

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING

Sunday 2nd Week HT11

Chair: Kezia Lock (JCR President)

Secretary: Samuel Robberts (JCR Vice President)

JCR Members present: c.28

22nd January 2012

19.41 – 20.24

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Present:

Kezia Lock (JCR President)

Sam Robberts (VP)

Konrad Hepworth (JCR Treasurer)

Access Officer- Alice Evans

Arts Officer- Alex Coupe

Clubs and Societies- Dom McGovern

Domestic and Careers Officer – Ilija Rasovic

Environment and Ethics- Zack Hall

Equal Opps President – Goh Li Sian

International Student Officer – Moritz Borrmann

OUSU Officer- Nick Dickinson

Welfare Officer (Female) - Jessica Lewis

Welfare Officer (Male) - Mike Hardy

Academic Affairs Officer- Iulian Jianu

Entz President- Felipe Monge Imedio

RAG Officer- Joe McCrudden

Apologies:

Accommodation Officer – Livvy Elder

Preliminary Business

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

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

Now Michaelmas term is long deceased:

As we embark on Hilary,
I offer you this poem - feel free
To scorn, chastise and pillory;
A time of change, of shifting sands,
Of freshness and renewal,
As barren, wintry gloom's displaced
By springtime's clement jewel;
The JCR bids Jack farewell
With many a wail and groan,
Yet cheers as Kezia mounts with grace
The presidential throne;
The OxStu, a malignant rag,
Is vanished from the college,
While Cherwell stays, a bastion
Of sparkling wit and knowledge.
In Torpids, Corpus' rowing squads
Will not endure rebuke;
They're up each day at 6am
To erg until they puke.
Then there's the Corpus Challenge soon,
If you've a gallant heart -
We rally round, and war against
Our Cambridge counterpart.
We'll surge against the enemy
In one Oxonian flood,
And never cease, until we see
The Cam run thick with blood.
And on that fine and bracing note
Of peerless martial splendour,
My muse is running dry, so let's
Begin on the agenda.

Officers Reports

Ilija Rasovic reads his report – thanks Ed Lundy and Donal O'hara, talks about bike initiatives and camp beds. JW attests to the quality of the camp beds. Coffees, halfway hall, Ballot, JCR rota also discussed

Alex Coupe – Have you talked to the gardener about the bike clear up?

Felipe – when will you buy the teaspoons?

Donal – Did Ilija insinuate previous ballots weren't fair?

Gareth Langley makes a report – asks for anything information to be passed on to IT guys, online bod card check and payment methods on the agenda

Alice Evans makes her report – Made Stamford families, but with hit and miss success

Gareth Langley - minute that Alice Evans was invaluable at Interviews

**** Jerome Condry bursts in, and dumps his belongings at Kezia's feet. ****

Kezia notes that Academic feedback sessions start this coming friday,

Livvy Elder will be holding the ballot soon.

Felipe Monge Imedio – nothing more to report

Jan Willem Scholten – asks for longer emails from Felipe, as they currently can be read too quickly

Constitutional Motion

Motion One – The Great Constitutional Reform Act

This JCR notes

1. The JCR constitution is in need of great reform as parts of it are unworkable
2. The reform of the constitution requires this motion to pass in two successive JCR meetings

This JCR believes

1. The JCR constitutions should be in good working order so as to avoid unnecessary arguments amongst people in the JCR

This JCR resolves

1. To make the following amendments to the JCR constitution
 - a. Clarify the positions on committee and make sure they correspond with the Standing Orders, and to add to Article 5, statement 1 the position of Arts Officer to be on committee
 - b. The remove all references to a separate charities officer, and ensure that it is instead a Charities and RAG officer
 - c. To add to Article 7, statement 1, regarding the policy document, “to be renewed annually at the third JCR meeting of Michaelmas term in a series of votes on each policy”
 - d. To remove annoying repetition and ambiguities in the language of the JCR constitution, but not to change the spirit of the document in so doing.

- e. To add to Article 4, statement 10 "A contested by-election will be organised in the same manner as all other elections. In the case of an uncontested by-election, the single nominee can, at the discretion of the President and the Vice-President, be proclaimed into the office they seek by the **use of a paper ballot in passing of a motion** in the next JCR meeting with a 2/3 majority. If they don't get a 2/3 vote, nominations re-open at the close of the JCR meeting and the next election will happen in the regular manner."
- f. To add to Article 6, statement 63 "the Vice-President is permitted to state the constitutional position on what the JCR is discussing when s/he deems it necessary to be known."
- g. **In trinity term, reduce the quorum to 20**
- h. **Have the agenda sent around the JCR by noon Friday, not 9am, as it currently is.**

Proposed – Nick Dickinson

Seconded – Donal O'hara

Short Factual Questions

Chris Davies– how many votes to win on mi-vote?

There is no quorum of votes

George Simms – Do we pay for each vote?

No

Felipe Monge Imedio – what about one person one vote?

Debate, thrown down

Gareth Langley – requires two meetings? Yeah

Yes, as it states in the notes

Debate

1. **Jack Evans** – add more amendments – change the quorum in JCR meeting? Agenda deadline moved to noon?

Amendment – G. In trinity term, reduce the quorum to 20 & H. have the agenda by noon Friday, not 9am, as it currently is.

Proposed: Jack Evans

Accepted as Friendly

2. Gareth Langley – make the agenda publishable simply 24 hours before the meeting?

Consensus against

3. Chris – anonymity of Mi-vote.com
4. Jan Willem Scholten – surely an uncontested elections will always let people in
5. Mike Hardy– forum for debate allows people to consent to the election
6. Felipe Monge Imedio – This is a challenge to the fundamental principles of democracy, secret vote is sacred. Cannot believe we are debating this. Nota is private, to elect in a meeting is terrible

Amendment - paper ballot in the meeting, rather than passing a motion

Proposed Sophie Cass; **Seconded** Gareth Langley

Jerome Condry bursts in and picks up his belongings he had previously left at Kezia's feet

Debate on the Amendment

1. Donal O'Hara – This is still at the discretion of VP and President, so they can use mi-vote if they wanted
2. Gareth Langley – should we get the candidate to leave during the vote?
3. Konrad Hepworth – this is quicker, but there is a question of peer pressure
4. Donal O'hara– better for objections to be raised in a meeting, than simply lost through an anonymous vote
5. Ilija Rasovic – forgets what hes saying – how embarrassing.

Jan Willem Scholten – **Move to vote**

Amendment Overwhelmingly Accepted

Move to vote – Jan Willem Scholten

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES IN THE FIRST ROUND

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Motion Two – A New Dawn for Standing Orders

This JCR notes

1. Standing Orders are important. They must be followed by all officers.
2. That good standing orders are comprehensive.

This JCR believes

1. Making the standing orders better is a good idea to ensure officer accountability.

This JCR resolves

1. To pass the appendix of this agenda, thereby bringing in the new revised standing orders.

Proposed – Donal O'hara
Seconded – Sophie Cass

Short Factual Questions

Jan Willem Scholten – where is the appendix?

It is passed around, and the changes to the standing orders outlined by the JCR President and VP

Alice Evans – have they been shown to Jeni clack?

Yes

Felipe Monge Imedio– what is the position with bar reps?

They are appointed from among your existing Entz

Alex coupe – auditorium booking scheme?

Jan Willem Scholten – Can we still book the auditorium though colin holmes?

Yes

No debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Three – Staff Party

This JCR notes:

Christmas 2011 was quite a long time ago now.

That the staff didn't get to have a Christmas party.

That the MCR has already given 200 pounds towards funding a staff Christmas party.

This JCR believes:

That everybody likes and deserves a 'Christmas' party.

That Corpus staff are great.

That providing some money for the staff Christmas party would be a good way for the JCR to say thank you.

This JCR resolves:

To give ~~200~~ 250 pounds to help fund the staff Christmas party.

To send them a card as well

To mandate Jack Evans and Megan McCullagh to report back with any gossip

Proposed: ~~Livvy Elder~~ Mike Hardy

Seconded: Konrad Hepworth

Short Factual Questions –

Alice Evans - who is staff?

Everbody from tutors to scouts and porters

Jack Evans – Megan McCullagh and I shall be going

George Simms – Is this annual?

Yes

Rachael Dellar – why now, not last tern?

Colin Holmes saving money by doing it now

Felipe Monge Imedio – Questions whether the staff actually enjoy a free party?

Ilija Rasovic – give something else? It is nicer to give gifts

Chris Davies – unrelated not but Bob might buy the heron off us

Debate –

1. **Konrad Hepworth** - budget is already set

Amendment – send them a card as well

Proposed Ilija Rasovic

Accepted as Friendly

Amendment - report back to the JCR with any gossip?

Proposed Jack Evans

Accepted as Friendly

Amendment - more money £50 in appreciation that we are messier- accepted as friendly

Proposed Jan Willem Scholten

Accepted as Friendly

Mote to vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Four – Knowing the time

This JCR notes

1. It is inconvenient not to know the time in the Beer Cellar and the JCR
2. It is potentially contentious to have a clock in the JCR – we should discuss this

This JCR Believes

1. Everybody has a right to know the time

This JCR resolves

1. to mandate the Domestic Officer to buy 21 nice clock up to the value of £30 each

Proposed – ~~Arthur Graham Dixon~~ Ilija Rasovic

Seconded – Nick Dickinson

Short Factual Questions

Joe McCrudden - why is this contentious?

Because in 2009 the JCR voted against having a clock in here

Felipe Monge Imedio – we can tell the time, we don't need to have a clock in here...

Zack – define 'nice'

Consensus on nice being nice to look at

Dom – to clarify, this means one for beer cellar, one for the JCR

Yes

Debate

1. Felipe Monge Imedio – do we really need this?
2. Gareth Langley – clock is good thing to have, downstairs is more important

Amendment – no JCR clock

Proposed Rachael Dellar

Accepted as Friendly

1. Dom McGovern– how do we install one in the beer cellar?

Hang it on the wall

2. Jack – what about the cheap one Dom had at the bop

In no condition to be used again.

Move to vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Five – The great bike clear-up

This JCR notes

1. Ilija Rasovic will be doing a bike clear up
2. There will be scrap and spare bikes to sell

This JCR believes

1. That it can make some money from this
2. That the JCR loves money, but also loves to give

This JCR resolves

1. To donate half the profits from the great bike clear up to a worthy cause

Proposed – Ilija Rasovic

Seconded – Joe McCrudden

Short Factual Questions

Amendment - donate all profits to the JCR

Proposed Ilija Rasovic

Accepted as friendly

Joe McCrudden– happy for any worthy cause

Felipe Monge Imedio – are we going to make much profit?

Yes we shall sell them for scrap

Konrad Hepworth– renting to Stamford?

Ilija Rasovic– colin holmes says it won't work

Jan Willem Scholten – situation is shit, will it be better?

YES

Debate

No Debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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Motion Six - Budget

This JCR notes

1. The JCR has money to spend

This JCR believes

1. Spending money in an orderly fashion is a good idea

This JCR Resolves:

1. To approve the budget for HT 2012

OUSU/ECO £10.00
CLUBS+SOCS £150.00
CHARITIES £3,000.00
DOMESTIC £500.00
NEWSPAPERS £750.00
WELFARE £50.00
MEETINGS £160.00
ENTZ £480.00
MALE £250.00
FEMALE £250.00
ISO £100.00
COMMITTEE £50.00
COMPUTING £20.00
ARTS £150.00
ACADEMIC £80.00
PUNTS £3,500.00

SPECTRUM £50.00

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- £9,550.00

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GRANT £3333.33

CHARITIES LEVY £3000.00

JCR LEVY £1500.00

REBATES £166.67

PUNTS £3500.00

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+ £11,500.00

Proposed – Konrad Hepworth

Seconded – Nick Dickinson

Short Factual Questions

Gareth Langley – differences?

Konrad Hepworth – entz, TV, academic feedback sessions

Chris Davies – IT budget?

Gareth Langley – it's just incase we need to replace something.

Rachel Dellar – mystery money from NHS?

Konrad Hepworth– straight back to college

Zack Hall – cultivate? £10 is pointless

Felipe Monge Imedio – Punts Scheme? What about entz...? I could do sooo much with this money

Debate

Amendment – add budget for peer support training sessions, £10 per session, +£70 for welfare

Proposed – Kezia Lock

Accepted as Friendly

1. Jack Evans – oxstu budget to charity? Konrad to chase it up

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

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EMERGENCY MOTION – CORPUS CHALLENGE

This JCR notes:

- A huge number of people have expressed interest in getting involved with this years challenge
- That the challenge is an integral part of JCR life, and should therefore be, at least partly, funded by the JCR
- That the Clubs & Socs Officer needs to start booking things to prevent any Parfittian disasters occurring this year

This JCR believes:

- That whilst Dom McGovern has a big heart, he does not have a big enough bankroll to fund the entire challenge
- That formal hall used to be free for challenge competitors, but our stingy rivals are now charging us £10.80 per head, and a free formal would be an apt reward for those fortunate enough to get onto formal
- Since the 'fun' helicopter and blender motions were shot down, the JCR has a bit of money to spend. What better way to spend JCR money than on something that represents the JCR and that the majority of its members are getting involved in?

This JCR resolves:

- To entrust the Clubs & Socs officer with £3000 to fund transport for our competitors and supporters, and to then clothe and feed them

Coach Transport - £1975 (79 seater for £1250, 50 seater for £725)

T-shirts - £600 (80 T-shirts)

Formal Hall - £540 (£10.80 x50)

Refund from Cambridge for damages - £150

Short Factual Questions

Amendment £2500, £500 pro-rata loan for tees

Proposed Dom McGovern

Accepted as Friendly

Gareth – same company as before?

Dom – they are expensive, searched around and found best offer he could.

Donal – is this normal?

Dom – yes we have challenge every year

Donal – does it come to the JCR normally

Dom – always been from JCR, but the budget hasn't been updated in a while

Debate

Amendment – challenge budget to be looked into to spread the cost

Proposed Donal O'Hara

Accepted as Friendly

Jack Evans – steak for formal?

Gareth Langleigh – fewer for formal?

Dom McGovern – yes about 48 – difficult to organise formal so priority for those very involved

Joe McGovern – notes Felipe not here now and that motion went very quickly

Move to a vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Meeting closed 20.24