**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING**

**Sunday 6th Week TT13**

**Chair:** Patricia Stephenson (JCR President)

**Secretary:** Peter Fitzsimons

**Returning Officer**: Daniel Shearer

**JCR Members present:** 28

**26th May 2013**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Present:**JCR President – Patricia Stephenson  
JCR Vice-President – Peter Fitzsimons  
JCR Treasurer – Gege Parthasarathy  
Academic Affairs Officer – Olivia Thompson  
Access and Admissions Officer – Blessing Ingyang  
Accommodation Officer –Vicki Halsall  
Arts Officer – Ian Headley  
Careers Officer – Grace Holland  
Domestic Officer – George Simms  
Entz President – Midori Takenaka  
Environment & Ethics Officer – Rosie Oxbury  
Equal Opportunities Officer – Abigail Burman  
International Students Officer – Erika Pheby  
OUSU Officer – Nick Dickinson  
RAG/Charities Officer – Nam Phuong Din  
Returning Officer – Dan Shearer  
Welfare Officer (Male) – Jamie Wells  
Welfare Officer (Female) Hannah Murphy

**Apologies:**  
Clubs and Socs Officer – Sam Hodgson

**1. Amendments for the RO (2nd reading)**

**This JCR Notes:** That manifestos and RO help with committee voting are not fully in the constitution or standing orders.

**This JCR Believes:** That we should include them.

**This JCR Resolves:**

- To add to the constitution in Electioneering, paragraph 18 of Article 4, Elections: “Manifestos will be sent to the Returning Officer at least 24 hours before the relevant hustings begin. It shall be the responsibility of the Returning Officer to distribute these documents by email before voting begins, and it shall be the responsibility of delegates to distribute paper copies at hustings when approved by the returning officer.”

- To add to the Standing Orders of the Returning Officer: “To help any members of the JCR committee with any poll or election they may wish to take a vote on.”

**Proposed:** Daniel Shearer **Seconded:** Rosie Oxbury

**Short Factual Questions:**

Tom Heaps: Why hustings need to be approved by RO; can’t they just hand them out?

Patricia Stephenson: More fair that RO emails candidates.

**No Debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**2. Food Committee (1st reading)**

**This JCR Notes:** Food Committee has met irregularly in recent memory

**This JCR Believes:** Coordination between the JCR, MCR, Manciple, Hall Manager and Domestic Bursar on matters relating to hall is a good thing

**This JCR Resolves:**~~EITHER~~   
- To alter Standing Order 6 of the Domestic Officer to read “To call meetings of the Food Committee every term”  
~~OR  
-To alter Standing Order 7 of the Domestic Officer to read “to liaise with the Domestic Bursar, Hall Manager, Manciple, MCR Food Officer, MCR President, and JCR President about all matters relating to catering,” delete Standing order 6 of the Domestic Officer and remove all references to Food Committee from the Standing Orders~~

**~~(DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)~~**

**Proposed:** George Simms  
**Seconded:** Dan Shearer

**Short Factual Questions:**

Tom Heaps: How often does it meet?

George Simms: Allegedly twice a term, but hasn’t ever happened to my knowledge.

**Debate:**

Abigail Burman: Should meet every term. Set up thing a thing for opinions on food on JCR website.

Tom H: choose first option.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** Strike second resolves. Taken as friendly.

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**3. Standing Orders of Domestic Officer (1st reading)**

**This JCR Notes:** Some responsibilities of the JCR Domestic Officer are not mentioned in Standing Orders

**This JCR Believes:** The Standing orders should be kept up to date.

**This JCR Resolves:**

- To add Standing order 4 - “To do JCR tea and clean the coffee machine as co-ordinated by the JCR Domestic Officer and to organise a replacement if unable to do so” – to the Standing Orders for all Officers and delete all references to JCR tea from the Standing Orders of individual Officers.  
- To alter Standing Order 9 of the Domestic Officer to read “To organise the a rota for JCR Committee Officers each term to make tea and clean the Coffee Machine, and display the rota in a convenient place in the JCR so that all JCR members might be aware of who should do these tasks”  
- To add Standing Order 15 – “To organize camp bed bookings and keep track of the location of camp beds”

**Proposed:** George Simms  
**Seconded:** Dan Shearer

**No Short Factual Questions**

**No Debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**4. Freshers’ Week**

**This JCR Notes:**- That Freshers' week has to happen every 0th week of Michaelmas in order to welcome the new Freshers  
- Freshers' week costs money to run  
- That club night tickets have so far been sourced at the discounted price of £1500 (approx), and shall be sold to Freshers at no profit to the JCR  
- We need to buy Freshers' t shirts, club tickets, the big night in as well as fund a special welfare tea

**This JCR Believes:**  
- That Freshers' 2013 shall be no different from any other, in terms of requiring money  
- That plans are well under way to make this the best one yet

**This JCR Resolves:**To give up to £2000 towards Freshers' week 2013 (with money coming back in from the sale of tickets in the week itself)

**Proposed:** Midori Takenaka  
**Seconded:** Hannah Murphy

**Short Factual Questions:**

Tom Heaps: We have a ticket offer for 1500?

Midori Takenaka: £1560 in total, including some extras. £2000 won’t cover committee jumpers.

**No Debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**5. JCR Supplies**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- It is not very hygienic to put the coffee machine directly onto a wooden table  
- The JCR is running out of mugs

**This JCR Resolves:**  
- To reimburse and mandate the JCR Domestic Officer to purchase a waterproof table cloth for no more than £20.  
- To reimburse and mandate the JCR Domestic Officer to purchase 48 mugs for no more than £100 in total.  
  
**Proposed:** George Simms  
**Seconded:** Rosie Oxbury

**Short Factual Questions:**

Tom Heaps: If coffee machine is working properly, is cloth needed?

George Simms: Jem suggested it is needed for hygiene.

Chris Ewing: Do we have enough mugs?

George S: No.

**Debate:**

Tom Heaps: Make sure tablecloth isn’t Mr Blobby patterned.

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**6. JCR Photo**

**The JCR Notes:** The JCR takes a photo annually

**The JCR Believes:** That this photo (or both), for once, should be printed and framed and put in the JCR

**The JCR Resolves:** To mandate the JCR Treasurer to print and frame the photo at Snappy Snaps for a price at the discretion of the JCR Treasurer.

**Proposed:** Gege Parthasarthy (JCR Treasurer)  
**Seconded:** Blessing Inyang

**Short Factual Questions:**

George Simms: Shouldn’t there be a maximum cost limit?

Gege Pathasarathy: Don’t know how much it costs.

Rachel Dellar: Not allowed to put new things on JCR wall by college due to wood panelling.

**No Debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**7. We Love Finalists**

**The JCR Notes:** That we want to celebrate with the finalists as they finish their exams by going to their trashings

**The JCR Believes**: That JCR members should have access to trashing materials to make finalist trashings the best

**The JCR Resolves:**  
- To mandate the JCR Treasurer to purchase non-perishable trashing materials such as supersoakers, and any other suggestions by the JCR, for up to ~~£50~~ £100.  
- To mandate the JCR OUSU Officer to buy gifts for porters and kitchen staff up to £50 on behalf of JCR.

**Proposed:** Gege Parthasarthy (JCR Treasurer)  
**Seconded:** Blessing Inyang

**Short Factual Questions:**

George Simms: 2 years ago we used Facebook for exam finishing dates – a good idea.

Rosie Oxbury: Will college gardener and Robin Murphy be okay with this?

Hannah Murphy: As long as they’re not foodstuffs.

Ivan Dimov: How do we ration trashing materials out? Limiting amount per day depends how many finish per day.

**Debate:**

Tom Heaps: Buy obscene amount, then no problems about rationing.

Rachel Dellar: Make confetti ourselves?

Erika Pheby: Biodegradable confetti can be bought £4 for 4 quarts.

**Amendment, Sam Robberts:** Mandate Nick Dickinson, JCR OUSU Officer to buy gift for porters and kitchen staff up to £50 on behalf of JCR. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** Raise trashing budget to £100. Taken as friendly.

**Vote:**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**8. Clothes Horses**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- The driers in the plumber are a bit rubbish  
- If you use two airers instead of one, it’s not too hard to dry a duvet cover in your room  
- The weather should hopefully be warmish (?!) round about now, making drying the natural way a practical possibility

**This JCR Believes:** We should be using the driers as little as possible for the sake of the environment (and because they cost money and don’t work)

**This JCR Resolves:**  
- To purchase four clothes horses for no more than £60  
- These would then be kept in the plumber. They could be used in the plumber or taken back to JCR members’ rooms on the understanding that they will be given back when the clothes are dry. (We can mark them in some way so that everyone knows they are the JCR’s airers.)  
e.g. Argos 3 tier clothes airer £13.59: <http://www.argos.co.uk/static/Product/partNumber/8505590.htm>

**Proposed:** Rosie Oxbury  
**Seconded:** Vicki Halsall

**Short Factual Questions:**

George Simms: Can’t you keep one in Lidell and Banbury; as there are no dryers there?

**Debate:**

Tom Heaps The dryers work if people clean out filters and water tank.

Patricia Stephenson: When you open dryers, they stop the cycle.

Nick Dickinson: College don’t want us drying in room because we’ll set room on fire.

Patricia: They just don’t want us blocking radiators.

Rachel Dellar: This will escalate to every house. It is college’s responsibility.

Rosie Oxbury: College won’t do it.

Chris Ewing: How long before someone takes one and keeps it in their room?

Vicki Halsal: Use sign-out like camp beds?

Tom White: Don’t need a drying rack to dry things in your room.

**Vote**

13 for

10 against

**Motion falls**

**9. Fairtrade Tea and Coffee**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- At the moment, we buy PG tips teabags  
- It is generally accepted to be a good thing to buy Fairtrade foods (i.e. marked with the Fairtrade symbol)

**This JCR Believes:** We should be making sure we buy fairtrade tea and coffee for the JCR

**This JCR Resolves:**- To mandate the Domestic officer to buy Fairtrade tea and coffee.  
- To add to the policy document, to buy fair trade and support local businesses whenever practical.

**Proposed:** Rosie Oxbury  
**Seconded:** Sam Newhouse

**No Short Factual Questions**

**Debate:**

**Amendment, Sam Robberts:** To add to policy document, buy fair trade whenever practical. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Abigail Burman:** And support local businesses. Taken as friendly.

George Simms: Don’t have a car, too hard to support local businesses when shopping online.

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**10. Recycling in the JCR**

**This JCR Notes:** We have recycling bins in the JCR but they aren’t used/they are used for general waste.

**This JCR Believes:**  
- We should be recycling more!

- Recycling isn’t that much effort.  
- In the physical location of the JCR, we should be setting an example to members of the JCR.

**This JCR Resolves:**  
- To reinstate functioning recycling bins in the JCR: one for paper, and one for cans.  
- To implement a rota for taking out the recycling (e.g. one for committee members (and enthusiastic volunteers!) to go alongside the rotas for doing JCR tea and maintaining the coffee machine)  
~~- To impose a JCR fine (amount to be debated) if these recycling bins become contaminated in any way, e.g. with cans still half full of drink, pizza boxes etc. etc. – i.e. the JCR will be fined (like if someone throws up on the stairs) if the recycling is contaminated. The money would then go to an environmental charity to be chosen by the Domestic, Charities and E&E officers.~~- To mandate JCR Officers who find contamination in the recycling bins to tell the E&E rep, who then will tell the JCR.

**Proposed:** Rosie Oxbury  
**Seconded:** Abigail Burman

**Short Factual Questions:**

Chris Ewing: Not in our interests to fine ourselves, how can we implement fine?

Rosie Oxbury: Fine to JCR, can be decided by the person taking out.

Abigail Burman: Could reframe as mandatory donation by adding to charities budget.

Noah Evans-Harding: Doesn’t most recycling get sorted at the plant anyway?

Abigail: Can sort according to type, but much harder to sort if strange stuff gets in.

Chris E: How much?

Rosie: About £5.

**Debate**

**Amendment, Rachel Dellar:** Remove the fine. Taken as hostile.

**Debate on Amendment:**

Sam Robberts: Weird for us to have fine system. A few members of committee would decide whether there is contamination of bins. People who cause mess won’t take responsibility. It would need to be more disruptive to make a difference.

**Move to vote, Rachel Dellar and Zack Hall**

**Opposition to move to vote**

Abigail: Without a fine, we won’t make a difference.

Adrian Matthew: Shouldn’t we pay the council if we’re causing them problems?

Chris E: People who contaminate don’t care if JCR fined £5.

Olivia Thompson: No way to tell who is contaminating.

**Speech in Proposition of Amendment**, Rachel Dellar: Everything’s been said, it would be hard to do and not very effective.

**Speech in Opposition to Amendment**, Rosie Oxbury: Original motion gives a win-win situation; either we improve recycling or we give to charity.

**Vote on amendment:**

**Overwhelmingly in favour of amendment**

Rachel Dellar: Any alternative for improving?. Also scouts throw our recycling in landfill bin.

Rosie: Sam Cunningham [college Accommodation Manager] thinks we don’t use recycling bins properly.

**Amendment, Abigail:** Whoever finds contamination should tell E&E rep, who then will tell JCR. Taken as friendly.

Adrian: Get signs for bins?

Noah: Is there actually a problem, or are we assuming?

Rosie: Sam Cunningham says that we always contaminate so scouts put them into landfill.

Midori Takanaka: When we clear bins out do we need to rifle through them?

Rosie: You’ll see well enough when you empty out – no need to put on gloves.

**Vote**

24 in favour

4 against

**Motion passes**

**11. Light Shades**

**This JCR Believes:**  
- that its recent makeover shouldn't stop at shedding that old Blobby outfit.  
- that the light shades are ugly and a visual cliché.

**This JCR Resolves:** to mandate ~~someone~~ the JCR Vice-President to purchase new dark red light shades for the JCR.

**Proposed:** Arthur Graham-Dixon  
**Seconded:** Sam Robberts

**Short Factual Questions:**

Gege Parthasarathy: Why?

Sam Robberts: Gives poetic description of ideal JCR, ruined by ugly light shades.

Vicki Halsall: What do you want?

Sam R: Octagonal and matching colour of walls. “A florist told me today that I have a very good understanding of texture.”

Nick Dickinson: Sam and Arthur are trying to turn the place into pool hall.

Tom Heaps: Dark green will clash, red would be better.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** Have dark red lampshades. Mandates JCR Vice-President to buy. Taken as friendly.

Grace Holland: Light will be red then.

Sam R: Current ones don’t let much light in, new ones will have around 12-14’ bottom for light to go through without being red.

Jamie Wells: Current shades soften the light.

Blessing Inyang: Octagonal lampshades good, uncomfortable with colour.

Sam Robberts has a straw poll to find the favourite colour out of red, white and green. Although initially Sam amends the motion to buy white lampshades in response to 15 white, 11 red, 1 green, after fetching red lampshades are found on the internet and shown to the room, a straw poll has all apart from one member preferring red, and so he withdraws the amendment.

Nick D: JCR meeting has turned into worst episode of Changing Rooms ever.

**Vote**

**Speech in Proposition, Sam Robbers:** Reminds us of beautiful image from beginning of motion.

**Speech in Opposition, Jamie Wells:** These ones remind me of my childhood.

16 in favour

7 in opposition

**Motion passes**