

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

1. Report from the JCR President

Went to welfare lunch, will be email going round from Liz as a reminder of welfare provisions in college so everyone can be fully aware. Oxsu emergency council meeting - SU will be supporting UCU strikes. It's still up to individual choice. JCR renovation project making good progress, design stuff in the coming weeks.

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2. Reports / Questions to Officers

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3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

**Room Ballot Sonnet**

What shall I compare thee to, room ballot?  
Thou art more snakey and tempestuous  
Than any of the foul'st of finalists  
Unlike 5th week's, thy blues continuous  
And though loss of a challenge cup remains  
A leaded shadow upon mine own soul  
Nought can eclipse the umbrage thou create  
When the fate of a year rests in your hold  
And thy eternal winter shall not fade  
I fear, when I survey the damage done  
When the yoke of friendship was thus severed  
As groups bid against the setting sun  
Oh to end the worry that might us engulf  
-that we might be called last by Andy Rolfe.

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4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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5. Constitutional Amendments

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6. Motions of No Confidence

## 7. Charities Motions

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### 8. Monetary Motions

#### **Music for the beer cellar**

This JCR notes:

- 1) Music is good, we need music
- 2) It would be nice if the bar had its own music instead of stealing Lance's Apple music subscription

This JCR believes:

- 1) Lance has now cancelled his Apple music subscription so we could do with another one
- 2) Spotify is better than Apple music because it's less pretentious and has more stuff on it
- 3) If you want to listen to Jay-Z you can pay for him yourself

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Entz Pres and Beer Cellar Rep to look into buying a BC subscription for Spotify
- 2) To mandate the treasurer to set aside £8.99 or £4.99 for Spotify

Proposed: Ryan Mamun

Seconded: Zoe Kuyken

#### **SFQ**

Jack: Is this legal?

Ryan: It's essentially buying a Spotify subscription for Lance

Zoe: What happens if this isn't passed

Ryan: People just play music from their own phones

Elliot: Can we use an NUS card to get a discount

Ryan: No not really

Lil: Can we look into doing a commercial one if this doesn't pass

Tom: We already pay for music licencing; this would make things even more expensive

#### **Debate**

None

1 in favour, 28 against, 6 abstentions – motion fails

### **Free Sanitary Products**

This JCR notes:

- 1) People with periods have to spend a lot of money on tampons/sanitary towels/mooncups/etc
- 2) Period poverty is a real issue in the UK, with many people from low-income backgrounds struggling to afford sanitary protection, yet sanitary products in the UK continue to be taxed as non-essential, luxury items at 5%
- 3) Many JCRs in Oxford and Cambridge have a free sanitary products scheme\*

The JCR believes:

- 1) People with periods should not have to spend so much money
- 2) People with periods should have easy access to sanitary products
- 3) The JCR should fund a scheme to make this possible

The JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Female Welfare Officer to spend £100\*\* initially on a variety of sanitary towels and tampons (some unscented/sensitive) for people with periods to access when they are in need.
- 2) To monitor how long the supply lasts, reviewing it in Trinity Term to adjust the budget.

Proposed: Colette Webber

Seconded: Lilya Tata

\*These are not always listed on the JCR websites, but this information has been taken from individual Women's Reps/Officers from each college using the private Facebook page.

Queens JCR – 'Funded by equalities budget'

Worcester JCR – Funded by the 'equalities budget'

Exeter JCR – Funded by 'Main JCR budget'

St Benet's Hall JCR – Funded by main 'JCR budget'

St Catherine's JCR – Funded by main 'JCR' budget

Lady Margaret Hall JCR – Funded by the ‘women’s officer budget’  
Somerville JCR – Funded by main ‘JCR budget’  
Hertford JCR – Funded by main ‘JCR budget’  
Balliol JCR – Funded by ‘JCR optional Levies’  
St Hugh’s JCR – Funded by the ‘Welfare budget’  
University JCR – Funded by main ‘JCR budget’  
St Anne’s JCR – Funded by main ‘JCR budget’

\*\*Based on the small calculations I did below, it would cost more than £100 in theory to provide for 50 or 70 people, the decision to cater to these numbers was based on the responses to the poll (see below) in which 46 people said they were interested in being given products. **However**, feedback from other colleges (University College Women’s Rep) suggests that supplies typically last longer than expected as  
1) Not all people with periods will use the supplies on every period  
2) The supplies will generally be used in a limited way e.g a few pads OR tampons  
This is why I propose we spend around £100 to begin with.

**There are 108 ‘Female Undergraduates’ or 155 ‘Female Students’ in total.**

If bought from Amazon (wholesale style packs)

£9.43 Always Ultra Normal Sanitary Towels, 64 pack

£19.25 Tampax Compak Regular Applicator Tampons, 80 Pack

If we provided 70 women with 20 pads and 10 tampons every term (10 and 5 respectively a month)

1,400 pads would be needed, so 22 packs of towels should be bought = **£207.46**

**OR**

If we provided 50 women with 20 pads and 10 tampons every term (10 and 5 respectively a month)

1000 pads would be needed, so 16 packs of towels should be bought = **£150**

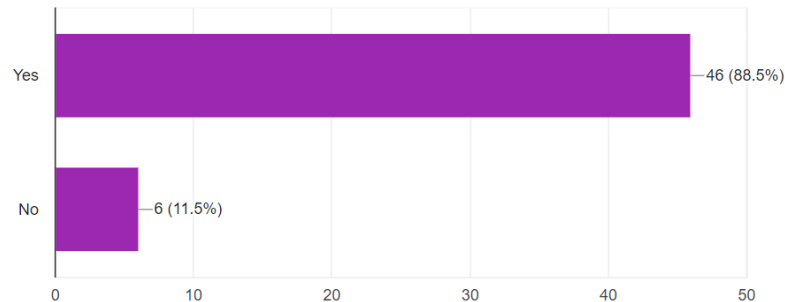
500 tampons would be needed, so 7 packs of tampon should be bought = **£134.75**

= **£284.74**

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If you are a person who gets periods would you like to be provided with free sanitary products each month?

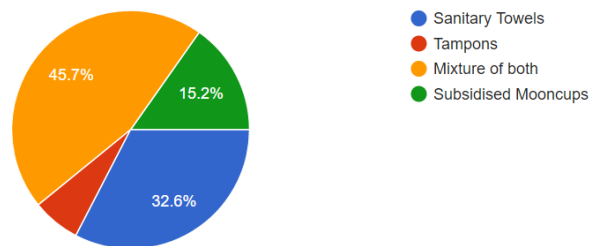
52 responses



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If you answered yes, what products would you be most interested in?

46 responses



## SFQ

Ryan: How long would it last

Colette: A termish

Ryan: Where would you have it

Colette: Plummer probably

Lil: There's also a welfare locker

## Debate

Ryan: Should it come under equal opps or welfare budget

Eve: Would there be subsidised moon cups

Colette: That might be a step after trialling this. Moon cups could work via reimbursement

Ryan: I think it comes under welfare more than equal opps so I propose an amendment to change Equal Opportunities Officer to Female Welfare Officer, taken as friendly by Colette

Tyron: I don't think the JCR is the right body to solve this problem – should the JCR be providing these products for women all the time?

Colette: No, not all the time, but what we can do is to have something available for when people are in need. It would have to work on the basis of trust.

Rhiannon: Should there be provisions in all college sites rather than just college?

Colette: It's in a central location in most colleges

Elliot: Is there anyway college could pay for it instead?

Lil: I'm sceptical they'd be down. Coming back to the point about trust, we could set up a pigging scheme or something.

34 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions – motion passes

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## 9. Motions as submitted

### **Halfway Hall Continuity**

This JCR notes:

- 1) Halfway hall happens every Hilary term.
- 2) For the past several years, there have been awards for the halfway hall-ers.
- 3) These awards were organised by a committee that is made up of volunteers.
- 4) That this committee is separate to the JCR.

This JCR believes:

- 1) It would be a good idea to formalise the establishment of a halfway hall committee.
- 2) A handover document for the committee would also be useful
- 3) These changes would help future years organise halfway hall.

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To add to the standing orders of the Entz Pres: 'to form a halfway hall committee at the start of every Hilary term.'
- 2) To mandate the Female Welfare Officer to create a halfway hall handover document.

Proposed: Lilya Tata

Seconded: Ryan Mamun

**SFQ**

Tyron: How would this function if the entz pres isn't in second year

Lil: They don't have to be in the committee - just form it

**Debate**

None

26 in favour, 1 against, 9 abstentions, motion passes

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**10. Emergency Motions****Buying a new kettle**

This JCR notes:

- 1) The kettles used for JCR tea are often slow, limiting the rate of caffeine consumption for hardworking JCR members
- 2) The kettles are of small capacity, necessitating many slow boils to adequately meet the demands for tea
- 3) One of the kettles in today's JCR tea (18/02/18) stopped working entirely, leaving but one lonely kettle.

This JCR believes

- 1) Tea is good
- 2) More tea is better
- 3) Members should have adequate provisions for the brewing of tea

This JCR resolves

- 1) To mandate the treasurer to allocate a budget of up to £20 to the Domestic Officer to purchase a new kettle for the JCR

Proposed: Ben Lakeland

Seconded: Ryan Mamun

**SFQ**

Hannah: What happened to the kettle that someone threw up in at a bop

Jack: It got thrown away immediately

Pete: What happened to the promise of a boiler in the office

Shiv: It's in the refurbishment plans

Tyron: How much does a kettle cost

Ben: I found one for 17 pounds

Tom: It won't keep breaking will it

Ben: No

Debate

None

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

11.Any other Business