

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING

Sunday 8th Week MT11

Chair: Jack Evans (JCR President)

Secretary: Konrad Hepwroth (Treasurer elect), Samuel Robberts (Vice President)

JCR Members present: c.40

27th November 2011

19.30 – 21.04

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Present:

Jack Evans (JCR President)
Alex Franklin (JCR Treasurer)
Access Officer- Mek Mesfin
Clubs and Societies- Dom McGovern
Domestic and Careers Officer – Eddie Lundy
Equal Opps President – Olivia Chinwokwu
OUSU Officer- Johnny Earl
Welfare Officer (Male) - Mike Hardy
Entz President- Millie Ismail
Welfare Officer (Female) - Jessica Lewis
Arts Officer- Alex Coupe
RAG Officer- Emma FR
Academic Affairs Officer- Megan McCullagh

Apologies:

Sam Robberts (VP)
Accommodation Officer – Livvy Elder
Environment and Ethics- Imogen Jones
International Student Officer – Jan Willem Scholten

Preliminary business

Jack opens the meeting – his last ever one
Officers reports
Megan McCullagh – academic feedback session in law, material science and history, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Asks for academic assistant.
Millie Ismail – Christmas Bop this Friday, mulled wine and mince pies also! Asks for DJs. Agree that the theme for the Christmas bop is Christmas
Imogen Jones – absent but attended conference on homelessness
Mike and Jess – Christmas is welfare
Sam Robberts – sends a message - elections were successful, glad to have a new committee
2 resignations, OUSU and gender – finals and Goh LiSians elevations
Dom – contacting Tabs about Challenge

Anthony Collins Reads his Poem – goes down very well as a eulogy to Jeremy the Plant
Jack offers mulled wine during the meeting

Jack calls the meeting to attention

Motion One - VENDING MACHINES

This JCR notes:

- 1) That despite the best efforts of Eddie Lundy, 'boom and bust' has not been abolished
- 2) That the snack vending machine, when actually stocked, is expensive and has a poor selection of products

This JCR believes:

- 1) That we deserve better than this
- 2) That from a quick search on ebay, a decent 2nd-hand vending machine could be bought for around £500-£600
- 3) That, following this initial set up cost, members of the JCR would save money in the long-run as products could be sold at Booker cost prices. The JCR could also decide the products sold

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the new Domestic Officer to look into purchasing a JCR-owned vending machine with a view to it being in place for next term
- 2) To mandate the new Domestic Officer to check with Colin Holmes/Sam Cunningham if necessary

Proposed: Dom McGovern (Clubs & Socs Officer)
Seconded: ~~Sam Kelly (Fallen Big Man)~~ Mek Mesfin

Short Factual Questions

1. Gareth Langley - Asked the treasurer if there funds for this?
2. Dom McGovern – Yes
3. Felipe Monge Imedio – will there be more chocolate?
4. Millie Ismail – travel to booker whenever we need more?
5. Gareth Langley – cost price or profit?
6. Greg – look to get a better deal than from bookers?

Debate

1. Alex Franklin – JCR does make money from one of the vending machines. Better idea to look for a better contract.
2. Chris Davies – only make money from the coke machine. Would make money from another
3. Alex Franklin – there is only a problem because the current vending machine isn't filled often enough.

4. Dom McGovern – this is a good use of JCR money for JCR members. Making a profit shouldn't matter to use that much
5. Should we tell Jamie Oliver about this?

Vote to Vote

Speech in Proposition – Dom McGovern

Nice to have two working machines and more selection. Those who don't fancy this should vote against

Speech in Opposition – Alex Franklin

As said before, its supply issue and this isn't the solution to it and is a lot of money.

Vote

Against – 10

Favour – 22

Motion Passes

Motion Two - CAMP BEDS

This JCR notes:

- 1) JCR members have friends not only outside of Corpus, but also outside of Oxford
- 2) These friends often like to come to visit Oxford
- 3) That most undergrad rooms have only one single bed

This JCR believes:

- 1) That (normally) two friends don't want to have to share a single bed
- 2) That sleeping on the floor is tres miserable
- 3) That camp-beds don't cost much, and could be easily stored in the JCR office following its much-anticipated clean up
- 3) That such camp-beds could be signed out by any JCR member for free when they have a guest visiting, and that this would be regulated by the Domestic Officer

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Domestic Officer to buy three camp beds, each for no more than £50

Proposed: Dom McGovern (Clubs & Socs Officer)

Seconded: Mek Mesfin (Access & Admissions Officer)

Motion Passes

Motion Three - BEGIN COMMUNICATION

Believes:

1. The Corpus Ball is going to be amazing
2. Money will make the ball even more fantastic

Notes:

1. The JCR has lots of dosh
2. Last year the JCR made a handy £500 donation to the ball to show solidarity
3. I've already spoken to Alex and he says there's enough cash kicking about

Resolves:

1. For the JCR to donate £500 to the ball
2. For everyone to buy tickets for the ball and have fun

Proposed: Donal O'Hara

Seconded: Hannah Buxton

Motion Passes

Motion Four - 'The Oxford Student' unsubscribe

This JCR Notes:

- 'The Oxford Student' on a regular basis publishes potentially defamatory articles about our college and its members
- It is comprised of student journalists desperately trying to make a name for themselves
- The Oxstu shows little journalistic rigour or integrity
- Its expensive
- We get the same information better written in the Cherwell

This JCR Believes:

- In high quality journalism
- In the need to support fellow corpuscles
- It is morally wrong for us to finance attacks on our own college and the money could be more usefully allocated

This JCR resolves:

- To unsubscribe from the Oxford Student

- To mandate the JCR president to write a letter to the ~~oxstu and telegraph~~ expressing disgust at how the story was written
- To spend the money on a charitable cause. Journalistic charity. “journalists without borders”
- To mandate the JCR President to write a similar letter to other JCRs explaining our action

Proposed: Felipe Monge Imedio

Seconded: Ilija Rasovic

Short Factual Questions

1. Anthony Collins - How much do we spend? £150 per term isn't it?
2. Alex Franklin –this is not much money
3. Jim Everett – not money that is the issue

Debate

1. Konrad Hepworth – we should know what they are saying, reduce to only 5 or 3 copies
2. Jim Everett – can get copies for free, this says we oppose oxstu's practises
3. Mike Hardy – this surely creates another story? There are problems with taking on the press, doesn't mean we should unsubscribe. People did want to read that story in the paper.

Donal O'Hara takes the chair after Jack Cedes it

4. Anthony Collins– this is sticking our head in ground, could be seen as petulant, important to know what the enemy are saying, reduce not completely ban.
5. Millie Ismail – first four 'notes' apply to Cherwell, called us 'crapus Christi'. Quite likes oxstu occasionally.
6. Alex Franklin – fewer Cherwells, as we get so many?
7. Donal O'Hara – we previously tried to reduce numbers, but there was an issue of buying in batches
8. Gareth Langley – editorial board of oxstu changes over vac, victimising new editors. If they have written things that are so wrong, they can be formally blocked
9. Greg Yates – get rid of other papers as well. Don't buy the oxstu for journalistic integrity, we buy for other things. If they are slandering corpus, we should send a message. Legal question is moot, it takes time, this can happen now. Right to stand up for corpus.
10. Felipe Monge Imedio – this is a symbolic thing. He once had high opinions of oxford journalism but they just produce deformation and insults. Should stick with those in college. Proud to stand up against papers.
11. Nina Fischer– reducing number ruins the symbolism, legal issues take time and money to deal with. This is the best way.
12. Ilija Rasovic– symbolism is important. Chance to stop bad practise – tells other colleges and oxstu that we are serious. Need to do something, not be passive.
13. Jack Evans – about journalistic integrity. Don't publish articles that are right, sensible or checked or valid. People do have injunctions against the oxstu – others have to put up with oxstu. Right to have a Symbol just for 1 term.

14. Sam Kelly – good symbolic gesture. Will vote in favour – cautions about meeting having a very anti-oxstu opinion. Peoples JCR levy's going on the oxstu – wider opinion perhaps needed.
15. Jim Everett – really important personally. This term has caused lots of psychological stress for nothing more than being in the conservative party and have acquaintances do something silly. He made pictures in the mail, the telegraph, was talked about in the welsh national assembly, caused a lot of stress, went to doctors and now having counselling. Distressing that people in the JCR aren't supporting this issue –feels those against are saying that the press can do that to people, and we don't care about members. It is horrible and offensive. We need to show that we are all together, we say we are all together often, but we need to prove it.
16. James Gillespie – oxstu don't subscribe to PCC, so can't get retractions. Oxstu like to claim they are a nice newspaper but they aren't. The story isn't online because they would get sued. Moral issue – gossip columns have attacked Nina Fischer and Matt Ryder, this is about a journalistic culture where it is seen as fine to talk about personal issues. If this was spoken it would be bullying. We pay for this to be done, and that means we are buying into it. Important to stick up for our members who cant stand up otherwise.
17. Anthony Collins – symbolic gesture? Agree we should not accept oxstu practises but says the banning will have no symbolic effect and will go unnoticed. Cherwell will not report on it, oxstu will not care, and we wont know what's in that paper from then on. We should get a couple, we would then pay less money but know what is being said.
18. Sophie Kelley – not valid to say don't do it because it won't be noticed. It's like charity – a little action still means something. Other colleges will hear through word of mouth. Letter to the oxstu?

Amendment – mandate the JCR president to write a letter to the oxstu and telegraph expressing disgust at how the story was written – Accepted as friendly

Proposed - Gareth Langley

19. Alex Coupe – we have good reasons and letter is a good way to explain why we are taking this action
20. Alex Franklin – good to write a letter to the oxstu, national papers dodgy – run past the SCR. Amendment – nationals pending SCR approval
21. Greg Yates – oxford papers have a right to talk about us, just not to publish lies. Best way to ditch all bad papers, would get news and would be a truly moral stand.

Amendment – unsubscribe to Oxstu, Daily Mail, The Sun papers also –Hostile

Proposed - Greg Yates, Seconded - Francesca Petrizzo

Amendment debate

1. Francesca Petrizzo – sorry for what happened in this JCR, was really unfair, but if we unsubscribe to just oxstu it would look like a strop. Mail and Sun equally bad journalism

2. Jack Evans – about one story, caused damage to JCR, prevented one candidate becoming JCR President. Story is about the oxstu, about ouca and hack-daQ – published lies and affects others badly. Axe other papers in new motion.

Amendment withdrawn

22. Tom Hendriks – writing letters to nationals – not have any effect and muddies the issue

Amendment – axe the letters to the nationals – Accepted as friendly

Proposed - Tom Hendriks

23. Felipe Monge Imedio– Anthony has an interest as he is involved in the JCR, we would do fine without the oxstu and we should put ethics first. Concerned about how we can morally finance the lies they tell

Amendment – Mandate the President to get in write to other JCRs – Accepted as friendly

Proposed - Ilija Rasaovic

Amendment – spend the money on a charitable cause. Journalistic charity. “journalists without borders” - Accepted as friendly

Proposed - Jack Evans

24. Nina Fischer– what are they doing wrong? When she was first written about, she received phone call the day before, accused of only achieving anything because of her looks and must therefore be sleeping around. Given only two hours to reply, sent blunt reply. Quoted the next day. In hack-daQ two weeks later, attacked and article completely factually wrong. Happened the day before elections, was really upsetting.

Move to a Vote

Opposition – speech – Anthony Collins

Oxstu is despicable, but is the answer to unsubscribe. Surely we would want to see the articles. Symbolic gesture wont have an effect, and makes us seem immature. We need to know what the enemy are doing. Pragmatic to reduce the subscription, sympathy for those effected but this isn't the answer. Useful to know what they are writing.

Proposition – speech – Ilija Rasovic

We don't have an enemy, just people doing very bad things at the oxstu. Unsubscribing means we are actually doing something, will be seen as less petulant than just a strop. We are supporting fellow students.

Vote

Overwhelming support for the motion

MOTION PASSES

Jack Evans resumes the Chair – thanks Donal

Motion Five - JCR Helicopter!

This JCR Notes:

- Christmas is a time of fun and happiness
- Helicopters are fun and bring happiness to all
- It would be great to see Jack delaying flights around the sundial

This JCR Believes:

- In fun
- That a JCR remote-controlled helicopter would be great
- The helicopter should have lights so it can fly at night
- It would be great fun to fly it in the cloisters and on Christ Church meadow

This JCR Resolves:

- To spend £100 on a JCR remote-controlled helicopter

Proposed: Jonathan Earl

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

No questions

No debate

Vote

Overwhelmingly rejected

Motion Six - Othello

This JCR notes:

1. That Owlets are putting on a performance of Othello next term
2. Owlets are lending £200 to the performance

This JCR believes:

1. Othello is great
2. That the performance will make money

This JCR resolves:

1. To lend the performance £200 for the play

Proposed: Francesca Petrizzo

Seconded: Kezia Lock

Short Factual Questions

1. Sam Hodgson – will make money
2. Kezia Lock – budget drawn up based on 20 a night – very conservative
3. Mek Mesfin– owlets lending to itself?
4. Kezia Lock– no
5. Gareth Langley- out of arts budget?
6. Alex Coupe – no
7. Sophie tuck – only funding you're asking for?
8. Kezia Lock – yes

Debate

1. Chris Davies – pro-rata loan – amendment – friendly
2. Alex Franklin – When? Misplaced cheque?

Amendment – pending resolution of previous money with owlets – accepted as Friendly

Proposed Alex Franklin

Vote – no opposition

Motion Seven – Blender

This JCR notes:

- 1) That too much stuff is left in the JCR
- 2) The JCR has been locked the last few weekends
- 3) That blending is fun
- 4) That Corpus cares about the environment

This JCR believes:

- 1) That tidying up the JCR doesn't have to be boring
- 2) Blending is a fun and innovative solution to the JCR's woes
- 3) That 'Will it blend?' is an important question
- 4) Reducing waste volume is an important economical dilemma

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To buy a BlendTec blender for approx £499
- 2) To have a weekly "blend-up" to clean the JCR on Saturday morning

Proposed: Dom McGovern

Seconded: Sam Hodgson

Short Factual Questions

1. Alex Franklin- How to cost this?
2. Dom McGovern – pro-rata loan?

Amendment – pro-rata loan – friendly

3. Alice Evans - Resistant blender?
4. General acclaim - YES

Debate

No Debate

Vote

Motion falls overwhelmingly

Motion Eight – Community Service

This JCR notes:

- The JCR has been closed due to untidiness in recent years.
- This is evidently down to JCR members.
- This has been a long running, and henceforth irresolvable, problem.

This JCR believes:

- We can resolve this.
- Gina Yea / “Gugler” / “GiGi” / “The Child” has been a fantastic house elf for this JCR, but she can’t be expected to be called upon at all times.

This JCR resolves:

- To introduce a new system of community service into the Decanal code.
- That those on community service should be called upon to clean up the JCR when it is untidy by the Porters.

Proposed: Jack Evans

Seconded: Alex Franklin

Thirder: Robin Murphy

Motion Ten- Auf Wiedersehen, Corpus

This JCR notes:

That the JCR Officers, both Committee and Non-Committee, do a lot for the JCR, such as various teas, representation to the SCR and beyond, organising events, and generally being awesome.

This JCR believes:

That we should thank people who do a lot of good for us, innit.

This JCR resolves:

To put £10 a head plus wine toward the JCR Handover social.

To mandate outgoing JCR Committee members to sing “Jingle bells”

To thank the following people for all their hard work over the past year/term:

- Donal O’ Hara, you are an amazing person to be around. Thanks for all your help, this JCR wouldn’t work without you.
- Sam Robberts, a valiant and virtuous VP.
- Sophie Cass, an incredible, organised ray of sunshine. You’re missed!
- Alex Franklin, a tip top Treasurer who has balanced the books!
- Mek Mesfin, an amazing access officer.
- Eddie Lundy, a domestic god who **has** abolished boom and bust.
- Mike Hardy, Jules Zani and Jess Lewis- well awesome Welfare Officers.
- Dom McGovern and Joe Mohan- Not Goblins. Superhumans.
- Olivia Chinwokwu, Excellent Equal Opp-er, with a fantastic committee: Maisie, Jim, Li, Hanz, Dan, Jahan and Ruth.
- Livvy Elder and Alix Harmer, Adept Accommodation Officers.
- Megan McCullagh- my rock, an amazing Academic affair-er. In all seriousness you have transformed the job. Amazing work.
- Johnny Earl- OUSU God. You made the meetings sane!
- Greg Yates- Cool Cinema Curator.
- JW- Incredible International Students Officer
- Millie Ismail, Entertaining Entz Pres.
 - And the Entz Committee: Sam Kelly, Eddie Lundy, Gina Yea, Sophie Kelley, Rachael Dellar and Chris Davies.
- Alex Coupe- Amazing Arts Officer and a wonderful father to Foxe and Oldham.
- Imogen Jones- A enviable Eco Officer.
- Gareth Langley and Stu Greff- Courageous Computer Officer.
- Jimmy Beestone and Anthony Collins- You may have said the rhyme, and it certainly wasn’t a crime.

*Proposed: Jack Evans, outgoing JCR President
Seconded: Kezia Lock, incoming JCR President*

Passes without question, debate or opposition.

These minutes are an attempt to convey a true and proper record of events. They do however fall short in several regards, but motions 1, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are complete in their accuracy and the rest of the minutes attempt to capture the spirit of the meeting and are correct in their summaries, if not completely so in their content.

For this failing, I can only apologise.

Your obedient servant,

Samuel Robberts