**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING**

**Sunday 2th Week MT12**

**Chair:** Kezia Lock (JCR President)

**Secretary:** Peter Fitzsimons

**Returning Officer**: Gareth Langley

**JCR Members present:** loads

**14th October 2012**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Present:**

JCR President- Kezia Lock

JCR Treasurer- Konrad Hepworth

Access & Admissions Officer- Alice Evans

Accommodation Officer- Sam Robberts

Charities & RAG Officer- Joe McCrudden

Clubs & Societies Officer- Sam Hodgson

Domestic Officer- Patricia Stephenson

Environment and Ethics Officer- Zack Hall

Entz President (Acting)- Tom Heaps

OUSU Officer- Nick Dickinson

Returning Officer- Gareth Langley

Welfare Officer (Female) - Jess Lewis

Welfare Officer (Male)- Sam Newhouse

**Apologies:**

Academic Affairs Officer- Gege Parthasarathy

International Students’ Officer- Moritz Borrmann

**Positions of Arts Officer and Equal Ops Officer currently unfilled; by-elections occur during the meeting.**

Kez calls meeting to order and welcomes all.

President’s Officer’s Report

Gareth describes procedural motions (elections) and constitutional change

Kez briefly describes how meetings work- how to speak, etc.

**1. Corpus JCR Budget**

**This JCR Notes:**

- This term’s JCR budget has not yet been approved by the JCR

- The constitution specifies that the budget should be approved at the 1st JCR meeting of Michaelmas term

**This JCR Believes:**

- That budgets are good.

- That the JCR should have a chance to ratify the budget.

**This JCR Resolves:**

To approve the following budget for MT 2011:

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| **ACADEMIC - ~~£80~~ £20** |
| **OUSU/ECO - £10** |
| **CLUBS+SOCS - £100** |
| **CHARITIES - £3,000** |
| **DOMESTIC - £450** |
| **NEWSPAPERS - £750** |
| **WELFARE - ~~£60~~ £100** |
| **MEETINGS - £160** |
| **ENTZ - £400** |
| **MALE - £250** |
| **FEMALE - £250** |
| **ISO - ~~£100~~ £50** |
| **COMMITTEE - £50** |
| **COMPUTING - £20** |
| **ARTS - £100** |
| **SPECTRUM - £50**    **Total - £5750** |

Proposed: Konrad Hepworth, JCR Treasurer

Seconded: Peter Fitzsimons, JCR Vice-President

Amendments to budget made before motion, Academic changed to £20, Welfare changed to £100, ISO changed to £50.

Kezia explains amendments to the budget- welfare covers the cookie fairy, the international meal has already been paid for. ISO stands for International Students’ Officer.

**Short factual questions**

Jess Lewis: What is welfare?

Kezia: Cookie Fairy and Corpus Cares

Chris Davies: What is JCR levy?

Kezia: Scholarships abroad for incoming Oxford students

Tom Heaps: Entz has gone down from last year?

Konrad Hepworth: Yes. Cinema and symposium come out of entz, but motion can change that in future

Gareth: More money out of freshers week ticket sales this year?

Tom: Thinks close to total loss less than one night last year.

**No debate.**

**No opposition, motion passes.**

**Antony Collins, Poet Laureate, reads out a poem as he arrived after the meeting started. Peals of applause.**

**2. Revised Constitution**

**This JCR Notes:**

-         The current constitution is a long document

-         The current constitution occasionally contradicts itself and also can repeat itself in places

-         That the current constitution is not gender neutral

-         The current constitution is still not fully embracing the role of Returning Officer

-         That the lack of sensible formatting in the constitution and standing orders made the lives of the RO & VP a misery at times during the summer (It’s called a page break everyone!)

-         That a constitutional amendment needs to pass with a two thirds majority and TWO consecutive JCR meetings

**This JCR Believes:**

-         Before the Returning Officer is allowed to change the constitution, he should be made to explain the changes to the JCR so that the JCR don’t think that he is trying to give himself more power

-         That a summer’s proofreading, reformatting and editing shouldn’t be wasted…

-         That gender neutrality is still a good move

-         That the VP, Accommodation Officer, Computing & Website Officer and President should be thanked for their help in proof reading and giving feedback on the proposed constitution

-         That any amendments that we wish to make to the proposed constitution need to be made at this meeting to prevent us from getting into a constitutional pickle

**This JCR Resolves:**

-         To thank the VP, Accommodation Officer, Computing & Website Officer and President for their helpful input.

- To amend Article 6, Section 69 of the constitution, so that the RO cannot speak on anything other than constitutional matters and does not have a right to a vote.

-         To pass the proposed, amended constitution, which is written in the same spirit as the current document.

**Proposed:** Gareth Langley (Returning Officer)

**Seconded:**Zack Hall (E&E Officer)

Kezia briefly explains, tells all to read summary of changes for a minute. Standing Orders not to be passed this meeting.

**Short Factual Questions**

Dom McGovern: Returning Officer, why has to be neutral?

Gareth Langley: They can only speak when they no longer do job; potential conflict of interest.

Tom Heaps: Passing SO’s this week?

All: No.

**Debate**

Joe McCrudden: Why does RO change roles during the meeting, simpler that they just don’t speak.

Sam Robberts: When I was VP I didn’t speak, due to confliction of roles, so RO shouldn’t either.

Nick Dickinson: If you go back to doing the role again, you’re not neutral.

**Amendment:** Strike RO can speak on a motion? Should only be allowed to speak on constitutional matters. Amend Article 6, Section 69 of the constitution, so that the RO cannot speak on anything other than constitutional matters and does not have a right to a vote. Amendment taken as friendly.

**Move to vote, no opposition**

**Vote**

**Overwhelmingly in favour, Motion passes.**

**3. Room Survey**

**This JCR notes:**

- That the information available on rooms for undergraduates is misleading/wrong/incomplete/confusing

- The current JCR accommodation officer was elected on a platform of sorting this out

- That a room survey will be the most efficient way of so doing and that incentive's are a good way of motivating people

**This JCR believes:**

- In room surveys

- In information, transparency, efficient administration etc etc

- In prizes

This JCR resolves

- To mandate the Accommodation Officer to carry out the room survey as quickly and efficiently as possible, and to report back in 6th week Michaelmas with the results

- To mandate the JCR treasurer to purchase a ~~£10~~ £30 voucher as a prize in the raffle of successfully returned room survey forms, and to purchase ~~enough~~ up to £20 of sweets to reward a successfully returned room survey form for every undergraduate before the next JCR meeting

Proposed: Sam Robberts, JCR Accommodation Officer

Seconded: Peter Fitzsimons, JCR Vice-President

**Amendment before SFQs, Sam Robberts:** amount to be spent on sweets to less than £20

**Short factual questions**

Livvy Elder: What do we do?

Sam Robberts: Everyone given a form for every college room they’ve lived in. Create database of all rooms in college so we know exactly what the room is like- 70 word description, rank out of 10 for 7 variables, and then rank rooms relative. Plus specifics e.g. oven, light. From 6th week, propose change room grading according to new maths. Redistribute rent bill.

Alice Evans: Any point asking about first year rooms as they’re assigned?

Sam R: Yes, compare all rooms.

Chris Ewing: Won’t we have to repeat?

Sam R: No because after this year you’ll only have to assess 1 room.

Jess Lewis: If your room has been done up since?

Sam R: Fine.

Megan McCullagh: Do you have records of where we stayed?

Sam R: Yes.

Rachel Dellar: Are we assessed for rooms we’ve stayed in in the vac?

Sam R: Possibly, can do.

**Debate:**

**Amendment for debate, Sam Robberts:** gift voucher as £30. No opposition, taken as friendly.

**Vote**

Overwhelming majority, **Motion passes**

**4. All I want for Christmas … is a tree**

**This JCR Notes:**

-Everyone loves Christmas

**This JCR Believes:**

-The quad is transformed with the simple installation of a Christmas tree

-We should sort this out now

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To purchase a Christmas tree to arrive in early November

-To spend up to ~~£500~~ £275 on said tree, plus stand and decorations

-To try and recover part of the cost from the MCR + SCR

- To buy a tree for the JCR for up to £50

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Eddie Lundy (former Domestic Officer)

**Short factual questions:**

Alice Evans: How are we going to stop it falling over?

Megan McCullagh: We have a stand.

Patricia Stephenson: Will it die before the term ends?

Chris Davies: No.

Sam Newhouse: Have we discussed with MCR and SCR?

Kezia: Happens every year.

Joe McCrudden: How much?

Chris D: Total amount spent from every source.

**Debate:**

Sam Hodgson: Amend? How much did we spend last year, cap there? £175.

Chris D: Was too small, move to £275.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** To purchase a tree for up to £275.

Anthony Collins: get small tree for JCR up to £50?

**Amendment, Antony Collins**: To get a small tree for the JCR for up to £50. Amendment accepted as friendly.

**Vote**

Overwhelming majority, **Motion passes.**

**5. Spotify Premium + Ipad**

**This JCR Notes:**

The JCR doesn’t currently own anything made by Apple

**This JCR Believes:**

…in fun, even if college doesn’t.

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To pay for a subscription for Spotify ~~Premium~~ Unlimited £10 per month after getting a 30 day free trial

-To purchase ~~an Ipad for £400~~ a Kindle for £129.

-The JCR Treasurer be mandated to cancel Spotify in the vac

-That Sam Henry will keep the account details.

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Zack Hall, JCR Environment and Ethics Officer

**Amendment before SFQs, Chris Davies**: Change cost of Ipad to £299.

**Short Factual Questions**

Gareth Langley: Is this legal?

Chris D: Yes.

Konrad Hepworth: What for?

Chris D: Used in beer cellar, kept by Sam Henry.

All: What for?

Chris D: General use.

Patricia Stephenson: Can we buy a cheaper laptop?

Kezia: We have a JCR laptop.

**Debate:**

Sam Robberts: If Sam Henry has all music on IPod, why do we need? Free to use when beer cellar is open.

Chris D: Same plan with iPad. Easier, updated music.

Megan McCallagh: Could we buy a cheaper tablet?

All: How do we keep it safe?

Sam Newhouse: We have a JCR laptop, why not use? Bring down to beer cellar?

Dan Parker: Apple equipment in beer cellar? Won’t it get ruined?

Barney: Not justifiable given we could buy cheaper laptop.

Tom Heaps: Laptops are clunky, takes ages to load. Spotify subscription: only here half the year.

Sam Hodgson: Lot of money, bigger than some budgets.

Konrad H: Bit ridiculous, can buy Kindle 5 for cheaper. £120 a year for spotify premium? Move to unlimited.

Patricia S: Can cancel vac months.

**Amendment, Joe McCrudden**: change ‘spotify premium’ to spotify unlimited, amend ‘iPad for £299’ to ‘Kindle for £120’. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Rachel Dellar**: Can we get 30 day free trial first? Taken as friendly.

Chris D: Trial for premium.

Patricia S: Account can’t be logged on to different computers (beer cellar and jcr comp).

Chris D: We can create different accounts

Jess: How do we stop people hijacking it, using it personally?

Chris D: stay logged on?

**Amendment, Chris Ewing**: This JCR resolves that: Sam Henry will keep the account details. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps**: This JCR resolves that: The JCR Treasurer be mandated to cancel Spotify in the vac . Taken as friendly.

Livvy Elder: We’ve spent a lot of money, bear in mind agenda as a whole.

Megan M: Only available with beer cellar open?

**Nick D: Move to vote, accepted.**

Joe McCrudden opposes: Sam Henry normally chooses music anyway.

Chris D in prop: involves people with choice of music downstairs. Choice, convenience, generally better.

**Vote (needs 2/3 for to pass):**

Overwhelmingly against, **Motion rejected.**

**Pizza arrives, there is much rejoicing.**

**6. Drinks Extravaganza**

**This JCR Notes:**

People currently spend 70p for a can.

**This JCR Believes:**

This is a high price considering its possible to pay a lot less

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To purchase drinks at a cheaper price (e.g. poundland 3 for £1, possibly order from online supermarket)

-To store these in the JCR fridge

-To sell using the honesty box for 50p

-To make a wall of shame for anyone not honouring the honesty box

-For an initial investment of £50 to be made for the scheme on a trial basis

-To recycle the money from the honesty box

- Not to renew the contract on the vending machine

Proposed: Dominic McGovern (former Clubs & Socs)

Seconded: Chris Davies

**Short factual questions**

Kezia: We have contract on dispenser, locked into using it.

Chris Davies: Asda, cans for 24 p.

Chris Ewing: Isn’t this going to make a loss?

Chris D: Needs less than 50% to break even.

Rachel Dellar: Who in charge? Locked in means we can’t sell drinks?

Chris D: Domestic. Locked in means we pay monthly subscription.

Do we know how much is contract? Do we have fridge space for cans?

Chris D: No, but can keep in JCR office.

**Debate:**

Kezia: It’s illegal.

Chris D: We do same with icecream.

**Sam Robberts: move to vote. Withdrawn in face of opposition by Joe M.**

Joe McCrudden: We don’t have a car.

Chris D: Costs 45p per can from machine.

Barney: Can we use a donation box so not illegal?

Chris D: This will make a profit, current arrangement is a deficit.

**Amendment, Joe McCrudden**: Add resolves; don’t renew vending machine contract. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Chris Ewing**: Can’t we postpone until we work out vending machine contract? Amendment taken as hostile, withdrawn.

**Nick Dickinson: move to vote, successful.**

No-one speaks in opposition.

Chris Davies speaks for proposition: We make profit on it.

**Vote**

Majority, **Motion passes**

**7. I want that boom, boom, pow!**

**This JCR Notes:**

Sam Kelly will be disappointed if there is not enough bass

**This JCR Believes:**

-Setting up for bops should be hassle free

-This will also save on costs for the Christmas bops

**This JCR Resolves:**

~~-To purchase an M-Audio GSR18 Active PA Subwoofer for £500~~ to use Barney’s bass cabinet

-To ~~purchase a frequency crossover for £150~~ follow Chris and Barney’s advice on a frequency crossover or alternative, and purchase that with JCR Treasurer oversight

-To sell all redundant equipment (there is a lot that to be cleared out of the JCR office)

- To check with the MCR what equipment they have and attempt to share it

- To mandate Chris Davies to ensure this happens

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Midori Takenaka (Entz Rep)

Barney: You can have a cabinet I have for free.

**Short factual questions**

Sam Hodgson: How much would sale make?

Chris Davies: Around £200.

Jess Lewis: How much does Xmas bop cost?

Chris D: Around £150.

Sam Robberts: Who do you want to mandate to purchase?

Chris D: Me!

**Amendment, Chris Davies**: Check with MCR first.

Midori Takenaka: Without Chris D, we won’t know how to set up bops. Everything was broken last time.

Chris D: With new system, can keep the volume low but with better quality of sound, sound can also go higher.

Sam Newhouse: Wouldn’t more bass carry further?

Barney: Amend, do you want to use the one I built (bass cabinet). They shake my house. Technical specifications.

**Amendment, Nick Dickinson**: Strike resolves 1. Add, to use Barney’s bass cabinet and help him transport it. Taken as friendly.

**Debate:**

Sam N: What does freq crossover do?

Chris D: Splits freq between speakers. Helps the speakers last longer.

Barney: Can retask a mains reformer instead of crossover? I can set up some things.

**Amendment, Sam Newhouse:** Strike resolves 2, add let Chris and Barney discuss and take their advice. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** To save doing motion again, purchase frequency crossover or alternative with treasurer oversight, mandate Chris to sell all equipment.

**Vote**

Overwhelming majority, **Motion passes**

**8. Google TV**

**This JCR Notes:**

-The JCR likes to watch films

-The Internet is a good source for films and TV

**This JCR Believes:**

Google TV and Netflix are a worthwhile investment.

**This JCR Resolves:**

To purchase Google TV for £160 and subscribe to Netflix for £6 per month

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Dom McGovern

Chris: does no-one want this? Can scrap.

**Short factual questions**

Sam H: is anything happening with Sky?

Kezia: problems with charity rate and withdrawal of contract. Not likely to afford it/ wrangle it.

**Motion withdrawn**

**9. Buried Treasure**

**This JCR Notes:**

Finding free stuff is good

**This JCR Believes:**

-The cupboard door next to the JCR office door hasn’t been unlocked for 3 years / in remembered history, not even the porters have a key.

-This cupboard could be put to good use

**This JCR Resolves:**

To break the door down by any means necessary (i.e. the college workmen)

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Eddie Lundy (former Domestic Officer)

(The door had been broken down some days previously by JCR members, and in any case a motion was not needed to give permission)

**Motion withdrawn**

**10. Dirty Goblins**

**This JCR Notes:**

We are Goblins

**This JCR Believes:**

-We are incapable of keeping our surroundings clean and tidy

-Rats and mice; while they may be majestic creatures are unhygienic and leave excrement around the place

**This JCR Resolves:**

To hire a cleaner to tidy the JCR and any mess which may result in a fine

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Gina Yea

Kezia: There are jurisdiction issues about labour law and relationship with college.

**Motion withdrawn**

**11. I just want to make you sweat**

**This JCR Notes:**

College bops get so hot that the walls start to sweat

**This JCR Believes:**

A sweaty bop is not for everyone

**This JCR Resolves:**

~~-To purchase an industrial size air con unit up to £1800~~

~~-To negotiate with college to subsidise at least half of this cost before purchasing.~~

-To mandate the Domestic Officer to talk to Colin Holmes about getting air conditioning in the Beer Cellar.

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Felipe Monge (former Entz President)

**No short factual questions**

Kezia: not responsible for it, can’t afford it, v. unlikely we’ll get.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** Scrap resolves, change mandate Domestic Officer to talk to Colin Holmes about getting air conditioning in Beer Cellar.

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes.**

(Motion 12 in the agenda was withdrawn before the meeting)

**Emergency motions**

**12. Leaving gift for Dave Yeatman, ex-head porter.**

**This JCR Notes:**

That Dave was a great Head Porter.

**This JCR Believes:**

That the JCR ought to thank Dave for his great work by buying him a leaving present.

**This JCR Resolves:**

To spend up to £50 on a leaving present for Dave.

Proposer: Zack Hall

Seconder: Joe McCrudden

**No short factual questions or debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes**

**Paper Ballot for positions of Arts Officer and Equal Ops Officer**

Nominees for Arts: Chris Ewing

Nominees for Equal Ops: Steph Cherill

**Husts for position of Entz President.**

Tom Heaps and Samuel Robberts hust. Third candidate, Pippa McKenzie, not present.

**Any Other Business**

Nick Dickinson: OUSU elections coming up, do run.

Also: 3rd week council, motion for NUS demonstration. Asks whether JCR wants to spend money on that out of OUSU’s £2000 campaigning budget.

OUSU spend on demos is never more than £500.

Jess Lewis: More info?

Nick D: specifically NUS demonstration, TUC demo motion failed. Most Sab Committee back it, it’s lobbying for educational stuff

Sam Robberts: objects to NUS itself, non-representative, non-democratic

**Show of hands in favour/against supporting the demo**

**Marginally against**, overwhelmingly apathetic