

Chair: Shiv Bhardwaj  
Secretary: Hannah Cheah  
Returning Officer: None

1. Report from the JCR President

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2. Reports / Questions to Officers

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3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

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4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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5. Constitutional Amendments

**The secret ballot**

This JCR notes:

- 1) The constitution states under section 15.XI that 'any JCR member may propose a secret ballot as a method of resolution of motions they deem controversial. If a third of those voting support this judgement, then a secret ballot shall be used'
- 2) People can feel under pressure to vote a certain way and may not feel comfortable disagreeing on sensitive motions in front of friends and colleagues, in which case the result may not be a true reflection of the JCR's view
- 3) Secret ballots are rarely used

This JCR believes:

- 1) That any form of voting that produces a result that is more reflective of the JCR's true opinions is ideal
- 2) Secret ballots can be done in an effective and efficient way if we are prepared - they can be regulated by the R.O.
- 3) That secret ballots should be encouraged

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To change the constitution 15.XI to 'any JCR member may propose a secret ballot as a method of resolution of motions they deem controversial. In this case a secret ballot shall be used'.

Proposed: Lilya Tata

Seconded: Ryan Mamun

### **SFQ**

Adam: When it says it can be proposed by any JCR members, does it include the President, Vice-President, and Returning Officer?

Shiv: No

Tara: Does it have to be proposed during the meeting or can it be called for before

Hannah: Yes

### **Debate**

Eve: If you propose a secret ballot on a controversial issue, isn't it clear that you're going to vote against the consensus?

Lil: People who know it will be controversial may propose it regardless of how they're going to vote to make it more representative

Elliot: Some people may not feel comfortable expressing their views but those who do will be able to propose the secret ballot and this will benefit everyone who wants one

Motion passes unanimously

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## 6. Motions of No Confidence

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## 7. Charities Motions

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## 8. Monetary Motions

### **Reimburse quizzing**

This JCR notes:

- 1) That Corpus has a long and distinguished quizzing history

- 2) That entering a team for the inter-collegiate quiz competition costs £10
- 3) That Tyron paid this himself to submit a Corpus team for the competition

This JCR believes:

- 1) That this Corpus quizzing tradition should be fostered and encouraged
- 2) That Tyron should be reimbursed for the £10 he spent to enter a team

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the Treasurer to transfer to Tyron the sum of £10

Proposed: Tyron Surmon

Seconded: Tara Sallis

### **SFQ**

Adam: Who was in the team

Tyron: We played over 2 days, so the first day it was me, Michael Zaayman, Ryan Salter and Libby Cherry, then the next day instead of Libby we had Bobby White

Ryan: Did you win

Tyron: We won one game and then narrowly lost the next two, we came 14<sup>th</sup> out of 29

Kavi: Why were you an all fresher team

Tyron: You can submit as many teams as you want, and I asked Oxford if he was interested and he said no

Adam: Did you advertise it

Tyron: No

### **Debate**

Adam: I'm not convinced this is representative of a Corpus team as it wasn't advertised

Tyron: I asked Oxford, who's captain of the University Challenge team, and he showed little to no interest and I thought anyone interested in quizzing would be aware of the competition

Gota: In the future a post on the JCR facebook page would be sufficient

Lil: I think we just don't want people to feel they can use the JCR money to do quizzing with their mates, not saying that's what you did but I think that's the line of argument

13 in favour, 3 against, 9 abstentions, motion passes

### **Buying the pool table**

This JCR notes:

- 1) Pool is fun
- 2) The pool table in the beer cellar is always well-used
- 3) As the table is currently free the use of the beer cellar has increased greatly

This JCR believes:

- 1) A free pool table is better than the current system where a game costs 50p
- 2) A free pool table will help Corpus' rise to pool supremacy

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To mandate the treasurer to spend up to £400 pounds to buy the current pool table from its owner

Proposed: Hugo Shipsey

Seconded: Peter Woodcock

### **SFQ**

Tyron: Ryan, do we have enough money to do this?

Ryan: Yes

Ryan: You checked that it will be 400 pounds?

Hugo: Yes

Russell: How much is maintenance?

Hugo: 170 a year

Tara: Is that the most cost effective way to obtain a pool table?

Hugo: From what I've looked into, yes

Gota: Does the 400 pounds include disabling the 50p fee mechanism

Hugo: I think so

**Debate**

Ryan: Proposes amendment to change it to up to 400, seconded by Ben and taken as friendly by Hugo

Elliot: Can we not just carry on using it for free

Hugo: The last time we did they increased the price and can get quite angry about it

Thomas: Can I just suggest that pool society funds maintenance and pool cues and stuff?

Hugo: Yeah that's a good idea

Ben: Can we get money from the MCR and SCR too?

Hugo: From what I've seen from trying to get money from the MCR in the past it's quite unlikely

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

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**9. Motions as submitted****Don't tell the Daily Mail please Akshay**

This JCR Notes:

- 1) Discussion over the Fraenkel Room is ongoing at a senior level in college
- 2) The JCR President has been asked to provide a short note to the President communicating the JCR's view on the matter
- 3) That college are not asking for suggestions at this moment in terms of how to proceed

This JCR Believes:

- 1) It is important to communicate the JCR's view on the matter again, especially given that a few months have passed since the initial motion
- 2) It is important that the JCR President's note is ratified by the JCR before being sent off

This JCR Resolves:

- 1) To mandate the JCR President to send this note:

Dear Professor Cowley,

As previously discussed, I am writing to you regarding the JCR's position regarding the Fraenkel room. There is a strong view amongst

the JCR that the continued use of the name and picture in the room is both problematic and no longer appropriate. I am happy to discuss the matter further in person, or in any other committee, if you feel that this would be helpful or appropriate.

Kind regards,  
Shiv Bhardwaj  
JCR President

Proposed: Ryan Mamun

Seconded: Lilya Tata

### SFQ

Tyron: Can I request a secret ballot later

Shiv: Yes

Colette: If the name was changed, would it be called Corridor?

Shiv: It's undecided

Colette: Would there be history about the name change (for example, on a placard) or anything?

Shiv: The Classics department had a town hall meeting in which we discussed this, and all the feedback from that discussion has been passed on to college and though they haven't said what they're going to do about it specifically, I don't think they require any further suggestions from the JCR at the moment

Tyron: What was the outcome of the town hall?

Freya: There wasn't a resolution, the point of the meeting was just to touch base with the Classics community in college. A number of views were put forward and scrutinised. Ultimately, the tutors who attended the town hall will also be present at the Governing Body meeting where decisions about this will be made

Shiv: A lot of suggestions - such as what Colette mentioned - were put forward. GB is on Wednesday and it will be discussed then

Tara: Does the JCR have a view on what to do with the name and portrait?

Shiv: This is just to say we collectively find it problematic and no longer appropriate

### Debate

Ben: It seems like only Classicists are being involved in the discussion which is a small minority of college. Will there be an opportunity for non-Classicists to express their opinion?

Freya: That's up to college

Shiv: The reason Classicists were consulted is because GB will probably see that Classics tutors are best placed to discuss it

Lil: Proposes secret ballot (18 in favour, 0 against, 8 abstentions)

21 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions, motion passes

## 10. Emergency Motions

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## 11. Any other Business