

Chair: Shiv Bhardwaj
Secretary: Hannah Cheah
Returning Officer: Francesca Parkes

1. Report from the JCR President

This week there were a few meetings: academic committee, stanford lunch, OxSU meeting

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Zoe: At OxSU meeting we were talking about whether we would boycott the NSS, we are going to. Also free bike repair in 5th and 7th week.

Tyron: Has the poet laureate bought the book yet?

Miriam: No not yet but will do it this week!

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Essaying in Hilary

My words race the minutes, one for one

If two make it out I applaud

And three demand a snack

And four an excursion around Christ Church Meadows
until the cows come back.

At five I pause to admire my work

-that's one for every twelve seconds!

At this rate I'll be finished in time

for 10 hours' sleep, I reckon.

It's like a waterfall of wordsmithery

A novel in the periphery-

Imagine how quick I might be

...If didn't use my essay writing

-as practice for calligraphy.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

Hilary term 2018 budget

This JCR Notes

- 1) Money is good, we need money
- 2) The treasurer has created a budget and needs to pass a motion to spend money
- 3) The treasurer has already spent some money meaning he could currently be successfully charged for embezzlement

This JCR Believes

- 1) The current treasurer is just trying to do his job and would like to stay on the right side of the law by approving his budget

This JCR Resolves

- 1) To pass the following budget

ACADEMIC	£30.00
NEWSPAPERS	£600.00
PEER SUPPORT	£20.00
MEETINGS	£260.00
ENTZ	£200.00
WELFARE	£600.00
BIKE STUFF	£30.00
ARTS	£40.00
EQUAL OPPS	£100.00
ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS	£90.00
COMMITTEE MEAL	£225.00
RO/ ADMIN	£10.00
CORPUS CHALLENGE	£3,500.00
CHARITIES WEEK	£200.00
TV LICENSE	£38.00

PUNTS	£4,000.00
HOODIES	£350.00
ACCESS	£30
DOMESTIC	£120
INTERNATIONAL FORMALS	£20

- Note that certain items have been over-budgeted slightly, and that in most terms not this much money is spent. Hilary term this year is particularly expensive due to punt hire and Corpus challenge transport.

Proposed by: Ryan Mamun

Seconded by: Zoe Kuyken

SFQ

Frances: Do we actually use punts in Hilary

Ryan: No we just have to pay for them this term

Gota: Do we get charged for them in Trinity too

Ryan: No

Gota: Why do we spend 600 pounds on newspapers

Thomas: We get 4 subscriptions every day and it can be like 8 pounds a day, it adds up

Oscar: Why is the Environment and Ethics budget being dropped

Ryan: It's been put into DO budget

Thomas: Why are E&E and Charities higher this term than usual

Ryan: They Environment and Charities weeks are on this term, I just followed your budget from last year.

Debate

None

28 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions, motion passes

9. Motions as submitted

Vegan biscuits at JCR tea

This JCR Notes

- 1) JCR tea happens every day
- 2) Poor vegans are sometimes left biscuitless, alone without a tasty morsel that can be dipped in a hot drink

This JCR Believes

- 1) Vegans are people too
- 2) There are quite a few vegans in college (they make sure to tell everyone)
- 3) Vegans should always have some biscuits to eat at JCR tea

This JCR Resolves

- 1) To add an additional clause to the standing orders that the DO must provide at least 1 pack of vegan biscuits at every JCR Tea

Proposed by: Ryan Mamun

Seconded by: Zoe Kuyken

SFQ

None

Debate

Frances: Isn't that going to mean vegans get more biscuits than everyone

Ella: You've all been eating the vegan biscuits at JCR tea this whole time anyway

Rhiannon: Proposes amendment to only have vegan biscuits, seconded by Ella, not taken as friendly

Move to debate on the amendment

None

5 in favour, 17 against, 9 abstentions, amendment fails

Move back to debate on original motion

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

Freshers living in Magpie

This JCR notes

- 1) The majority of freshers live in New Building/Oldham, however, every year some are made to live in Magpie with no choice in the matter.

This JCR believes

- 1) That as lovely as Magpie number 7 is, being placed there as a fresher is quite isolating
- 2) This problem is considerably worse when a fresher has exams in the 9th week of term and no one else in Magpie does (Meaning an

individual will be spending a week, at least, completely alone in magpie)

- 3) That during exams it would be too stressful and difficult to move to Oldham, for the week of exams.
- 4) That being alone in magpie not only creates isolation but also poses some safety risks.

This JCR resolves

- 1) To mandate the accommodation officer (acknowledgement that at current they are busy with ballot so no urgency) to raise this issue with the relevant college staff to try and prevent future freshers from being in this position

Proposed by: Rhiannon Ogden-Jones

Seconded by: Tyron Surmon

Rhiannon: The isolation is less of an issue, it's more of a safety thing for when they're alone in Magpie for a week during exams.

SFQ

Ella: Have you considered that when you're applying for vac res you can ask to be moved to a different room

Rhiannon: I don't think it's fair for freshers to be in that situation

Lilya: Where would they live instead?

Rhiannon: I'm saying to just not put people who have to stay past term time for exams in Magpie

Thomas: This is reasonably accepted, similar situations happen for finalists too

Tyron: It may be accepted that people move for exams, but if this situation can be avoided it would be better

Debate

Lilya: It could be slightly unfair as the accommodation for first year is meant to be completely random

Rhiannon: It's not about preferential treatment, it's just about not having people on their own

Frances: I feel this argument could be applied to anyone in any accommodation, as the amount people socialise varies and they could be in danger/hurt and no one know even in a flat full of other people

Rhiannon: If I screamed in Oldham someone would find me, in Magpie alone that wouldn't be the case

Ryan: I think Elliot was going to try and make sure people with dietary requirements were placed in Magpie, would this affect that?

Rhiannon: They should still get priority

Ella: I think we're assuming a lot about what someone (i.e., future freshers) would want

Tyron: If you are by yourself and have a problem with it, then it adds hassle that can be avoided

Meredith: It's difficult to control and predict, you could put two people in magpie but one could rusticate for example

Gota: I think the deeper problem is that if you're alone in general (without friends even) no one is going to check up on you

12 in favour, 2 against, 13 abstentions, motion fails

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any other Business