has just under £5200. This is lower than anticipated because of numerous vomit fines, crazzyyyy photo fiasco, and ceiling collapse in the Beer Cellar.

Debate

1. **Felipe Monge** – Can we reduce number of Newspapers we buy? They cause a mess.
2. **Alex Franklin** – Cannot this term, but next term be investigated

3. **Amendment 1** — raise eco budget to £20, and raise pizza budget by £60

Proposed Alex Franklin, Seconded Mike Hardy

Accepted as Friendly

4. **Greg Yates** – Is this an austere or generous budget?
5. **Alex Franklin**— Explains that it is slightly more than previous, but compared to the 'pontifex-era binge' expenditure has fallen.

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Three- Gangsta Turf War

This JCR notes

Corpus is at risk from a gangsta turf war

Bitches ain't shit but hoes n' tricks

This JCR believes

We need to be defended from gangstas

This JCR resolves

- That in the JCR be created the position of "Resident Gangster of Corpus Christi College" (RGCCC) & that a member of the JCR be appointed by the President to that position.
- The responsibilities of this position include:
 - Defence of Corpus turf in case of a major gangsta war
 - Taking care of all items stolen from other colleges
- The repping of the hood
- Other responsibilities linked to normal gangster activities, & concerning potentially the College or its finances

Proposed: Anton Loning

Seconded: ~~Russell Newton~~ Hanz MacDonald

Short Factual Questions

Jack notes that the prize changes to letter from Radio 1 DJ and goodtime girl, Fearne Cotton

Mike - Do we have stats on gangsta attacks?

JW - 6 last term

Steph – does this include attacking tourist?

Anton - if they are suspicious then of course
we will beat them up (anton)

Bovril - What heat will our gansta be packing?

Anton - officially nothing,
unofficially plenty

Alice Evans - Who is the biggest threat?

Anton - Christchurch, but smaller threats
will emerge

Imogen - Were rival gangs responsible for last terms vom and subsequent
Fines?

Anton – I do not know, but they could be

Debate

1. **Amendment** –change “JCR Notes” to include ‘bitches ain’t shit but hoes n’ tricks’
Proposed Greg Yates, **Seconded** Daniel Stubbins

Accepted as friendly

2. **Gareth Langley** – Can Chris Foster, porter, be appointed as gangsta?
Consensus against Gareth’s recommendation

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Four- The Home Office Reform Act

This JCR Notes

- We have no careers officer now Eddy Lundy (sic) has been elected Domestic Officer.
- Careers officer is a rubbish job that has been nonexistent for the last 3 yrs.
- An election now would be a lot of work and a rubbish first introduction for freshers' to the joys of JCR democracy
- Domestic officer as a title isn't sexy, like Eddie Lundy is.
- Eddie has a popular mandate to continue as Careers Officer.
- Constitutionally we have to resolve this shit.

This JCR believes

- Constitutionally we have to resolve this shit
- An election now would be pointless given the elections in 7th week.

This JCR resolves

- To merge the standing order of 'careers officer' with 'domestic officer'.
- To rename 'domestic officer', 'Home Secretary'.
- To update the standing orders and constitution accordingly.

Proposed: Donal O'Hara, Fmr. Domestic Officer

Seconded: Dom McGovern, Clubs and Socs Officer

Short Factual Questions

Sophie Cass – why was the election not held in Trinity when I husted for it? Why is Eddie still careers officer? Suggests this is unconstitutional.

Jack – errr (looks to Sam Robberts)

Sam – She's right

MOTION WITHDRAWN

N.B. Sophie was not right, the by-election that was due to be held in Trinity was unconstitutional, Eddie remains Careers Officer, Sophie should not have husted for it and the motion may be re-submitted at the next meeting.

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Motion Five- I love it when you Ceilidh me like that

This JCR notes:

- That there is a ceilidh proposed to be held for members of College on Friday 25th November
- That the ceilidh is being organised by Katie Doig, MCR, with the help of Sophie Cass, JCR
- That a good ceilidh band will cost up to £500.
- That event will be ticketed at approximately £4-5 a head.
- That the MCR has already passed a motion loaning £250 to the ceilidh cause

This JCR believes:

- That ceilidhs are awesome
- That a ceilidh will be a fun event in which many members of college will enjoy taking part.
- That a good ceilidh needs a good band
- That the MCR and JCR should both help with the upfront financial cost and minimal risk in putting on such an event.

This JCR resolves:

- To loan, **on a pro-rata basis**, Katie half of the amount required to cover the costs of putting on a Ceilidh in college; up to £250
- To recoup the loan from the ticket sale takings, and to absorb any loss jointly with the MCR

Proposed: Sophie Cass

Seconded: Gareth Langley, Computing and Website Officer

Short Factual Questions

Felipe - What is a ceildh?

Sophie- Scottish Irish dancing

Noah Evans– can we bring guests?

Sophie- Yes

Eddie – How much is a ticket going to be?

Sophie- £4/5

Chris Davies - Numbers interested?

Sophie- Hoping for 80-100 from 400+ in corpus

Noah - Where?

Sophie- Auditorium

Alice E- Charity event?

Sophie- No just social

Dom McGovern– annual?

Sophie: No

Mike Hardy– what happens if we make a Profit?

Sophie: Comes back to JCR

Joe Minton-Branfoot – Space in auditorium?

Sophie- Yeah

Ilija Rasovic – No offense, but this seems like a very niche idea. Where on earth did it come from?

Sophie- Katie Doig

Imogen Jones – food to be served alongside?

Sophie: No, can't serve food in auditorium.

Sam Hodgson – limit funding for the event until guest list confirmed?

Jack moves the motion to debate, time is getting on

Debate

1. **Amendment** – To make it a pro-rata loan

Proposed: Alex Franklin, **Seconded**: Mike Hardy

ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY

2. **Gareth** – Has many points to make, but particularly emphasises the lack of need for the guest list to be confirmed

3. **Greg** – A ceildh is not niche

4. **Mike** – Idea came from Freshers week

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Six – El Ultimo Classico en el TV Room por el JCR

This JCR notes that:

- Many people love to kick back after a hard day's work and just chill out.
- There is a new fifa x-box game out- 'Fifa 2012'
- Fifa last year was very popular last year and that over 15 people signed up for the Fifa ladder.
- Fifa hones the mind and the body.
- Fifa 2012 is priced at 40 pounds and this is excellent value.

This JCR believes that:

- Fifa 2012 should be bought as it provides much entertainment for many members of the JCR.
- If Fifa is bought it should continue to be free for all to use at all times
- Fifa 2012 is a great game.

This JCR resolves to:

- Give Edward Lundy 40 pounds to secure the purchase of Fifa for this JCR.

Proposed: Edward Lundy, Domestic Officer

Seconded: Felipe Monge

Short Factual Questions

Alice– Which fifa have we got already? Is in't there not much difference between them? –

Eddie: very very different. EA worked a year, laws of physics changed, easier to dribble, another experience. We have outdated fifa11.

David – Could the ladder not spend the money themselves?

Eddie: ladder only for regulars, like asking to pay for coffee, lots of people enjoy fifa,

Gareth – Has it been bought already?

Felipe: There is a copy in the TV room, it is eddies.

Gareth: Is the £40 is for new version or to buy Eddies off him?

Anton – why this game, while we pay for games in beer cellar?

Everyone muses on this prolific point.

Anton – if the motion fails, what will happen to the game?

Eddie: It will just be my game.

Debate

1. **Mike** – wants to ensure it remains in the TV room
2. **Alex** – wants to make sure this is a singular exception to retrospective payments
3. **Greg** - complains about lack of proposed power concerning cinema budget

4. **Amendment 1**– Add to resolves; “sell old version back to reduce costs”

Proposed Chris Davies, **Seconded** Donal O’ Hara

Declared hostile

AMENDEMENT WITHDRAWN

5. **Amendment 2**– Add to resolves: “Entz/cinema to vet these kinds of ideas. JCR dislikes retroactive payment as game is upstairs and thus to deter future payment the JCR will pay only £30 and Eddie would incur a £10 fine”.
- Proposed Greg, Seconded Anton*

Declared Hostile

Amendment Debate

Eddie - Claims that people think he is at fault where he feels he has done no wrong.
Sophie – who said retrospective payment would be ok?
Dom- Me. (Jack also raises hand)
Sophie – why not get a Separate budget?
Jack - likes this idea, has raised it with Greg, but needs to be put forward in separate motion.
Dom – budget for cinema, so why not games?
Alex – throw out motion? Revise cinema curator, change budget at a future meeting and get Eddie his money in 2 weeks time.
Eddie – feels victimised
Greg - offers to withdraw amendment if Eddie agrees to withdraw the motion
Jack- points out that Greg cannot do that within the amendment debate, as we can only debate the said amendment.
Greg withdraws the amendment highlighting his agreement with Alex Franklin’s point of revising cinema curator

AMENDEMENT WITHDRAWN

6. **Dom** – Be pragmatic and give him money.
7. **Alex** – It would be constitutional cleaner to wait 2 weeks.
8. **JW** – pass motion to be efficient, not so important in grand scheme of things, we have the money to give him the money, and we can pass the constitutional changes next meeting.
9. **Felipe** – suggests that those opposing this motion are launching an attack on the history and culture of Corpus and rants at cinema curator office, which he suggests is a waste of JCR resources, and wants there to be a games curator

Jack puts a calming hand on Felipe’s shoulder.

MOVE TO VOTE

For - 19
Against – 14

2/3 majority needed on money matters

MOTION FALLS

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

Emergency Procedural Motion

JCR Resolves to: *Move AOB to now, given OUSU VP is here.*

Proposed: Gareth Langley , **Seconded:** Alex Franklin

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary notes: In Any Other Business, anything of interest to members which has not already been covered in the meeting may be discussed and voted on. The JCR President may also set debate on topics which may come up in OUSU Council, but which won't necessarily need a JCR Resolution.

Discussion on OUSU's response to the White Paper

Jim O'Connell speaks 'briefly' about OUSU's response to the White Paper:

- Having already responded over the summer, OUSU is using this debate to feed into response.
- White paper proposes using market forces to make degrees better, OUSU are opposed over 'special element of oxford' and wants to talk about the idea of social mobility and tutor/student relationship meaning students are partners not consumers.

Questions

Gareth – What of UCU discussion, and governing bodies?

A: no relationship USU despite their industrial action, but Governing bodies broadly in agreement - uni wants less regulation than OUSU though.

Dellar – what does OUSU mean by lobbying means –

A: Annoying MPs, working within the uni framework, pushing idea of students as partners not consumers.

JW – What is OUSU doing to address arts/science balance?

A: Not much because of high cost of an Oxford degree and no actual proposals.

Sophie Tuck – Is ousu feeding back that universities don't function like normal markets?

A: Yes.

Imogen – What is OUSU's response to arts funding cuts?

A: Not a lot that ousu can do. Trying to work within limited remit.

Kezia – Will the Ousu response make a difference?

Long answer about forcing government to address graduates and regulation points but admits the date has passed to make any real change.

Felipe – Refunds don't work in the real world, so why would they at University? *Generic response about dislike markets, failure to answer the actual question.*

Gareth – What is OUSU doing about the fact that 4 year are courses costing more? – **A:** No response on that issue from OUSU

*Johnny offers third delegate position to any who would like it
Round of applause to Jim, thanks for his attendance today.*

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RETURN TO MOTIONS AS SUBMITTED

Motion Seven- Trans Gender Awareness

This JCR notes:

- that Corpus is a welcoming, friendly and equal place;
- that Corpus should try to accommodate any member of the JCR regardless of their gender identity;
- that trans identified people are often inadvertently not accommodated by the university.

This JCR believes:

- that Corpus should explicitly ensure that trans-identified people are accommodated by the JCR;

This JCR resolves:

- to ensure that Corpus JCR use gender-neutral language rather than gender-binary language in all communications;
- to ensure that when the JCR specifies a dress code, it does not specify dress by gender;
- to ensure that when the JCR holds gender-specific events, anyone who identifies as that gender is welcome;
- to mandate the Equal Opportunities Officer to ensure that the above resolutions are followed;
- to further support the Genderless Campaign, that is attempting to change university policy higher up to make the university as trans-friendly as possible.

***Proposed:** Goh Li Sian, Gender Rep
Seconded: Hanz MacDonald, BME Rep*

Goh Li San wants to make it less controversial and not police all language. Olivia Chinwokwu emphasises that it wasn't put forward by the opps committee or in their roles, and that it was not as controversial as it seems.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

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Motion Eight- The Pornardo Emergency Response Vanguard (PERV)

This JCR Notes:

- That nobody currently has any over-riding responsibility for the JCR PC
- That the JCR PC is owned by the JCR
- That the Phantom Porn Mogul of old Oxford Town may strike again
- That the standing orders for the position of Computing and Website officer weren't cleaned up at the last overhaul

This JCR Believes:

- That the JCR should look after their property
- That the Computing and Website officer is now a committee position and thus should have some extra responsibilities
- That having someone looking after the PC is helpful to everyone. An up to date, tidy PC is a happy PC...

This JCR Resolves:

- To add a new standing order to the position of Computing & Website Officer (clause v.) reading "To keep the JCR computer in good working order by performing routine maintenance tasks. Should any issues arise with the PC that the Computing and Website Officer is unable to deal with due to limited knowledge or experience; they must seek the advice of the college IT department"
- To change standing order iii). From "to assist the Computing Officer to deal with queries, repairs, teaching and other general computing tasks" to "to assist the college IT department to deal with queries, teaching and other general computing tasks when required"

Proposed: Gareth Langley, Computing & Website Officer
Seconded : Mike Hardy, Male Welfare Officer

Short Factual Questions

Chris – reform harddrive annually?

Gareth: Problem is someone doesn't know how to do it.

Chris – What are these routine tasks routine tasks? -

Gareth: Clean-ups, defrag, no viruses, delete files.
Serious problems go IT

George – what happens if it breaks?

Gareth: Goes to IT dept.

Gareth – IT department agrees with this motion massively – someone needs to take responsibility for the computer in the JCR

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Nine- Beer Cellar 'Love'

This JCR notes:

- That the Beer Cellar has been refurbished.
- That the Beer Cellar is shiny and brand new.

- That the Beer Cellar is taking its biggest profits since 1999.
- That the Beer Cellar is still formally called "The Corpus Christi Bar"

This JCR believes:

- This is great!
- The Beer Cellar is great!
- Mahou is great!

This JCR Resolves:

- To thank Colin Holmes, Robert Patterson, Sam Henry, Jack Evans, James Pontifex and Donal O'Hara and mandate the JCR President to send a letter of thanks to all concerned. But not to himself.
- To enshrine in the JCR Policy book that A pint in the Beer Cellar shall be £2 regardless of taxation"
- To make them the "founding fathers" of the new Beer Cellar and install a cheers style photo of them behind the bar.
- To mandate the JCR President to send a letter to the San Miguel-Mahou brewery thanking them for their fluid.
- To mandate the JCR President to send a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, to not raise alcohol duty at the next Budget.
- To formally name the Beer Cellar through a formal name calling competition that will be decided through referenda.

Proposed:** ~~Jan Willem Scholten, International Students Officer~~ **Mike Hardy, Male Welfare

***Seconded:** Livvy Elder, Accommodation Officer*

Short Factual Questions

George – will we be subsidising beer?

Jack: No

Gareth – when tax goes over £2?

Jack: Oh well

Ed McGovern – picture, really?

Donal: That's for debate!

Debate

1. **Amendment 1** – strike the photo resolves

***Proposed** Sophie Cass, **seconded** Olivia Chinwokwu*

Amendment Debate

Felipe – we should have it

Sophie- We don't have a photo when other people do good things in Corpus.

Jack: We do.

Donal: Agrees

Declared hostile
MOVE TO VOTE
AMENDEMENT FALLS

2. **Donal** – What about when beer is served in metric?
3. **Jack:-** Future's problem

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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