

Chair: Shiv Bhardwaj
Secretary: Hugo Shipsey
Returning Officer: Adam Steinberg

1. Report from the JCR President

Welcome to our newly refurbished JCR. We have a busy agenda to get through. One item outstanding from the reonvation works is the gym behind Oldham. It should be opened on Tuesday by Meredith and we'll have a formal opening. We welcomed 10 Stanford students so please do make them feel welcome. Eve and I attended academic committee. Ryan and I will be attending governing body and there is welfare lunch on Friday. Send me a message or talk me through in person any issues you may have before the deadline on Tuesday. We also have Prescom hosted in Corpus this week.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Eve: A Swedish university would like to start a sister-school relationship with us and I was asked to look into it so we're going to embark on this relationship and work out the terms. Their original suggestion was to have some students come here for a term to study and for us to reciprocally attend their festivities. As they're more a student organisation than an academic one it will go through the JCR not college.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Term starts again – and with it comes
Some keys left outside doors, not in.
And floors of brand-new JCRs lie
Soaked, absorbed with sin.
And welcome trees of Banbury, their
Leaves with faces stretched
Between the gaps of morning walks,
Mist-sunlight by my eye, except
My reading falls much slower than
Our lives - they run a mile.
Inside the stillness of the walls there
Isn't time for whiles and waits and stasis,
Not at all.
But Corpus stays be-bumbled frenzied
– Hive of friendly-small.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

Couldn't think of a good budget-related pun, then the penny dropped

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. The JCR spends a lot of money
 - b. Spending money is a lot of fun
 - c. We should spend more money (but not too much because its Michaelmas and the Treasurer need to balance the books)
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. It would be a very cent-sible idea to pass a budget to cointinue JCR spending, otherwise the JCR treasurer will be embezzling moneys
 - b. The JCR treasurer is inna-cent (sorry)
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To pass the following budget:

Budget Areas	Amount Budgeted	
DOMESTIC	£300.00	substantial increase to compensate for us guzzling hot drinks like caffeine addicts yes this is a lot,
NEWSPAPERS	£600.00	its always a lot, newspaper survey coming soon
MEETINGS	£300.00	
ENTZ	£365.00	
WELFARE	£750.00	traditional decrease from trinity term when finalists need more welfare
ARTS	£80.00	decrease because no arts week this term
EQUAL OPPTS	£150.00	decreased because meg needed more for talks last term
ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS	£20.00	decreased because no environment week this term
BIKE KIT	£40.00	
ACCESS	£20.00	decreased because no open days

COMMITTEE MEAL	£225.00	
RO/ADMIN	£10.00	
TV LICENSE	£38.00	put down because only
PEER SUPPORT	£30.00	need to pay for license once this term
Expenditure	£2,838.00	

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Chris Phang-Lee

SFQ:

Tyron: If there's no arts week or environment week no open days what's the money for?

Ryan: Art is for Ella who always needs money, Oscar has a significantly reduced budget for any projects he may have.

Russell: For access projects that may arise.

Debate:

Grassam: Amendment to increase the entz budget by £90 to account for BME and LGBTQ freshers drinks (seconded Ben) as so many people from the rest of college attended.

Taken as friendly by Ryan.

Tyron: Subject drinks money where from?

Ryan: It comes from college.

Tyron: Can we get more:

Liv: We were told up to £30.

Rhiannon: You can ask your tutor for more money.

Poppy: Clubbed together three subjects which goes further.

Motion passes unanimously.

Tellying All of You About My New Vision

1. This JCR Notes
 - a. TV is good, we like TV
 - b. We have a rather peng new TV room that college spent a lot of money on
 - c. Our current TV looks rather small and silly in a hole that is too big for it (relatable)
2. This JCR Believes
 - a. It is well known that moar TV = moar fun
3. This JCR Resolves
 - a. To ask the Entz Prez to measure the Tv-sized space

- b. To proceed to buy an appropriately sized screen in order to provide a proportionate increase of good times
- c. To mandate the entz pres to do research and find an appropriately sized tv and then present it at the next meeting
- d. To mandate the entz pres to find ways of selling the tv or disposing of it

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Chris Phang-Lee

SFQ:

Lil: We don't have a budget for this or an up to.

Jake: What will happen with the old tv.

Ryan: It is going to be put in the welfare room.

Meredith: Is there anything wrong with it other than the size.

Ryan: No.

Grassam: Won't it need a cable in the welfare room to be used?

Ryan: Useful as a monitor for meetings.

Sebastian: How big is the tv?

Ryan: 30odd inches.

Debate:

Grassam: Who does this really benefit?

Ryan: Anyone who uses the tv room from corpus cinema to sports watchers and those who use the xbox or the ps3.

Tyron: Would it not be a better idea for the entz pres to find a tv and then ask in a motion for us to buy it when we know what it is?

I mandate the entz pres to do research and find an appropriately sized tv and then present it at the next meeting.

Sebastian: where does this money?

Ryan: 2.5k from college and the same amount from levies. There is also a charities levy which is £10 (goes to the charities officer and then vote later in term for where the money will go) and ODA levy for graduate scholars from an LEDC

Jake: Amendment for someone to find out whether the old tv is of any use if a new one is found and how much it could be sold for?

Rhiannon seconds the motion.

Ryan takes it as friendly.

Emily: Could raffle the tv off and then put the money towards charity.

New amendment: Jake's with mandate the entz officer to look at ways of getting rid of the tv.

Freya: careful of getting rid of the tv to landfill

Grassam: go up to £300 but will not a tv of over 48 inches be more expensive?

Ryan: Let Chris look into it.

James: Everything of about 65 inches costs over 700

In favour 13. Against 26. Abstain 2. This motion fails.

Don't be a mug

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. The café is a useful addition.
 - b. People like drinking tea and coffee.
 - c. Disposable cups are hard to recycle and produce unnecessary waste.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. The number of single use cups being used by the JCR is concerning.
 - b. The environmental impact of washing a mug is much smaller than that of a single-use cup.
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the E&E officer to spend up to £50 buying as many mugs as possible to stock in the café to discourage the use of disposables.
 - b. To mandate the DO to ask the buttry to wash these mugs up as a batch as with the JCR tea mugs.

Proposed:

Oscar Beighton

Seconded:

Alex Grassam-Rowe

SFQ:

Elliot: Where from?

Oscar: Shop.

James: Are the mugs for JCR tea JCR owned?

Ben: Yes but we need some to be used when tea ones are being washed. DO budget needs to be hugely increased due to how much people are drinking.

Miriam: Will there still be disposable cups?

Oscar: Andy Rolfe wants them to be kept.

Lil: Will they be kept separate from JCR tea mugs?

Oscar: Yes.

Jake: Is there washing up liquid freely available or will there be?

Oscar: No

Tyron: How many mugs will you buy?

Ryan: You can get 36 for £30.

Ryan: We had multiple sets last term, what happened?

Ben: they were the MCR mugs.

Debate:

Grassam: You said Andy said he'd get rid of cups if people stopped using them.

Oscar: As long as there's still a stack Rolfe will stop replacing them.

Eve: We will not stop using them unless there's an alternative.

Gemma: what's the chances of using recyclable/biodegradable cups?

Oscar: More energy intensive.

Lil: Amendment (seconded by Peter): to mandate the E&E officer to spend up to £50 buying as many mugs as possible to stock in the café to discourage the use of disposables and to mandate the DO to ask the buttery to wash these mugs up as a batch as with the JCR tea mugs.

Taken as friendly

Rhiannon: using cups as can't be bothered to get from buttery. Will laziness not be an issue?

Collette: make sure to wash up a mug if you use it.

James: Some people won't wash it up.

Liv: Having lots of non-recyclable cups is really bad. Other people will be happy to wash them up. Better than throwing cups away.

Grassam: Has everyone read report on global warming? I will clean the mugs if you can't be bothered.

Oscar: Buttery has a very shiny new wash-room. We can ask them to wash one more tray of mugs.

Jennifer: Much better to wash them in a batch to minimise the impact.

Meredith: Not a great effort to put them on a tray and then wash them up.

Ben: Amendment Mandate E&E officer to spend

DO ask the buttery to wash them up for us

Ella: the key issue here is that we're going through tons of cups. Can we move to vote please?

Seconded by Peter Woodcock.

Overwhelming majority in favour. This motion passes.

9. Motions as submitted

A motion regarding documents

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. The JCR produces a lot of documents, e.g. the Welfare Guide, the Alternative Prospective, the Suspended Students Guide and the Constitution.
 - b. These documents should be kept up-to-date.
 - c. Most documents are distributed in PDF format but are created in a different format.
 - d. PDF documents cannot be readily edited.

- e. There have been four instances in the past two years where committee members have wanted to update documents, but have been unable to because the original-format document no longer exists.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. The original-format documents should be kept to allow for updating them.
 3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To add to the “For all Officers” section of the Standing Orders:
 - b. To give copies of all digital documents they produce, in their original format, to the Computing and Website Officer.
 - c. To add to the Computing and Website Officer’s standing orders:
 - d. To store copies of all documents produced by JCR officers (in their original formats) and to give access to JCR Officers to these copies.
 - e. To refuse to publish documents on the website until such original-format copies have been provided or shown to no longer exist.

Proposed:

Ed Hart

Seconded:

Owen Tuck

SFQ:

Ella: Do JCR documents include art collection records?

Ed: I was thinking of things that would be published:

Lil: What does point 3e mean?

Ed: If Ed is only given a pdf he will not put it on the website

Debate:

Owen: Some concerns about welfare documents which could contain confidential information.

Ed: Confidential information will not be published.

This motion passes with an overwhelming majority.

Room Grading Tours

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. That some room gradings in college are a bit dodgy.
 - b. That our beloved Domestic Bursar Andy Rolfe has pledged to embark on regular grading tours for all college rooms at least once every 5 years.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. That having dodgy room gradings is not good.
 - b. That having a chance to prevent and fix dodgy room gradings is good.

3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To add to the Standing Orders of the Accommodation Officer: ' To attend any and all room grading tours, and to produce a report in the event of any change in room grades.'

Proposed:

Owen Tuck

Seconded:

Elliot Gulliver-Needham

SFQ:

Tyron: Are college ok with officers attending?

Owen: Yes

Shiv: In the past the officer has not gone when asked to go.

Elliot: Was it more transparent this year?

Owen: Yes, I sent a big email.

This motion passes unanimously.

A People's Vote

1. This JCR notes that:
 - a. 70% of Oxford's electorate voted remain in 2016, and polling shows that 85% of all current students would now back remain
 - b. Many students at Oxford University, including most first and second year undergraduates, were too young to vote in the 2016 referendum.
 - c. A People's Vote on the outcome of Brexit would allow those students to have a say.
 - d. Oxford students who are EU nationals remain concerned at the impact of Brexit
 - e. The leadership of the University, including the Vice Chancellor, have been unequivocal in their assessment of the negative effect of Brexit on Oxford's research income
 - f. A People's Vote would offer a chance to avoid these negative consequences.
 - g. SU Council amended SU policy to back a People's Vote with an option to remain on the 10th October
 - h. The EU are responsible for many policies that students care about, such as air pollution regulation and schemes to improve gender equality. Their continuance will be at risk from Brexit. Corpus JCR has representatives that engage directly with these issues.
 - i. A march in support of a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal is planned in London on 20th October 2018
2. This JCR believes that:
 - a. Students and young people will be hit particularly hard by the negative impact of Brexit.

- b. The University and College benefits from the easy presence of EU national students.
 - c. There should be a People's Vote on the terms of Brexit with an option to remain in the European Union on the ballot paper.
3. This JCR resolves to:
- a. To mandate the JCR President to publicise the March for a People's Vote in London on the 20th October in his upcoming weekly bulletin
 - b. To add the following text to the JCR Policy Document: 'This JCR believes there should be a People's Vote on the terms of Brexit with an option to remain in the European Union on the ballot paper'

Proposed:

Libby Cherry

Seconded:

Jennifer Donnellan

Adam: Point of information, there are three main documents, the standing orders, constitution and policy document that is a list of what the JCR believes in.

Debate:

Ben: I propose a secret ballot (seconded by Grassam) passes unanimously.

Tyron: I think this motion is ridiculous on many levels. Is about having a say but is partisan and supports remain. It is these sorts of meeting that cause views of left-wing meeting. If it is just to publish to the JCR, we can use the Facebook page.

Ella: I agree with most of your points, but Brexit is not left or right wing.

Elliot: The policy document is mainly things which are local to Oxford. Not nationwide issues. Doesn't seem to fit with that.

Libby: Countering it's not Oxford-centric. Oxford receives a disproportionate amount of EU funding. Far more grants and funding provided to this university than any other in the country. The EU sets air pollution standards in Oxford.

Elliot: staying in does effect Oxford disproportionately but in Oxford fighting for the living wage is local as with the other policies in the policy document but these are specifically local whereas this motion is to support a national campaign.

Libby: There will be more Oxford based rallies and marches as months go by but relevant in Oxford as in most universities SU support leads to all students supporting but in Oxford need JCR support to show this.

Oscar: Elliot do you think charity money should go beyond Oxford?

Elliot: This is specifically about the policy document which is about Oxford and not the rest of the world.

Ben: Is it specifically written that the JCR should be apolitical?

Adam: We cannot be religious but nothing else in the constitution.

Celia: Elliot you're only saying it's not been done before.

Oscar: Just because there is no precedent doesn't mean we shouldn't do it now.

Ella: Most things in policy document are socio-political but here we don't have enough information to know the effects. Most people are already convinced. In Scottish independence, it would have affected a number of the student body. But it clearly wasn't a constructive issue to bring to the JCR.

Tara: I don't see a benefit for this motion. People know the march is happening. It has been published enough on Facebook. It is not explicitly left right but having these sorts of policies can alienate members of the JCR community.

Libby: The March is not the be all and end all. Just to make a statement. You seem to be arguing it's a remain march. More a democratic principle that we should be able to have a say in such an important.

Eve: The JCR is political and decisions we make are political to varying degrees. To say the JCR shouldn't be political is counter-productive as it is political. Don't say we can't make political decisions.

Rhiannon: Purpose of the policy document is to inform a stranger what the JCR views are. Is it fair to say it's a policy of the JCR if only half the JCR are in favour?

Tyron: I think it's very misleading to say people's vote is bipartisan. It is the losing side being unwilling to accept the result.

James: That we are a political body doesn't mean we have to make political decisions. It's tea and coffee and making decisions to help its running. Might alienate people.

Elliot: I think Eve is right. The JCR is a political body. But there is a distinction between homelessness and this campaign. We should not endorse voting for a certain party. This motion is endorsing the EU and staying in. It does not appear bipartisan. It is supporting a national political campaign which I don't believe the JCR should do.

Matthew: I think it's unfair to say this is just a leave or remain march. The point of the motion is to help people express their opinion now.

Lil: Basically the same. I think the JCR is a political body. But I don't think this is the correct policy to have specific ideas on when we are so split.

Colette: I don't understand the idea of feeling isolated when every two weeks there is the agenda sent out and votes there.

Eve: The SU position is remain so not hugely controversial to support this position. If a motion was brought forward to vote for a party it would be voted down. Saying we should be apolitical would stop RMF or such votes being brought forward.

Ben: Tyron saying that it was remain/leave not true anymore due to demographic changes which mean the vote may well be different were it held today.

Tyron: People's vote website says that a crisis is coming. I don't think you can say that it's a bipartisan issue. Name a prominent leaver supporting it. As people get older they become more conservative which balances that out.

James: I think the JCR should be political but being political on divisive issues not the best.

Gemma: Amendment: nothing is published on the policy document unless two thirds of the vote are in favour.

Shiv: because this is a motion as submitted any motion in this category only requires a 50%.

Hannah: Let's move to vote before too heated

Matthew: I agree we should move to vote.

Elliot: Not do you support it but whether JCR should support national policies.

Libby: Hugely complacent to ignore an issue that effects students and the university. Not a movement represented by a political party so must be taken forward in grassroots method.

23 in favour. 15 against. 9 abstentions. This motion fails.

10. Emergency Motions

Deadline day transfers

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. We own a Wii thanks to the glorious entz pres.
 - b. We own *some* games thanks to the glorious entz pres.
 - c. But despite the best efforts of the glorious entz pres, we do not own super smash bros brawl!
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. the glorious entz pres has good taste in wii games.
 - b. Super smash bros will make the lives of the jcr members significantly more fulfilled.
 - c. The entz pres is glorious.
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. to mandate the glorious entz pres, in his glorious wisdom, to spend up to £30 to buy one (1) copy of super smash bros brawl.

Proposed:

Chris Phang-Lee

Seconded:

Ben Lakeland

SFQ

Meredith: Who has ever called the entz pres glorious?

Chris: *raises hand*

This vote passes with an overwhelming majority.

11. Any other Business