

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING

Sunday 4th Week MT11

Chair: Jack Evans (JCR President)

Secretary: Samuel Robberts (JCR Vice President)

JCR Members present: c.40

30th October 2011

19.34 – 20.47

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Moving the Michaelmas term elections to Thursday 7th Week passes its second reading
- New speakers bought for the JCR
- Darts and a Television bought for the Beer Cellar
- Drama Cuppers given £85 for props and entry fee
- The Harry potter formal declared a success and the JCR resolves to cover the costs
- FIFA-gate is resolved with the FIFA ladder becoming a club and money being given to cover the cost of FIFA
- New table tennis bats bought
- The gender inclusive motion passes and is added to the policy document

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Present:

Jack Evans (JCR President)
Sam Robberts (VP)
Alex Franklin (JCR Treasurer)
Access Officer- Mek Mesfin
Accommodation Officer – Livvy Elder
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 (Male) - Mike Hardy
RAG Officer- Emma FR

Apologies:

Academic Affairs Officer- Megan McCullagh
Entz President- Millie Ismail
Welfare Officer (Female) - Jessica Lewis
Arts Officer- Alex Coupe

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Reading from the poet laureate in the dark; this goes down exceptionally well, to much applause.

We've reached October's dying throes
The last faint ray of sunlight goes
The dark sets in, the cruel wind blows,
And Hallowe'en is near.

In Hall, the portraits come alive,
The goblins in the library thrive,
And evil spirits all connive
To sow their seeds of fear.

Tomorrow eve they'll lie in wait
In college, when the hour's late,
And hurry in their fevered state
To launch the gruesome flood.

A student in the college grounds
Will hear their grim, unearthly sounds
And flee before their spectral hounds—
The quad will swim with blood.

Or in the JCR perchance
You'll see a haven at first glance
But with a blind and grisly dance
A corpse will stagger out.

For underneath the sofa's bred
An army of the sick undead
Who'll feast upon your pallid head
And raise a ghoulsh shout.

Or if the chapel's where you hide,
An ogre lurks there, crimson-eyed
And he'll devour those inside
And crunch your bones to dust.

The garden is infested too
With woodland demons, keen to chew
Upon your bowels, gnawing through
Will ill-concealed lust.

The only refuge from this fright's
To lock your doors tomorrow night
Then bolt your windows, dim the light
And pray for your release.

So let us hold the meeting here,
And all debate with cautious cheer,
And hope that for another year,
We'll all be left in peace.

Minutes of the last JCR meeting from the 3rd Week, Michaelmas Term 2011, signed off with greg registering his objection but making no amendments when invited

Jack explains that the JCR policy document is now open to all new policy ideas and will be reviewed at the next meeting

Officer's report –

Emma Four-Acre Reid announces that the short-term charities are to be chosen, in 7th or 8th Week, which is how we use the JCR Levy. Long-term charities – yearlong sponsorship – will also be up for nomination.

Jack Congratulates Emma on the success of the Harry Potter Formal Hall

Jack brings forth an emergency motion

EMERGENCY MOTION- 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

Felix Neate – When are the elections currently?

Jack – Thursday 6th Week

Debate

No debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

Motion passes without opposition
MOTION PASSES

Motion One - Speakers:

This JCR notes:

- That there used to be speakers in the JCR computer room.
- That there are no longer speakers in the JCR computer room.
- That attempts to find those speakers have failed.

This JCR believes:

- That silent youtube videos are no fun.
- That people piping music into the JCR was [generally] a pleasant experience last year.

This JCR resolves:

- To mandate the treasurer and domestic officer to purchase some new, easily moved speakers for the JCR computer for no more than £50, with £20 coming from the computing and Website budget.

Proposed: Alex Franklin (Treasurer)
Seconded: Mike Hardy(Male Welfare)

Short Factual Questions

Dom McGovern – do we want ones that can be easily moved?

Jack – The previous ones were like that, the Security problem was over the summer with conference guests, not during term time with students

Mek Mesfin – He has bought nice ones recently for £20, could £50 bit steep?

Alex – I will take that on board, it says up to £50

Debate

1. **Amendment** - £20 of the money to come from computing budget

Proposed Gareth Langley, **Seconded** Alex Franklin

Accepted as friendly

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Item of Order

The chair moves to bring Motion Six – Harry potter Formal to the meetings attention now.
No opposition raised

Motion Six - Harry Potter Formal

This JCR notes that

- Harry potter is cool
- charity events are a good thing
- as much money as possible should go to charity from the formal

This JCR resolves to

- cover all the costs that are incurred for the Harry Potter Formal
- ensure all the money raised from the event goes straight to charity

Proposed: Emma FR (RAG Officer)
Seconded: Mek Mesfin (Access Officer)

Short Factual Questions

Gareth Langley – how much are the costs?

Emma - £37.50 including pumpkins which were used at the formal and at the bop.

Mek Mesfin – Which charity is the money going to?

Emma - Angus Lawson memorial trust – specifically an orphanage in Hebron, it's a sustainable charity and trustees cover costs so money raised is incredibly well used.

Debate

No Debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Two - Darts

JCR Notes:

- there are currently no darts in the beer cellar
- lots of people play darts when in the beer cellar
- darts don't cost much

JCR believes:

- the JCR should have a decent set of darts

JCR Resolves:

- To mandate the treasurer and domestic officer to purchase darts for no more than £15

Proposed: ~~Joe Mohan~~ Dom McGovern (Clubs and Socs Officer)

Seconded: Alex Franklin (Treasurer)

Short Factual Questions

George Simms – have we had darts before?

Dom McGovern – yes, but we believe Colin Holmes took them for his own during the refurb

Livvy Elder – Is darts safe if we were about to buy a TV?

Dom McGovern – As long as you can throw the darts at a dart board, yes

Gareth Langley – can we keep the darts behind the bar?

Dom McGovern - Leave them where they were before – no risk of theft during term time, and people use them beyond bar open hours

Greg Yates – porters dislike more jobs, so we cannot have a ‘signing for them’ mechanism

Debate

No debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Three - Television

This JCR notes:

- That the new beer cellar for the most part looks pretty good, no?
- That despite being generally mighty good looking, the new beer cellar is missing some essentials like a television.
- That the maintenance staff have already offered their assistance in mounting the television in the cellar.

This JCR believes:

- That TV will bring people to the beer cellar.

This JCR resolves:

- To mandate the treasurer and domestic officer to purchase a wall-mounted TV for the beer cellar for no more than £500.

Proposed: Alex Franklin(Treasurer)
Seconded: Eddie Lundy(Domestic Officer)

Short Factual Questions

George Simms – are there issues in getting a separate TV licence?

Alex Franklin - Yes

George Simms – Which channels would the TV get?

Alex – depends upon college, we hope college will cover the costs of getting the channels as conference guests could use it

Dom McGovern – could we get all the channels at a knock down price? Like that woman in that law case?

Generally confused response from room

Greg Yates– film events?

Alex - Yes, we hope to get a TV suitable for them

Dom McGovern – what about the TV during bops?

Alex - Use a case, or unmounts it easier

Jack - the case idea has been vetoed by Colin Holmes

Sophie Cass – is there a security issue with a TV in the beer cellar, like having a TV in TV room?

Alex – It can only be used when the bar is open, so no security problem

Kezia Lock– will it therefore only be working when staffed?

Alex - Yes

Arthur Graham-Dixon– what about using the beer cellar while films are on?

Greg - Popularism wins the day, more people watching a film and using the bar then it should get the priority

Ilija Rasovic – are there enough chairs?
Murmuring

Debate

1. **Donal O'Hara** - What does buying a TV add?
2. **Alex Franklin** - Something that had been mentioned
3. **Greg Yates** – beer cellar getting more and more used, TV seems like a reasonable addition as it gets people there.

4. **Mek Mesfin** – where will it go? The wall facing you as you enter? Are there chairs?
Could it not go into the hole in the wall?
5. **Jack** – The renovation fixed an aerial in place
6. **Dom McGovern** – TV room, spoiling atmosphere
7. **Gareth Langley** – ensure use is limited to when people actually want to watch it, not just left on as background noise.
8. **Dom McGovern** – we can play BBC news, music videos etc
9. **Rachel Dellar** – What was this cheap sky idea?
10. **Dom McGovern** – you get all the English channels by a dodgy dealing man who comes and fixes a box and satellite dish to the building. A pub landlord won the case against BskyB to get it all the time – something for alex to consider.
11. **Chris Davies** – switch TV in TV room with new one, put current TV room one in beer cellar?
12. **Mek Mesfin** – why no aerial extension? He wants an answer from Colin Holmes.
Also, why no projector?
13. **Alex** – projectors are expensive
14. **Greg** – Projectors are fallible, unwieldy, and the low ceiling makes it impractical

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Four – Cuppers performance

This JCR notes –

- That freshers are doing their part in contributing to the overall gloriousness of Corpus by staging a play at this year's Cuppers
- That Cuppers aim to stage the most memorable play Cuppers has ever seen

This JCR believes -

- There is no nobler cause than the promotion of high culture

This JCR resolves to -

- Give the Cuppers £35 for the entry fee from the art budget
- Give the Cuppers £50 for props for the performance, including a Giant peach and 100 seagulls, from the arts budget
- To go and see the performance

Proposed - Moritz Borrman

Seconded - Kezia Lock (Owlets President)

Short Factual Questions

Livvy Elder – are you selling tickets? Could we make this a pro-rata loan?

Peter Fitzsimons – tickets are sold
by alts not the teams

George Simms– which play is this?

Kezia Lock– It is the corpus entry
for Cuppers

Emily Tuck– 50 all the money for props?

Peter Fitzsimons - Yes

Gareth Langley – how much is this compared to other years?

Peter Fitzsimons - Exactly the
same

Alex Franklin – is this coming from the arts budget? Does Alex coupe know?

Samuel Robberts – yes he knows
and is happy for it to come from
the budget

Debate

1. Amendment – Add that the JCR resolves to see the play

Proposed Alex Franklin, **Seconded** Sophie Cass

Accepted as Friendly

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Five - Let's Talk FIFA

This JCR notes:

- That paying for FIFA 12 became a little controversial last fortnight.

This JCR believes:

- That though retrospective payments are not unconstitutional, they are frowned upon.
- That the purchase of FIFA 12 represented something of an awkward special case since someone would have to have asked for money at the end of the summer term to prevent the payment from being retrospective.
- That these two factors largely explain last week's kerfuffle.
- That we can prevent this from ever being a problem again if we adopt one of the following resolves.

This JCR resolves:

- ~~1) EITHER to amend the clubs and socs officer's standing orders to allow for the purchase of video games.~~
- ~~2) OR to amend the cinema curator's standing orders to allow for at least £40 of the cinema budget to be spent on games each year.~~
- 3) ~~OR~~ to declare the FIFA ladder a club, thereby making the purchase of FIFA from the clubs and socs budget acceptable in the spirit of the clubs and socs officer's standing orders, **And to make a one off payment of £40 for whoever bought FIFA 12 for the JCR**

Proposed: Alex Franklin (Treasurer)
Seconded: Mike Hardy (Male Welfare)

Short Factual Questions

Kezia Lock – polling session to see which is the preferred resolve?

No response

Gareth Langley – minimum membership requirement for club?

Samuel Robberts - No

Alex Franklin – the third is the easiest as it requires no constitutional amendment

Debate

1. Amendment – remove second resolve

Proposed Greg Yates, **Seconded** Alex Franklin

Accepted as Friendly

2. **Alex Franklin** – the first resolve may require 2 motions?
3. **Samuel Robberts** – No it doesn't, its just standing orders
4. **Mike Hardy** – buying lots of games is better under 1st motion, just FIFA under second
5. **George Simms** – seems to me that FIFA is played most
6. **Chris Davies** – First resolve is best, most open.
7. **Dom McGovern** – First resolve requires a bigger budget – perhaps £200 p/t or just for Michaelmas

Jack Evans cedes the Chair to Olivia Chinwokwu

8. **Jack Evans** – games aren't naturally under clubs and socs portfolio, and he therefore prefers no.3

Jack takes back the chair

9. Amendment - remove the first resolve, accept the third and give £40 to whoever bought FIFA as a one off Payment

Proposed Dom McGovern, **Seconded** Alex Franklin

Accepted as Friendly

Greg Yates - Move to a vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Alex Franklin and Eddie Lundy heartily shake hands and exchange the cheque

Motion Seven - Table Tennis Bats

JCR Notes:

- only 1 of the table tennis bats currently in the table tennis room (small tv room) is actually in
- a good condition, the others have broken handles, no rubber on the faces etc.
- that in order to play table tennis against someone 2 usable bats are required
- bats seem to get broken on a regular basis
- bats don't cost much

JCR believes:

- the JCR should have a decent pair of bats

JCR Resolves:

- to allow the proposer to spend no more than £25 on some new bats for the JCR, to come from the clubs & socs budget for this term

Proposed: ~~Joe Mohan~~ Dom McGovern

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

Short Factual Questions

Alex Franklin – is the Table Tennis Table broken?

Jack - No

Dom – Table does needs to be set up properly, debacle after it was purchased

Gareth Langley – didn't we buy cheap and serviceable bats? How have they been broken to quickly?

Dom – the intensity we play at... I just don't know.

Gareth – but my table tennis blade is very old

Greg Yates – Table Tennis is a high intensity sport

George Simms – what about the bats in red house?

Gareth – they are in very poor quality, and if we take them, then there is no point in the table in red house

Ivan Dimov – paddles, not bats?

Dom McGovern - No

Debate

No debate

Move to a Vote

NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Eight: Christmas Tree, Oh! Christmas tree.

JCR Believes:

- Christmas Trees are fun

JCR Notes:

- Last year we controversially bought a tree amidst claims of murder and torture, and everybody loved it.

JCR Resolves:

- To buy another tree for £150 and decorate it with lights etc. pending approval by the gardener etc.
- To request £100 each from the MCR and SCR
- To seek the approval of the Gardener before putting the tree up
- To invite Emma Watson to the lighting ceremony

Proposed: Donal O'Hara
Seconded: Johnny Earl (OUSU officer)

Short Factual Questions

Mike Hardy – do we have the money for it?

Donal O'hara – I don't know

Gareth Langley – could there be an MCR contribution?

Alex Franklin – tree size?

Donal - I knows a guy who can get us a tree

Kezia Lock – cost including decorations?

Donal - Yes, and lights could be used for other stuff

Rachel Dellar – was the tree lit last year?

Donal - Yes, badly

Mek Mesfin - How much was the tree last year?

Donal - £400 apparently, but I think it cost less

Livvy Elder - When will it do up? Before end of term?

Donal - 6th week end of meeting lights, Emma Watson to be invited

Mek Mesfin – really wants the massive Tree

Donal – Depends upon the Budget?

Alex Franklin – ask for £100 from MCR?

Debate –

1. amendment - ask MCR and SCR for £100 each towards the tree

Proposed Alex Franklin, **Seconded** Donal O'hara

Accepted as Friendly

2. Livvy Elder – make sure we put it up early
3. Greg to vote – Withdrawn4
4. Sophie – what if the MCR and SCR say no?
5. Alex Franklin – the we will buy a smaller tree

6. Amendment – Putting up the tree will be subject to gardeners approval

Proposed Alex Franklin, **Seconded** Donal O'hara

Accepted as friendly

7. Amendment – Emma Watson to be invited the lighting ceremony

Proposed Daniel Stubbins, **Seconded** Donal O'hara

Accepted as Friendly

Move to a vote

NO OPOSITION TO THE MOTION

MOTION PASSES

Motion Nine - Gender Inclusive Language Motion

This JCR Notes:

- 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 encourage members of the JCR to be as gender inclusive as possible in the language that they use.
- To mandate the JCR President to review all emails forwarded to the JCR Mailinglist and check for non-inclusive gender language, for example the following:
- Instead of 'Girls wear dresses, guys wear suits' use 'Suits and dresses'
- To make it clear that when the JCR runs gender specific events, anyone who identifies as that gender is able to and welcome to attend
- To mandate the Male & Female Welfare Officer to ensure that the first Welfare Tea email of each term includes the provision that they are open to all who identify as that particular gender.
- To mandate the Equal Opportunities officer to monitor the implementation of the previous resolves
- **To put the top four resolves into the JCR Policy document**

Proposed – Goh Li Sian (Gender Rep)

Seconded – Olivia Chinwokwu (Equal Opps Pres)

Short Factual Questions

Greg Yates – when you say transgender, which do you mean? Transsexual, intersex, third gender?

Goh Li San - Stonewall cover them all

Greg – they don't

Olivia Chinwokwu – sticking with the campaign

Rachel Dellar – if there's not a distinction, people couldn't make the transfer between genders that they want

Ivan Dimov – to what extent should we use gender neutral language?

Goh Li San – use good judgement, and be as inclusive as possible

Olivia – summarises the motion – aim is to be inclusive, not limiting the use of 'he' 'she'

Steph Cherrill – aren't we inclusive already? Is there a need for this? Is this just a clarification?

Olivia – just showing our support for the campaign with this motion

Felix Neate – what problem does this solve?

Racehl Dellar – what about sport that is gender bias?

Olivia – not policing massively, and we respect divisions

Debate

1. Greg – He is opposed, finds it insulting that we even need to pass this, corpus is so implicitly trans-friendly
2. Dellar – other JCR's could follow our lead
3. Anthony - Johns and Univ already passed similar motions
4. Mike – there were issues before with a trans member, no need to vote it down as trivial when it could help somebody
5. Sophie – should set down that we are inclusive and trans friendly, better to say it than not to
6. Gareth – Why not put it in the policy document? Obvious to everybody. – Also, if not thought policing, then why giving example of the correct way for people to behave?
7. **Amendment – Put the top 4 resolves into the policy document,**
Proposed Gareth Langley, Seconded Kezia Lock
Accepted as Friendly
8. Alex – make sure we use a good title in the policy document
9. Greg – There are different types of trans people, some want binary system, some do not. Wants everyone aware that this is not completely trans-friendly motion
10. JW – can Jack change emails?
11. Jack – I cannot, only withdraw them

Move to a Vote

Objection raised - Vote on the move to a Vote

OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOUR OF MOVE TO A VOTE

VOTE

**For – 27
against - 8
Abstentions - 9**

MOTION PASSES

Motion Ten – Using the JCR office better

This JCR notes

- the JCR office is full of mess
- This space can be cleared and turned into a mini-gym
- The football team on Thursday was outmuscled by St Anne's

This JCR Believes

- That a Mini-gym needs nothing special; just one or two benches with a set of free weights, which is enough to do chest, shoulder, bicep, tricep, and back exercise if imaginative. A pull up bar with wide grip would also be good. Also exercise mats.
- That this seems like a good use of a relatively unused room as it is good as a quick break from working in the library, and Ifley Road is blinking miles away and the college teams can use it.

This JCR resolves

- To buy the items that are necessary for the mini-gym, as described above.
- To ensure that provision is made to store the stuff in the JCR office which cannot be simply discarded.

Proposed – Arthur Graham Dixon

Seconded – Felipe Imedio Monge

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Any Other Business

- 1) Max Freiburghaus is to give a talk on the Kenya Education Partnerships.

Max goes out to Kenya to work on a small project, and there is a deadline for those who would like to go to Kenyan school this summer. The charity helps schools to work better in

the state system, and raise the quality of the school, helping with health and other things. If anyone wants to know anything, they should contact Max.

2) University Challenge Trials. – Postponed due to some being unable to attend.

Meeting Closes – 20:47