**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING**

**Sunday 4th Week MT12**

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

**Secretary:** Peter Fitzsimons

**Returning Officer**: Gareth Langley

**JCR Members present:** 27

**28th October 2012**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Present:**

JCR President- Kezia Lock

JCR Treasurer- Konrad Hepworth

Academic Affairs Officer- Gege Parthasarathy

Access & Admissions Officer- Alice Evans

Accommodation Officer- Sam Robberts

Arts Officer- Chris Ewing

Charities & RAG Officer- Joe McCrudden

Clubs & Societies Officer- Sam Hodgson

Domestic Officer- Patricia Stephenson

Environment and Ethics Officer- Zack Hall

Entz President - Tom Heaps

Equal Ops President- Steph Cherill

International Students’ Officer- Moritz Borrmann

OUSU Officer- Nick Dickinson

Returning Officer- Gareth Langley

Welfare Officer (Female) - Jess Lewis

Welfare Officer (Male)- Sam Newhouse

**Apologies:** None.

JCR Committee meeting: Discussion of whether to support abolition of BME, Gender, Disability, Equal Ops Pres and Spectrum Rep and their replacement by a single position (suggested by current Equal Ops Pres, Steph Cherill; see Motion 9) and whether this motion should be submitted to the JCR.

Previous meeting’s minutes signed off.

Anthony Collins, JCR Poet Laureate, reads out a suitably ghoulish Halloween poem.

1. **Constitution (Second Reading)**

**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:**

- 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

**This JCR Resolves:**

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

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

**Additional Notes:**

- Please find attached the proposed constitution. There are a number of key points:

- The document is intended to be gender neutral. If you find, anywhere in the draft a point at which this is not the case, please inform the RO, Gareth Langley and we will amend the proposed constitution in the meeting.

- The new document now removes an officer from the post after a single vote of no confidence, the current one says both one and two successful no-con motions are enough to force a committee member out of office. If you feel strongly that this should be two rather than one then please bring this up in debate.

- A small change in the procedure of move to a vote, can someone please ask Gareth to explain this in short factual questions.

- The RO is NOT allowed to speak on a motion, this has been debated and thought about carefully and was dealt with at the JCR meeting.

- Gareth apologises for the document being a 21 page behemoth, but it was the best he could do

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

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

**Short Factual Questions:** None

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes.**

**2. New Standing Orders**

**This JCR Notes:**

- All of the JCR Committee should know what they are supposed to do.

- Rewriting and reformatting the standing orders to make them gender neutral was carried out by the Vice President over the summer.

- Should this motion and the constitution motion pass then the constitution and new standing orders come into force as one.

- Expanding the role of Cinema Curator to cover the provision of computer games was briefly discussed but not set in stone last year (c.f. FIFA-gate).

**This JCR Believes:**

- Being gender neutral is a good thing

- Including computer games in the remit of the cinema curator is a sensible progression of the role.

- Since we are regularly passing money motions, asking the treasurer to regularly report on the status of the JCR accounts is a good move.

- Coherent standing orders and constitution makes the life of the RO easier.

- Using page breaks makes the document a lot easier to work with.

- It is due to the hard work of the VP (Peter Fitzsimons), that we have the document to bring to the JCR, he should be thanked for this.

**This JCR Resolves:**

- To pass the new standing orders and thank Peter for his hard work.

- Should the standing orders and constitution both pass, to mandate the RO to put them onto the website as PDFs.

- To strike Standing Order 17 from the Standing Orders of the Access and Admissions Officer.

- To add a standing order to International Students’ Officer: ‘To organise Stanford lunch every term.’

- To add a standing order to Accommodation Officer so they conduct the room survey every year.

- To replace Standing Order 6 of Entz Committee with ‘to organise events in Freshers’ Week and liaise with the JCR President in their role as chair of Fresher’s Week Committee.’ To insert the same phrase into the Standing Orders of Welfare Officer (Male) and Welfare Officer (Female).

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

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

**Short Factual Questions:**

**Amendment, Alice Evans**: Strike Standing Order 17 from the Standing Orders of the Access and Admissions Officer. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Moritz Borrmann**: Add a standing order to International Students’ Officer: ‘To organise Stanford lunch every term.’ Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Sam Robberts**: Add Standing Order to the Accommodation Officer so they conduct the room survey every year. Taken as friendly.

Tom Heaps: Freshers’ Week organisation of alternative events as part of welfare’s standing orders, and not part of Entz?

**Amendment, Tom Heaps**: To replace standing order 6 of Entz Committee with ‘to organise events in Freshers’ Week and liaise with the JCR President in their role as chair of Fresher’s Week Committee.’ To insert the same phrase in the standing orders of Welfare Officer (Male) and Welfare Officer (Female). Taken as friendly.

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes**

Meeting temporarily suspended due to insufficient number of JCR members in attendance.

Veronica and Rosie enter, general cries of ‘quorum’ and ‘huzzah!’ Meeting recommences.

**3. Emergency Contraception**

**This JCR Notes:**- The morning-after pill costs around £25 in major pharmacies  
- The obtaining of emergency contraception is a very (time-)sensitive issue  
- Family-planning clinics in Oxford are located in Headington and Cowley – there are none in central -Oxford  
- Many other JCRs, including Wadham, Univ and Hertford, offer the reimbursement of the morning-after pill   
- Some women are uncomfortable going to the college doctors to obtain emergency contraception

**This JCR Believes:**- Women should not be punished financially for this discomfort, or forced to visit a college doctor because they cannot afford to pay £25  
- The women of Corpus understand the health risks of over-reliance on emergency contraception, and would not use this service irresponsibly, particularly given the extensive provision of other forms of contraception by the JCR  
- Welfare officers are in a position to maintain confidentiality while advising and supporting those who seek their help

**This JCR Resolves:**-To establish a budget of £300 for the reimbursement by JCR Welfare officers of the emergency contraceptive pill  
-To revisit the motion in a year’s time, in order to adjust the level of funding in proportion to demand  
-To advertise that the morning-after-pill is available from the college doctors.

Proposed: Jessica Lewis, JCR Welfare Officer (Female)  
Seconded: Peter Fitzsimons, JCR Vice-President

**Short Factual Questions**

Tom Heaps: How long will this last?

Jess Lewis: Until Michaelmas.

Sam Robberts: People won’t get the pill due to not wanting to visit the doctor (who can distribute them for free), rather than money issue. Treating a symptom rather than cause.

Jess and Sam Newhouse: This is a good thing no matter what college doctors are like.

Chris Davies: Will the Welfare Officers buy 12?

Jess: No, we will reimburse receipts rather than buying direct.

Nick Dickinson: Will this be added to welfare budget next year?

Jess: Yes, just a temporary measure until next year.

**Debate**

Sam R: Make clear in resolves, that the procedure is go to doctor first.

Jess: We will not advertise this as a first resort.

**Amendment, Jess Lewis**: Publicise that morning after pill is available for free from the college doctors.

Rachel Dellar: About time rather than convenience (e.g. college doctors not available on the weekend)

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes.**

**4. Frankie Says Relax**

**This JCR Notes:**

We do not have any sofas in the TV room

**This JCR Believes:**

Sofas are comfortable

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To mandate the JCR President to canvass college authorities to see whether they will buy sofas for the TV Room /contribute towards their cost.

-If college will not buy them, to mandate the Treasurer to purchase sofas for the TV room up to ~~£380~~ £200, looking for second hand sofas first.

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Sophie Kelley

**Short Factual Questions**

**Amendment, Chris Davies**: Mandate treasurer to do this. To mandate JCR President to canvas monetary support for sofas from college.

Sam Newhouse: What happens to chairs already there?

Chris Davies: Quite a lot of room in TV room?

Steph Cherill: to Konrad [Hepworth, JCR Treasurer], is this a lot of money given the budget?

Konrad: is about 5% of annual budget, very tight budget. £2000 discretionary budget to make up for lack of money generally (19% of termly budget).

Nick Dickinson: For capacity or comfort?

Chris D: Both.

Tom Heaps: Researched?

Chris D: Yes, but Konrad said might be possible to buy more cheaply.

Jess Lewis: How many? Will this actually increase seating capacity?

Chris D: 2 sofas.

Sam Robberts: Can we bring them up to the TV Room?

Chris D: Yes.

**Debate**

**Amendment, Rachel Dellar**: amend to scrap second part of motion.

Chris D: Means two motions, more work.

Amendment withdrawn.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** change value of sofas to up to £200

**Amendment, Chris Ewing**: look for 2nd hand sofas first. Taken as friendly.

**Speaking in Opposition: Francesca Petrizzo**: TV room set-up works, lot of money, not that much better, no more capacity.

**Speaking in Proposition, Chris Davies:** Small percentage of termly budget. TV room is communal, especially when JCR is incapacitated (like it is currently).

**Vote**

7 in favour

12 in opposition,

**Motion fails** (needs 2/3 majority)

**5. LeBron will dunk on unless you buy NBA 2K13**

**This JCR Notes:**

-Fifa is dead

-We’ve lost a controller

**This JCR Believes:**

-Basketball has taken over

-In communal gaming

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To purchase NBA 2K13 for up to ~~£35~~ £20

-To purchase a new controller for up to £25

Proposed: Chris Davies – Basketball Captain

Seconded: Ilija Rašović – Former Basketball Captain

**Short Factual Questions**

Rachel Dellar: Isn’t this under Fidgett’s remit?

Kezia: Needs to have a bigger budget, which needs to be passed next term

Chris Ewing: Why can’t we wait?

Chris Davies: Just quicker.

David Fidgett: what happened to other controller?

Chris D: Don’t know, perhaps belonged to someone who graduated.

Chris Ablett: any market research, who wants to play?

Chris D: No

Chris E: Can lodge look after controllers?

Kezia: Lodge don’t like to, the room is locked. Person who takes out key is responsible.

Alice Evans: Locked cupboard in TV room?

All: Won’t be any different from currently proposed system.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** Add resolves, to purchase a new controller for up to £25. Purchase NBA 2K13 for £20. To amend notes and believes to reflect the controller-less situation.

**No debate**

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes.**

**6. Your costume is wack**

**This JCR Notes:**

Dressing up for Bops is fun

**This JCR Believes:**

- Everyone should attend Bops and dress up

- Finding a costume can be expensive

**This JCR Resolves:**

- To clear out the two red cupboards to use as storage for costumes

- For people to donate unwanted bop costumes so they can be recycled and minimise waste

Proposed: Chris Davies

Seconded: Sam Hodgson

Motion withdrawn as this does not need a motion to happen. Should instead be a committee initiative.

**7. Pub Quiz Monies**

**This JCR Notes:**

Pub Quiz should be getting in excess of £20 per week (We passed a motion in HT 2010 for the budget of £20; this was latter increased)

**This JCR Believes:**

The entz budget is not substantial enough to cover this.

**This JCR Resolves:**

-To establish a separate budget for Pub Quiz for £20 per week.

-To change the Cinema Curator’s budget to be £150 per term.

-To use a voting system to choose the games which are bought.

-To encourage people to go to Pub Quiz

(This is not a money motion this is just reconfirming a motion that was passed before)

Proposed: Chris Davies - Quizmaster

Seconded: Sam Hodgson – Quiz advisor

**Short Factual Questions**

**Amendment, Chris Davies**: Add to resolves: to give extra money for cinema curator.

Tom Heaps: What is the specific amount?

David Fidgett [Cinema Curator]: Termly, around £50-80 per term. Not included films. In total, £150 per term (increase of £70)

**Amendment, Kezia Lock**: Add to resolves: to use voting system for game selection, like Corpus Cinema. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Chris Davies:** Add to resolves: to encourage people to go to Pub Quiz.

**Emergency Motions:**

**8. Bike Maintenance Kit**

**This JCR Notes:**  
People’s bikes often break

**This JCR Believes:**  
That this is annoying

**This JCR Resolves:**  
To mandate the Treasurer to buy a bike maintenance kit for up to £30 to be kept in the lodge and to be used by any and all JCR members.

Proposed: Patricia Stephenson, JCR Domestic Officer  
Seconded: Samuel Newhouse

**Short Factual Questions**

Jess Lewis: how much?

Kezia: standard pump costs £3,

**Amendment, Patricia Stephenson**: Amend resolves so as to spend up to £30 on the kit.

Kezia: Lodge asked for motion as previous pump went missing.

Veronica Heney: WD40?

Kezia: Yes

George Simms: What equipment was there before in lodge?

Jess: Pump and allen keys

**Debate:**

Trish: treasurer buys?

**Amendment, Patricia Stephenson**: To mandate the Treasurer to buy the kit.

**Vote**

No opposition, **Motion passes**

**9. Equal Opportunities Reform**

**This JCR Notes:**  
-(a) That the role of the Equal Opportunities President and Committee are constitutionally ill-defined and vague  
-(b) That the current Equal Opps President stood for office unopposed so as to prevent the space on committee going unfilled, as did the Gender and Spectrum reps  
-(c) That there are four members of the JCR Equal Opps Committee in addition to the Equal Opps President, one of whom the Equal Opps President was unaware of until recently and had assumed no one had run for it (Gender Rep)  
-(d) That there is little interest or opportunity for the JCR EOC to publicise their areas as to a certain extent this is covered by lay members of the JCR and/or other members of committee, and confusion has already resulted this term due to the constitutional inconsistencies this motion seeks to remedy  
  
**This JCR Believes:**  
-(e) That having apathetic members of the EOC is a waste of everyone's time and effort  
-(f)That having EOC members in itself crosses over and creates duplication of duties with (among others) the Entz President, the President, the Vice-President, the Welfare Officers, the Access officer, the OUSU officer et al.  
-(g) That whilst it may be important in terms of appearance to have someone on committee for "equality" issues, many of the JCR's needs in these areas are covered by our Welfare team and Peer Supporter programme; in any case, there is sufficient activism on these issues from other members of the JCR Committee as a consequence of their own standing orders, and within the JCR itself (due to it's natural diversity); moreover, retaining the current system for the sake of appearances is a superficial way of protecting minority groups  
-(h) That streamlining our approach will benefit the JCR in the long-run, especially with regard to JCR participation in endless by-elections  
  
**This JCR Resolves:**  
~~-(i) That the role of Equal Opportunities President be removed  
-(j) That the role of Gender Rep be removed  
-(k) That the role of Disabilities Rep be removed  
-(l) That the role of BME rep be removed  
-(m) That the role of Spectrum rep (as it now stands) be removed  
-(n) That in (i)-(m)'s place(s) this JCR institutes a re-worded Spectrum Representative on the JCR Committee (this alters article 5 (1) of the JCR Constitution)  
-(o) That this new position be drafted so as to include the interests of everyone in the JCR, and not merely specific categories of people, which in itself is inherently exclusive and undermines the idea of a modern and inclusive JCR, and make explicit that the role is to reflect the true "spectrum" of interests in the JCR.  
-(p) That this motion should take effect at the end of Michaelmas term, so that it is elected in the normal course of elections in the place of the Equal Opps President, and so prevent yet another by-election  
-(q) That the current JCR EOC are encouraged to run for said position and commended for their current service, this motion being solely a remedy for constitutional disorder  
-(r) That the new office-holder will be mandated to attend the OUSU Equal Ops, College Equality Committee, and College Welfare Lunch (this alters article 5 (5) of the JCR Constitution)  
-(s) Article 5, s(27)-(30) of the JCR Constitution shall be changed to reflect the findings of this motion~~-That the posts of BME Rep, Disabilities Rep, Gender Rep, and Spectrum Rep be appointed by the Equal Opportunities President, subject to approval by the Welfare Committee and the JCR President.  
-That the application process for the above posts remain open to the whole JCR.

Proposed: Steph Cherill, Equal Opportunities President  
Seconded: Tom Heaps, Entz President

**Short Factual Questions:**

Tom Heaps: Welfare Committee still meets, but with less members

Rachel Dellar: Why emergency motion?

Kezia: Wanted essay crisis-related reasons because of anticipated length of discussion, but is urgent because of this term’s elections and the need to pass at two consecutive meetings.

Chris Davies: Not until next MT?

Steph Cherill: No, this MT.

Chris Ablitt: How would compatibility be affected, most colleges have current structure?

Steph: Jesus has new systems, doen’t fundamentally affect

Sam Newhouse: Promoting issues/support, primary role of new job?

Steph: All SO’s amalgamated into one role. Still support.

Chris D: What does this mean?

Steph: 5 positions merged into one.

Dave Fidgett: How much does each role do?

Steph: A lot of job is trawling newsletters. Talked to Blessing [BME Rep], she asked everyone to go to Diwali Ball, but that’s also the job of Entz President.

Sam Robberts: Asks current committee members whether one person could do all?

Alex Coupe, Gender Rep: Unfair question.

Blessing Ingyang, BME Rep: Sending a few emails, being involved in ATS

Chris Ablitt, Spectrum Rep: Helps that Jim [Everett, postgraduate] does much. Quite a bit of liaising with other groups, quite variable workload.

Hannah Pothecary, Disablities Rep : not present

Steph Cherill, Equal Opportunities President: bit of welfare, but no

**Debate:**

Joe McCrudden: 3 objections: 1. Removing roles which are safeguards, e.g. if there is a very disabled person etc, their issues can be dealt with. 2. Idea of equality and diversity being homogeneity is silly, support. 3. Person who is taking over needs detailed knowledge, a lot of knowledge.

Chris Davies: Amount of people able to do the job well is very limited. Very specific roles. They are needed, not an issue of time.

Blessing: Symbolic representation, needs people like you. People might think we aren’t taking it seriously.

Jess L: Safeguarding v. important. Adequate welfare needs similar experiences.

Sam Newhouse: Peer supporters don’t have specific knowledge, but still do good welfare job.

Chris A: 2 things. 1. Situation with email received before meeting from someone who doesn’t think we have LGBT rep. 2. Part of the motion, all roles went without opposition. In terms of organising, is half-hearted about the role. Didn’t go for role because someone was needed for the role, but because otherwise the equal ops pres would be mandated to fill vacant role, also need someone who knows what they’re talking about.

Alice Evans: depression is a disability, odd for people who haven’t been through that. Welfare issues, wouldn’t be comfortable with people who haven’t gone through that before.

**Move to a vote, Zack Hall, Overwhelming opposition**

Nick Dickinson: Part of motion is to simplify, problem with not enough positions, work for elections

Proposes amendment, strike all, to retain equal ops pres as is, but replace other roles as appointed.

Jess L: What if competition?

Nick D: withdraws amendment

Tom Heaps: Spectrum not an issue of ignorance, quite likes Nick’s idea, mandating elected Equal Ops Pres. Like gender cannot have been through all gender issues, should be people who are interested. Majority shouldn’t choose who minorities should be represented by.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps**: Scrap elections for all except Equal Ops President, mandate welfare committee to appoint them. Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Gareth Langley**: Should be approved by JCR President and welfare committee, equal ops appoints with application process subject to the whole JCR. Taken as friendly.

Francesca Petrizzo: Those in charge should be confident enough to hust in front of JCR.

Sam Robberts: Participation issue, less than 10% of JCR is here. I’ve done elections. Had to find people to run for positions. Not helping participation by forcing election process and involve them in structure of JCR. Proposed amendment is a better way of ensuring participation instead of max 35 people deciding and sending out results.

George Simms: We don’t have to be political about the role. We have had incidents, some public ones, but it is better not to be confrontational.

Rachel Dellar: Minority who sign up are self-selecting, wait until there’s someone suitable to run. Someone steps up, normally happens.

Alex C: Why are we throwing out democratic process because people are apathetic? People aren’t feeling like they’re included, so we are throwing people out the process altogether?

Jess L: Value clarity. What if no-one runs because no-one knows how to apply?

Sam N: Application is less alienating? Decision made by 5 people who are core JCR Members.

Hannah Murphy: Peer supporters apply, no election, not necessarily a bad thing to have .

**Amendment, Chris Ablitt**: elections run as normal but if places are unfilled, equal ops pres can appoint, not taken as friendly. Withdrawn.

Zack and Joe McCrudden move to a vote.

No opposition to move to vote.

**Speaking in Opposition, Francesca Petrizzo:** Precludes members of JCR from voting. Arguments against voting can be made for any JCR position. Points that people normally step up, suitability.

**Speaking in Proposition, Nick Dickinson**: both administrative simplicity and best people for the positions. Process of self-selection without mi-vote.

**Vote**

Secret Ballot, **Motion falls.**