

Chair: Alice Rubbra
Secretary: Hannah Cheah
Returning Officer (Standing): Thomas Munro

1. Report from the JCR President

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Christmas Jumper

The weaver's hands did tremble
as they threaded through the night.
The vision sat before him
begged a peculiar might.

One thread he chose for he had
plucked it straight from Christmas past.
Wool softened by nostalgia
till a rosy hue it cast.

Anther he had stolen
from a caroller's red frock,
which seemed itself to ring the bells
calling forth the yuletide flock.

One final strand procured he
from my grandma's apron string
so I'd ne'er be away from
roast turkey and good tidings.

All night he wove so when awake I'd find
A cosy jumper of the Christmas kind.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

Poetry Book

This JCR notes:

- 1) That the current Poet Laureate writes very good poems
- 2) That previous Poet Laureates wrote very good poems
- 3) That future Poet Laureates will most likely also write very good poems

This JCR believes:

- 1) That storing these poems only in an online format doesn't give them the justice they deserve or allow for a JCR record of all the poetry in one place

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Treasurer to give the Poet Laureate a sum not exceeding £30 for the purchase of an appropriately fancy book to record their poetry in
- 2) To add to the Poet Laureate's standing orders "To look after the Poetry Book during their time of office, and to record any poetry they write within it"

Proposed by: Tyron Surmon

Seconded by: Rhiannon Ogden-Jones

SFQ

None

Debate

None

28 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention, motion passes

Even more camp beds

This JCR notes:

- 1) During the 6th week JCR meeting the DO was mandated to purchase up to 3 new camp beds
- 2) The DO purchased 3 new camp beds and so doesn't have authorisation to purchase any more
- 3) During the hustings one of the 3 new camp beds was broken as a result of too many people sitting on it

This JCR believes:

- 1) That the broken new camp bed should be replaced to keep the total number of camp beds the same

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To allocate the DO a budget of £20 to buy 1 new camp bed to replace the broken one

Proposed by: Ben Lakeland

Seconded by: Elliot Gulliver-Needham

SFQ**Debate**

Zereena: Will we replace a camp bed every time it breaks? If so, how are we gonna store them and prevent it from happening?

Ryan: This is the first time one has broken so it's not a massive issue

Peter: Propose an amendment for people to put down a deposit when they rent a camp bed?

Alice: We tried this last year and we aren't allowed to do it I don't think (Tom checked the constitution, we aren't)

22 in favour, 4 against, 4 abstentions, motion passes

9. Motions as submitted**Whitelisting the DO**

This JCR notes:

- 1) The JCR mailing list is the (theoretical) means of distributing menus

- 2) Emails submitted to the mailing list must be approved by either the President or Vice President

This JCR believes:

- 1) Timely menus are good
- 2) Delays between the sending and receiving of the emails is bad

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the President to whitelist emails from the DO to the JCR mailing list such that they do not require explicit approval
- 2) At the discretion of the President this privilege can be removed at any time

Proposed by: Ben Lakeland

Seconded by: Ryan Mamun

SFQ

Tyron: How does the process of approval work now?

Alice: We get an email saying an email has come in, then we approve or reject it. This will put Ben's email on the whitelist so that we don't get that email giving us the option any more

Alex: What's the benefit?

Ben: In case the Pres and VP are busy, menus can be timely

Hannah: Are there any repercussions in place if the DO abuses the whitelist privilege?

Ben: No

Shiv: Would it be as efficient to let you approve your own emails?

Ben: It would give me power to approve anyone's emails so whitelisting makes more sense

Hugo: Did Tom get blacklisted

Tom: No

Ryan: POI, I had one email not let through in my entire time as DO

Akshay: Why can't the DO just post it on facebook

Zereena: Not everyone has facebook

Debate

Rhiannon: Would it be sensible to let other JCR committee members also have the same power?

Ben: The DO has time sensitive, daily emails

Henner: Can I propose an amendment to add resolves 2) at the discretion of the JCR President this privilege can be removed at any time, taken as friendly

Shiv: Discussing with Mike now whether he sends emails

Ben: I guess when that happens then we can discuss it

29 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions, motion passes

10. Emergency Motions

TW: the following motion contains discussion of sexual harassment

Changing the name of the Fraenkel room

This JCR notes:

- 1) That the classical scholar Eduard Fraenkel for whom the Fraenkel room in college is named was guilty of sexually harassing a number of his female students while Corpus Professor of Latin from 1935 to 1953.
- 2) That Baroness Mary Warnock, a former student of Fraenkel, testifies to this sexual harassment in her memoirs.

This JCR believes:

- 1) That sexual harassment is unacceptable and those who commit sexual harassment should be condemned.
- 2) That it is not acceptable to have a room in college named in honour of a man known to have committed sexual harassment.

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the JCR President and the Equal Opps President to lobby college to change the name of the Fraenkel room; to remove the picture of Eduard Fraenkel from the walls of the room; and to remove the plaque from the door of the room.
- 2) To mandate the JCR President and the Equal Opps President to liaise with the MCR to have them pass a similar motion.
- 3) To give the room a neutral name for use within the JCR until a new name is found

Proposed by: Freya Chambers

Seconded by: Shahryar Iravani

SFQ

Tyron: Why is this an emergency motion?

Hannah: It was submitted late

Harry Carter entered the room offering mince pies

Pete: Is there any suggestion for what the name of the room would be changed to?

Freya: No

Debate

Shahryar: Propose amendment to change Equal Opps committee to Equal Opps President because the committee can't be mandated, taken as friendly

Elliot: Can we add an amendment to hold a poll for potential names (Elliot retracted this)

Julia: Not sure how college will respond to this, because we gave some suggestions for names (for the building FKA New Building) and they went ahead and named it Oldham regardless

Zereena: Propose an amendment to add resolves 2) To mandate the President and Equal Opps President to liaise with the MCR to pass a similar motion to give it more weight when brought to college

Tyron: Is it right to change the name just based on allegations?

Abi: I think it's important to listen to the people in college who would be most affected by it, primarily women. The priority has to be the feelings of current members rather than the memory of a criminal

Freya: Many people reported it and there are many people who were traumatised and seriously affected who may not have come forward. Additionally, allegations on their own are grounds for changing the name.

Elliot: Even if they are only allegations there are plenty of other alumni to name the room after

Ella: Taking his name off the room is not erasing his memory, it's just not putting him on a pedestal

Zereena: Who will this be raised to within the college body?

Shahryar: Will be brought up at Welfare lunch or Equalities meeting, or to Rachel Pearson/Welfare Dean who will know who to bring it to in order to move forward

Rhiannon: Propose an amendment to add resolves 3) To give the room a neutral name for use within the JCR until a new name is found, taken as friendly by Freya

35 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention, motion passes

Formal negotiations

This JCR notes:

- 1) Many JCR members have opinions on how Formal halls should be run
- 2) Both the DO-elect and President-elect promised to open discussions on formal
- 3) On the morning of Friday of 7th week the DO for both the JCR and MCR along with the DO-elect met with the Manciple and Domestic Bursar for the food committee meeting
- 4) The Manciple agreed to serve an extra formal hall once a week
- 5) This would be on a day we normally have counter food and would replace said counter food
- 6) Many members of the JCR would wish to introduce gowns and/or a tea/coffee course to formal

This JCR believes:

- 1) All JCR members should have a vote on how formal is run
- 2) The best way to do this is to conduct a survey whether to have an additional formal (and on which day to hold it), whether to have gowned formals, the addition of a tea/coffee course, and other issues the JCR wish to discuss.

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the DO to informally consult JCR members for any issues, other than stated above, to be discussed
- 2) To mandate the DO and President to conduct a comprehensive survey on all things formal over the Christmas vacation to gauge the opinion of the JCR.
- 3) To ratify the results of the survey in a JCR meeting.

Proposed by: Ben Lakeland

Seconded by: Shiv Bhardwaj

SFQ

Dermot: Will the results of the poll be binding in any way?

Ben: Yes

Hannah: Is there a possible way to have both counter service and formal hall

Ben: No

Debate

Elliot: With subjects like whether we should wear gowns, wouldn't it be better to have it in a JCR meeting where there can be discussion?

Ben: Each issue could be its own meeting, I thought it would be simpler to have it as an online survey

Zoe: If these are issues people feel quite strongly about, it feels bad to reduce it to a poll. Debate on certain issues is quite important

Zereena: Propose an amendment to ratify results of survey at a JCR meeting

Abi: On the survey could people submit why they voted a certain way

Ben: Yeah

21 in favour, 1 against, 8 abstentions, motion passes

Sick fine

This JCR notes:

- 1) At the start of term someone vomited
- 2) The college has only just cashed the fine cheque

This JCR believes:

- 1) The scouts should be compensated for dealing with certain unpleasant actions by JCR and ex-JCR students

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To retrospectively budget for this £30 expenditure
- 2) To mandate the Treasurer to remind Andy Rolfe to cash checks more promptly in the future

Proposed: Shiv Bhardwaj

Seconded: Henner Petin

SFQ

Abi: How much is being budgeted

Tom: 30 pounds

Tyron: What happened?

Alice: The JCR gets charged 30 pounds when people are sick

Dermot: Why do we pay it and not the college to the scouts?

Alice: College sees it as the JCR's responsibility

Debate

Zereena: If we start retrospectively budgeting for people being sick, doesn't it incentivise people to not come forward?

Henner: Yes but it doesn't change anything about this motion

Rhiannon: Is there a way to make Andy Rolfe to cash the check more promptly?

Shiv: Probably not

Rhiannon: Propose an amendment to add resolves 2) To mandate the Treasurer to remind Andy Rolfe to cash checks more promptly in the future, taken as friendly by Shiv

30 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions, motion passes

We treally need to make sure Oxmas is lit

This JCR notes:

- 1) That the Christmas tree is phat (with a PH)
- 2) That the Christmas Tree is expensive

This JCR believes:

- 1) That we should probably pay for the Christmas tree
- 2) That some lights would look rather pretty
- 3) That Oscar Beighton recently bought many many lights for Banbury and that these could be used to decorate said phat 14ft tree

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the treasurer to pay £200 for the phat tree
- 2) To pay Oscar Beighton £25 for his lights
- 3) To mandate the DO to store the lights so they can be used again next Michaelmas term

Proposed by: Ryan Mamun

Seconded by: Ben Lakeland

SFQ

Rhiannon: Is the tree coming inside because you can't put lights on outside?

Ryan: We can

Shiv: Do we keep the lights

Ryan: Yes

James: How much did Oscar pay?

Ryan: 25 pounds

Tyron: Who paid for the tree?

Ryan: Corpus JCR, retrospectively being refunded

Debate

Hannah: Propose amendment to add resolves 3) To mandate the DO to store the lights so they can be used again next Michaelmas term

Tyron: Can't it be added to DO MT budget?

Tom: Was meant to be proposed by Ryan at 6th week meeting but he forgot

33 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions, motion passes

11. Any other Business