**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY JCR MEETING**

**Sunday 8th Week TT13**

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

**Secretary:** Peter Fitzsimons

**Returning Officer**: Daniel Shearer

**JCR Members present:** 40

**9th June 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  
Returning Officer – Dan Shearer  
Welfare Officer (Male) – Jamie Wells  
Welfare Officer (Female) Hannah Murphy

**Apologies:**  
Clubs and Socs Officer – Sam Hodgson  
RAG/Charities Officer – Nam Phuong Din

**Procedural motion**: Move motion 4 to front of meeting. Opposition.

**Vote**

Overwhelmingly in favour, **procedural motion passes**

**4. Choir Tour**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- Corpus Choir is going on a tour to Bordeaux in June and singing at the Cathedral among other high-profile venues  
- The choir is putting on a concert on Thursday of 8th week  
- The choir is the largest Corpus artistic endeavour

**This JCR Believes:**  
- The choir contributes to the musical life of the college  
- The choir enhances our prestige abroad  
- Music, for a while, can all your cares beguile

**This JCR Resolves:**  
- To join the choir in spirit by contributing £500  
- To support the concert on Thursday

**Proposed:** Padraig Staunton  
**Seconded:** Hattie Langley

**Short Factual Questions:**

Rachel Dellar: Where’s the money going?

Padraig Staunton: Accommodation.

Rachel D: How much do the individuals pay?

Padraig: Up to £500. This motion would reduce it to £475.

**Debate:**

Gege Parthasarathy: A lot of money for how much we have in the account. Our grant is only around £200 this term.

Midori Takenaka: Same amount as we subsidize the ball for.

Noah Evans-Harding: Choir could sell CDs

Padraig: Most years we can’t afford it. College takes a cut of CD costs.

Gege: Individual money from college in personal development grant.

Jem Lowther: Support from college non-existent, number of different routes. Current budget is £300 each. Three years since last tour. Only underwriting £30 per person.

Rachel D: Should fund in principle, but financial constraints.

**Move to vote**, no opposition

**Vote:**

Overwhelmingly in favour, **motion passes.**

**1. Into the Valley of Democracy (1st reading)**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- Currently the R.O. is an unelected position in the JCR  
- That the JCR constitution places particular emphasis upon the importance of the democratic process  
- That previously the role of R.O. was fulfilled by the V.P. in his role as secretary in JCR meetings and as primary administration handler, and that there was efficient running of the JCR under previous incumbents of this R.O./V.P. position.

**This JCR Believes:**  
- In democracy  
- That it is a fundamental flaw with the way in which the JCR works for the constitution to be enforced by an unelected official who is not accountable to the JCR through the ballot box  
- That this flaw should be resolved to increase the democratic principle of the JCR

**This JCR Resolves:**~~- To combine the roles of the R.O. and the Vice-President, with the Vice-President formally taking on both roles with the passing of this motion~~. To make the R.O. an elected position, with no NOTA option on the ballot. If no-one stands for the position, the duties of R.O. pass to the Vice-President.  
- To mandate the V.P. to amend the constitution and standing orders appropriately, including introducing a Trinity election for the R.O., amending the constitution under Section Heading “Nominations”, Articles 9, 10 and 11, to add exact times and days of the week e.g. by 12pm on Thursday 6th week, and amending Paragraph 36: “including a complete breakdown of every election.”

**Proposed:** Sam Robberts  
**Seconded:** Tom Heaps

**Short Factual Questions:**

George Simms: Why was position created in the first place?

Sam Robberts: RO was elected in my first year, then combined with VP, then split.

**Debate:**

Erika Pheby: Harry [Begg, incoming Vice-President] didn’t sign up for this.

**Amendment, Sam Robberts:** Amend resolves so that RO is an elected position with no NOTA choice; if no-one stands, the powers of RO taken by VP.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** Add to resolves: ‘to amend the constitution under Section Heading “Nominations”, Articles 9, 10 and 11, to add exact times and days of the week e.g. by 12pm on Thursday 6th week. To amend Paragraph 36: “including a complete breakdown of every election.”’ Taken as friendly.

**Amendment, Chris Ewing:** To move the election of RO to Trinity. Taken as friendly.

Anton Löning: Important to have apolitical RO.

**Move to vote**

**Vote:**

Overwhelming, **motion passes**

**2. Buy into our vision**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- That currently the JCR is slowly being aesthetically improved.  
- That this is an ongoing process, which the JCR must not be complacent about  
- That aesthetic pleasure and functionality go hand in hand

**This JCR Believes:**  
- In improving the aesthetic of the room  
- That time is a value commodity  
- That umbrellas and coats belong on stands  
- That photos ought to be hung

**This JCR Resolves:**- To mandate the Domestic Officer to appeal to Colin Holmes and Stuart Dutson to allow the ~~three~~ four most recent matriculation photos to be hung above the pigeon holes, for all to see  
~~- To mandate the Vice President to buy a mantle clock (of old, oak style) to sit on the mantelpiece up to the value of £50~~  
- To mandate the Vice President to buy a dark wood/black painted Coat and Umbrella Stand to go behind the door for up to £25.

**Proposed:** Sam Robberts  
**Seconded:** Tom Heaps

Patricia Stephenson: Hope to match this with fund from finalists to buy the clock.

**No Short Factual Questions**

**Debate:**

**Amendment, Sam Robberts:** Buy the coat stand for up £25, do not buy the clock.

George Simms: Need Colin Holmes onside for this.

Rachel Dellar: Fundamentally opposed to having a clock in JCR.

Alex Law: Why only 3 most matriculation photos?

**Amendment, Sam Robberts**: Buy 4 most recent matriculation photos. Appeal to Colin Holmes and Stuart Dutson.

**Vote:**

Overwhelmingly in favour, **motion passes**

**3. Blades**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- That the JCR has previously given £100 towards each blade won so that it can be decorated and put on display in the boat house  
- That the Men’s 1st VIII were victorious in this years summer VIII’s

**This JCR Believes:**  
- In the equality between male and female blades winners  
- In logical consistency

**This JCR Resolves:** To give the boat club £100 towards the cost of the blade to go on display

**Proposed:** Sam Robberts  
**Seconded:** Chris Ewing

**No Short Factual Questions**

**No Debate**

**Vote:**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**Break for pizza and poem.**

**5. Hustings Reimbursement**

**This JCR Notes:  
-** That hustings were a great success and that everyone loved having the food provided.  
- Dan the R.O does not have a budget (sad face) and so he had to pay the money himself for you lot to eat his food!

**This JCR Believes:** That we should reimburse Dan for the money he spent on feeding you lot. A princely sum of £25

**This JCR Resolves:** To mandate the treasurer to give Dan his money

**Proposed:**Daniel Shearer **Seconded:**Barney Parker

**No Short Factual Questions**

**No Debate**

**Vote:**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**6. Help Publish the Sophist**

**This JCR Notes:** The Sophist has asked for JCR funding.

**This JCR Believes:** The Sophist magazine is worthy of our funding.

**This JCR Resolves:** To contribute ~~£80~~ £40 towards the publication of *The Sophist* magazine and journal.

**Proposed:** Anonymous (Patricia Stephenson, JCR President, acts as proxy)

Patricia Stephenson cedes the Chair to Gege Parthasarathy.

**Short Factual Questions:**

Midori Takenaka: What does this have to do us?

Patricia Stephenson: Sophist looking for college reps.

Hannah Murphy: Do we have enough money for it?

Gege Parthasarthy: Not really.

**Debate:**

**Move to vote**. Opposition.

Tom Heaps: We should get a subscription.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** Change contribution to £40. Taken as friendly.

Alex Coupe: We didn’t fund a magazine earlier this term. Little information.

Tom H: Cuntry Living magazine didn’t get funding because it was seen to have a political cause. This is objective.

**Vote:**

Overwhelming against, **motion falls**

Patricia takes the Chair back.

**7. Less Meat, More Veg**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- Lots of people here like to eat vegetarian/non-meat food, be it all or some of the time.  
- It is better for the environment to eat less meat.  
- At present, every lunch and dinner at hall has two meat options and one vegetarian option.

**This JCR Believes:** It wouldn’t hurt anyone to have more vegetarian options and just one meat option in Hall two nights a week.

**This JCR Resolves:**  
- To ask Mike/the kitchen staff to provide two vegetarian options instead of one on ~~Monday and Thursday~~ two evenings of every week, with the days to be rotated between weeks.  
- That one of these options be ~~suitable for vegans~~ gluten-free.

**Proposed:** Rosie Oxbury  
**Seconded:** Erika Pheby

**Short Factual Questions:**

Chris Ewing: What is the demand for food from vegans?

Rosie Oxbury: Basing it on environmental perspective.

Livvy Elder: What category is fish?

Rosie O: Not sure, tricky one.

Caroline Kreuzer: Why dinner rather than lunch?

Rosie O: more come to dinner, also soup at lunch already vegetarian.

Sam Robberts: Do the vegetarians in this room like vegetarian options?

Gege Parthasarthy: Not at all.

Alex Coupe: Mike [the manciple] is quite receptive; we need to talk to him about costs and viability. Meat is more expensive.

Ivan Dimov: United front on environmental issues? Moving in a concerted direction?

Noah Evans-Harding: Are more than 1/3 of college vegetarians?

Rosie O: Trying to reduce meat consumption.

Felipe Monge Imedio: Why are others forced to eat less meat?

**Debate:**

Nick Dickinson: Unlikely to be environmentally damaging. Not asking you to give up meat, you might choose through pure choice.

Erika Pheby: Only 2/14 meals a week, not a big transfer to vegetarians.

Alistair Marsh: Don’t get too personal. MCR meeting expressed ‘general support’ for this motion.

**Amendment, Ivan:** Have one of the vegetarian options gluten free instead of vegan. Taken as friendly.

Tom Heaps: This is cutting too far, too fast.

**Amendment, Tom Heaps:** to start out with just Mondays. Taken as hostile.

**Debate on Amendment:**

Rosie O: Not that radical to remove two of 28 meat options a week.

Abigail Burman: It’s not meat-free, just increase non-meat options.

Speech in proposition of the amendment, Tom Heaps**:** I eat meat most of the time. Most of the time I don’t like one meat option.

**Speech in opposition of the amendment, Rosie Oxbury:** Could have one very nice meat option on these days.

**Vote on amendment:**

14 in favour of amendment  
22 against amendment  
**Amendment falls**

**Amendment, Livvy Elder:** Exempt 7th week of Hilary, the week of Corpus Challenge, and 5th week of Trinity from this. Taken as hostile.

**Move to vote on amendment.**

**Vote:**

Overwhelming opposition to amendment, **amendment falls**

Midori T: Are we sure Mike will agree? Could hurt hall finance.

Rosie O: Not going to ask until we have JCR support.

**Amendment, Ivan Dimov:** Rotate the days of the week on which this happens. Taken as friendly.

Toby Abbot: Token impact on environment, but controversial.

Blessing Inyang: motion of consideration. Why do you think you deserve two meat options every meal? Consider others.

Chris E: Being commandeered as vegetarian motion, has little to do with environment.

Caro: Both views can be held simultaneously.

Abigail B: Religious observance. Kosher and halal food difficult to get.

Jamie Wells: Sportspeople can be vegetarian, not excuse.

Ian Headley: Not providing different quantity of food. Changing habits.

Felipe M I: Meat-eaters have more balanced diet than vegies.

Sam R: We just passed food committee motion. This does not require a motion.

Alex Law: Protein is a serious issue.

Noah E-H: If this passes I will boycott hall.

**Vote:**

24 in favour

10 in opposition

**Motion passes**

**Emergency motion 1. Tortoise Fair**

**This JCR Notes:** We loaned £500 to the Tortoise Fair.

**This JCR Believes**: That the money loaned to the Tortoise Fair (£500) should be given to charity.

**This JCR Resolves:** To give this money to charity i.e. not get the loan back.

**Proposed:** Gege Parthasarathy  
**Seconded:** Lily Aaronovitch

**Short Factual Questions:**

Rachel Dellar: Which charity?

Gege P: Helen and Douglas House.

**No Debate**

**Vote:**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**Emergency motion 2. Committee Jumpers**

**This JCR Notes:** That the JCR Committee needs jumpers.

**This JCR Believes:** We should buy jumpers for the JCR Committee.

**This JCR Resolves:  
-** To mandate the JCR Treasurer to buy jumpers for up to £15 per person.  
- To buy t-shirts for Equal Ops Committee for up to £30.

**Proposed:** Gege Parthsarathy  
Seconded: Midori Takenaka

**No Short Factual Questions**

**Debate:**

**Amendment, Abigail Burman:** add to resolves, ‘to buy t-shirts for Equal Ops Committee for up to £30.’ Taken as friendly.

**Vote**

No opposition, **motion passes**

**Emergency motion 3. Big Night In**

**This JCR Notes:**  
- That the Big Night In happens on Wednesday night of 0th week as part of Freshers’ Week.  
- That as part of the entertainment Corpus invites Out of the Blue/other a capella groups and the Oxford Imps to provide entertainment for Freshers.

**This JCR Believes:** That the Big Night In 2013 should be the best yet.

**This JCR Resolves:** To give up to £300 to the Big Night In to pay for the acts.

**Proposed:** Hannah Murphy  
**Seconded:** Jamie Wells

**Short Factual Questions:**

Gege Parthasarthy: What’s the spending on?

Hannah Murphy: Out of the Blue, Oxford Belles, Oxford Imps.

Gege P: Why can’t we get it for free again?

Hannah M: OOTB were advert-heavy, dancers a bit shit last time

Rachel Dellar: Cheaper a capella alternatives available?

Hannah M: We’re looking for some.

Grace Holland: Look for other dance groups in Oxford and more free stuff.

Midori Takenaka: up to £300 in worst case scenario. We need to decide now.

**No Debate**

**Vote:**

Overwhelmingly in favour, **motion passes**