

Chair: Shiv Bhardwaj
Secretary: Hugo Shipsey
Returning Officer: Rhiannon Ogden-Jones

1. Report from the JCR President

Evening everyone. Thanks for coming. A packed agenda this week but hopefully we'll get through it quickly. Rhiannon is standing in because Adam can't join us. I attended OXSU this week. I will be at academic committee, prescom and JCC. We'll mainly be talking about housing stuff. On Thursday I'll be hosting a JCR tea to kick off election chat before hustings in seventh week. About why and how you can get involved.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Emily: A motion passed about trying to stop a far-right speaker at the Union.

Russell: Join the access group on facebook. It will keep you up to date with access stuff. It's also good for your CV. Please join.

Nicolle: Can you get involved if you haven't got facebook?

Russell: Yeh, I'll make a mailing list.

Chris: Does super smash bros work? (it does)

Tyron: If we have a problem with scouts or a lack of what should I do?

Owen: Talk to the lodge.

Lucie: Email Karen and she'll get back to you fast.

Meredith: I met with the Junior dean today and you should hear back by the end of this week.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

I have recently
Discovered that fortnights pass
Extremely quickly.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

Ambiguous Abstentions

1. This JCR notes;
 - a. JCR members have the ability to vote for, against or to abstain in respect of a motion
 - b. For motions requiring a 2/3 majority, under section 15 (VI), a motion shall pass “if the number of votes for it is at least twice the number of votes against it”
 - c. For a simple majority, under section 15 (V), a motion shall pass “if and only if the number of votes for it exceeds the number of votes against it and the number of abstentions and spoilt ballots”
2. This JCR believes;
 - a. That section 15(V) of the constitution is ambiguous; does it mean;
 - b. A) that the sum of abstentions, spoilt ballots and against votes must exceed the number of for votes
 - c. B) That anyone of these may exceed the number of for votes
 - d. A coded constitution should try its best not to be ambiguous
 - e. It is illogical that if a motion pertains to expenditure or the constitution then the determination of whether a motion passes or fails is based upon there being 2x more for votes than against, whereas for a simple majority abstentions are counted alongside the against votes
 - f. That the definition of special resolution given under section 2, is different to the definition of a 2/3 majority given under section 15 (VI)
 - g. That this is also ambiguous and could leads to an abstention becoming equal to a no vote
 - h. JCR motions in the past have failed under a simple majority but would have passed under a 2/3 majority
 - i. Abstention is defined as “an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion”
 - j. It is as a result wrong for it to be counted alongside for or against votes
3. This JCR resolves;
 - a. To amend the constitution as follows;
 - b. Section 15 (V) to read “If a motion requires a simple majority to pass, the motion passes if the number of votes for the motion exceeds the number of votes against the motion, unless the number of abstentions or/and (in the event of a secret ballot) spoilt ballot papers exceeds the number of those voting for and against the motion”
 - c. That this definition of simple majority will be used in all instances where simple majority is referred to in the constitution; notably, but not limited to, the following sections;
 - d. Section 6 (IX)

- e. Section 11 (IV)
- f. Section 13 (IX)
- g. To amend section 2 Special Resolution to read "Special Resolution- This means a resolution passed by a 2/3 majority of votes cast by members at a JCR meeting, consistent with section 15 (VI)"

Proposed:

Tyron Surmon

Seconded:

Alex Grassam-Rowe

SFQ:

Lil: I love the constitution but what does it mean?

Tyron: Currently it is very ambiguous what abstain means. Is it a no vote or just not counted. Like last week the poeple's vote motion failed with more for votes because of the abstentions counting against it. So now that would have passed. It means if you abstain now you're not voting no by another name.

Shiv: Whilst this sounds long and complicated it would only have affected one motion in the past year.

Lil: How would this differ

Rhiannon: A simple majority only would include for and against. In a 2/3 majority only for or against counted in one section but in another says that abstentions or spoiled ballots are counted. Resolves this so it would only count for or against.

James: Secret and non-secret ballots?

Rhiannon: Yes.

Matt: What's special about special resolutions?

Tyron: 2/3 majorities for monetary motions etc or no con.

Debate:

None

31 in favour. 1 against. 2 abstentions. This motion will be brought back up at the next motion for ratification.

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

Bach off if you don't want some new speakers

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. Many trebled JCR residents have had to study, socialise and eat biscuits in a music free environment.
 - b. That this is very bait(oven)
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. That this JCR is stupid and will break the speakers, so we should get them from somewhere local and get a proper brick (no pun for emphasis)
 - b. That wires are stupid and cause violent panic when they inevitably don't work, so we should go Bluetooth (with an aux too)
 - c. That large unbreakable boxy speakers can be put in the Chopin bag at a price range of 120-200 quid at Curry's
3. This JCR Resolves:
 - a. To let the Entz Prez Handel this and do some more research / talk to the folks at Curry's to see what they recommend
 - b. To conclude this Liszt by granting the Entz Prez up to £200 to spend on some new speakers

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Ella Benson Easton

SFQ:

Tyron: What's the speakers history?

Chris: They can't be repaired.

Lil: The wire connection and the amp broke. It wasn't pretty and got chucked in the renovations.

Debate:

None.

36 in favour. 3 abstentions. This motion passes.

Motion to Donate to Oxford Pink Week 2019

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. Oxford Pink Week is a week of events in Hilary Term, this academic year it will take place in 2nd week, Hilary Term, 2019
 - b. Pink Week supports three breast cancer charities: Breast Cancer Care, Brest Cancer Now and CoppaFeel
 - c. Breast Cancer Care: is the only specialist UK-wide charity in the UK providing care, support and information to anyone affected by breast cancer.

- d. Breast Cancer Now: the UK's largest breast cancer research charity. Their aim, by funding almost £25 million worth of cutting-edge research, is to achieve a 100% breast cancer survival rate by 2050. They also engage in political action so the NHS can guarantee that women with breast cancer can get the treatment they need.
 - e. CoppaFeel! is a breast cancer awareness charity, based in London. The charity focuses on promoting early detection of breast cancer by encouraging woman under 30 to regularly check their breasts.
 - f. 23% of breast cancer cases in the UK are preventable (UK, 2015), hence the importance of CoppaFeel's work
 - g. There were 55,122 new cases of breast cancer in 2015 in the UK and 11,563 deaths from breast cancer in 2016
 - h. Breast cancer is the 4th most common cause of cancer death in the UK, accounting for 7% of all cancer deaths (2016)
 - i. Breast cancer is the second most common cause of death in females in the UK
 - j. A key feature of Pink Week is Pink Night alongside other events, these events are fantastic fundraisers but require large deposits and upfront expenses. £300 from the JCR would allow Pink Week to run these events. After the event this money will be returned to the Pink Week fund when we get our deposit back - the £300 is therefore not only a donation to a fantastic cause but also a way to make this money go much further
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. That this is a cause the JCR should be supporting, because breast cancer is a cause that is dear to many people's hearts as the disease affects males and females.
 - b. Corpus JCR has a great history of donating to worthy charitable causes and this is something they should continue to be doing
 - c. Oxford Pink Week is a student-run initiative, until and unless we can secure sponsorship it will not happen without money from generous college JCRs
 3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. Mandate the charities officer to include pink week on the list of charities that we can vote on

Proposed:

Carys O'Connor

Seconded:

David Brown

SFQ:

Lucie: Would this come out of the charities budget?

Lil: No.

Lucie: How many other JCRs have donated?

Carys: So far six but the others are voting this week.

Arjun: Did we do this last year?

Ryan: Don't we have a charities ballot for this?

James: Is there a time before which the money must be given?

Carys: Seventh week.

Lil: Where does £300 come from?

Carys: Based on what they needed last year. Deposit was 2,100 and food and drink 1100.

Sebastian: Is there space in the budget for this?

Ryan: Yes.

Debate:

Tyron: Would it not be better to follow how we normally do charity money and make it an option in the charities ballot? Then it would come out of the levy.

Carys: On the charity ballot it might go straight to the charity.

Tyron: I think it would still go straight to the fund through the ballot.

Ben: Last term we gave money to the tortoise fair outside of the charity ballot.

Would probably be more than £300 too through the ballot.

Lil: Mandate the charities officer to include pink week on the list of charities that we can vote on (seconded by Tyron). Point of information would mean the JCR would vote again on the charities.

Shiv: This is no longer a monetary motion so now just needs a simple majority.

Matt: Would this mean it would be at the expense of other charitable causes?

Tyron: Yes but we donate to loads like 8 or 9.

Lil: The charities levy on battels goes to a fund from which we choose charities by this ballot.

Ryan: Two charities get 750 and six get 200.

Ella: If they're doing it based on what they got last year and more donate this year 250 will be enough.

Lil: Sometimes JCRs give less if they are just smaller.

38 in favour. 4 abstentions. This motion passes.

Corpus Cinema Hungers for Popcorn

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. Corpus Cinema currently has no snacks for films.
 - b. The Corpus Cinema DVD collection is becoming outdated.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. Popcorn is the traditional food of cinemas and any film is greatly improved by it.
 - b. Corpus Cinema would be super great if it could have a larger variety of newer films to show.
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the entz pres to spend up to £100, for the remaining four meetings of Corpus Cinema, on snacks, film rental, and for the purchase of some new DVDs for the collection.

Proposed:

James Baker

Seconded:

Meredith Kenton

SFQ:

Lil: it says for the remaining four meetings. Would you ask for more next term?

James: I tried through clubs and socs but next term I'll go through the budget.

Tyron: How much will you spend on food and how much on dvds?

James: Not much on food but a decent amount on dvd rental. At the end of term, I plan on holding a vote on the favourite film of the term and then to buy it.

Sebastian: Why do we rent not buy films when we want a collection?

James: The vote is decided on Sunday and that's usually too late to buy so I rent it.

Tyron: How do you rent the films just via Netflix or what?

James: Netflix would be good if possible and at the same time it has a limited selection of films.

Oscar: What type of popcorn do you plan to use?

James: I have sweet and salted and plain salted in my bag now.

Oscar: Will it be microwave popcorn?

James: No

Meredith: You can get the kitchen to microwave it.

Sebastian: How can we make sure the scouts aren't furious?

Lil: After welfare tea we just have to Hoover it up.

Meredith: How have you paid for them so far?

James: It's just been out of my own pocket so far.

Debate:

Ben: I think you have to mandate a JCR officer so pick an option.

Rhiannon: Film officer does have standing orders, so you could mandate them

Ben: Mandate the entz pres to spend up to... (seconded Arjun – taken as friendly)

Ryan: Are you saying spend the entz budget?

Ben: No just spend JCR money.

Tyron: Are we passing this on the understanding it's just for this term and next term he'll pass it in the budget?

Rhiannon: He's not an official officer so can't have a budget right now, but we could add money to the entz budget.

40 in favour. 1 against. 2 abstentions. This motion passes.

Basket Case

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. The Plumber
 - b. Possibly the Plummer who knows?
 - c. The Laundry facilities inside

- d. On occasion, clothes are left in a washer/ dryer thereby limiting the ability for members to use said facilities
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. This is not good
 - b. It would better to place these clothes in a basket rather than on the floor
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the Domestic officer to spend up to 50GBP on as many laundry baskets as he sees fit.

Proposed:

Ben Lakeland

Seconded:

Christopher Phang-Lee

SFQ:

Tyron: Do you think two will be enough?

Ben: It's just meant to be a temporary thing for when clothes are in the dryers when they're not in use.

Lucie: Why do you think we need that much money?

Ben: It's just to cover it.

Lucie: From Argos you can get 80L for £8. Amendment to change it to up to £20. (seconded by Augy - taken as unfriendly)

Tyron: Could we do this for every washing facility corpus has?

Lucie: I know you don't want to spend all that money but just for the principle.

Lil: If you have a bigger budget you might spend more.

Ben: They're never going to be particularly nice.

6 in favour. 16 against. 15 abstentions. This amendment fails.

James: How many laundry sites are there?

Ben: There's one in Liddell under Chch and two in Lampl and one in Walton and one across from Banbury. In Walton I never had an issue with that but in college I did.

Tyron: If I amended it to include Liddell would you oppose it?

Alex: Now I think about it, it happens at Liddell too. In college there are second years, third years and grads. Liddell also has an issue.

Tyron: To mandate the DO to spend up to £50 on as many laundry baskets as he sees fit (seconded by Helen - taken as friendly).

Ben W: Same applies to Banbury as there are grads there.

Lil: Can you label them with Sharpie so they don't get stolen?

Ben: Yeh sure.

41 in favour. None against. No abstentions. This motion passes unanimously.

Printer for offsite college accommodation blocks

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. There are printers in college available for students.

- b. There are no printers in any of the other college accommodations around the city.
 - c. Liddell is a big accommodation block.
 - d. Many people work from home and would require a printer.
 - e. People have to come into college to print.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. A large enough number of people live offsite in college that would justify buying a small printer to be available.
 3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the academic affairs and suspended students officer and the JCR president to raise the issue of having a printer in Liddell at the next JCC meeting

Proposed:

Helen Leung

Seconded:

Ryan Mamun

SFQ:

Aex: Do you think college will take charge of this?

Helen: I think it's a very reasonable thing to bring to college and something we should raise.

Lucie: I understand the library staff currently look after the library printer. Who do you think would look after that?

Helen: There is one in the library suite so it's not solely under library staff remit. There are staff on site there.

Lucie: They are porters and staff.

Ryan: Liddell is Chch owned have you asked if they're ok with it?

Helen: I asked the postgrads and they said the Chch students don't have one. There's room in the common room for it.

Meredith: Would you have to ask for printer ink money every time it ran out?

Helen: Maybe a termly budget.

James: Do you want college or us to run it?

Helen: I want a printer in Liddell. If you think better to present it to college we can do that.

Debate:

Ryan: I don't think this is a JCR issue. Ink isn't a student expense. Maybe mandate accommodation officer to bring this up with college. And have the president to bring it up at JCC.

Alex: We should mandate someone here.

Lil: You and Eve so you bring it to JCC. To mandate the academic affairs and suspended students officer and the JCR president to raise the issue of having a printer in Liddell at the next JCC meeting (seconded Grassam – taken as friendly).

29 in favour. 2 against. 7 abstentions. This motion passes.

9. Motions as submitted

Closing Down the Bop

1. This JCR Notes
 - a. "Angels" normally ends bops but not always. This leads to uproar and discontent.
 - b. "Angels" is also the official bop end song of Christchurch (wankers) and Oriel (Toriel). This is a big problem.
2. This JCR Believes
 - a. A pre-arranged and crowd-pleasing bop song gives a sense of closure to bops.
 - b. With this closure, people leave the bop with happy souls and ruined voiceboxes and cause less havoc in the quad afterwards and move on towards Fever quicker.
 - c. Nobody wants to have the same bop closing song as Christchurch
3. This JCR Resolves
 - a. To add to the entz pres' standing orders to run a poll at the start of his term for the final bop song which will then be in place for a year with the exception of the Christmas bop

Proposed:

Matt Carlton

Seconded:

Tom Hopper

SFQ:

Emily: What happens if they play the last song realise nobody has come to shut it down and have time for more?

Matt: Maybe have it on repeat?

Tyron: What voting system will the poll use?

Matt: I was thinking the use of single transferable vote.

Ryan: Is there any punishment for breaking it?

Matt: you have to clean up after.

Lil: Does the person playing the song get a choice?

Matt: No. You just have to play the last song.

Debate:

Owen: How will the four songs be picked?

Matt: Angels has to be on there as it's the current song. Maybe you can send in requests to the entz pres. Give the entz pres some creds for his music test. Me and Hopper have had long learned discussions on this topic. Two qualities are hearing the chords and going fuck that's good and second when you're down there everyone has to get into lovely big rings.

Elliot: I think it's great to have some variety with angels or Mr Brightside. Why should we have to play the same song?

Matt: That's why I want a set period of time so it can be changed.

Tyron: First, you say you like diversity Elliot, but you always play Mr Brightside. Second, if we used single transferable vote why only four songs. And why do a poll when we could mandate it just to be angels.

Nicolle: Could we not say it could be a shortlist of five possible final songs and work through them throughout the term?

Matt: I think the point is so when we know it's coming we all head down there together.

Lucie: How are you going to check that the songs are suitable to be shouted at a bop?

Matt: Chris is a master of these matters.

Chris: I think choose it termly not yearly.

Lucie: What's the point? That's not long enough.

Chris: Mandate the entz pres to choose the winner for a term not a set period of time (seconded by Ryan - taken as unfriendly).

Dempsey: Is there an exception for Christmas?

Arjun: I think a term is too short. I think it should be a year.

Sebastian: Just because one song is guaranteed to be the last song doesn't mean the rest can't be played in the bop.

Matt: It could be that the song changes only when people are tired of it. So not necessarily a definite period of time.

0 in favour. 27 against. 10 abstentions. This amendment fails.

Chris: Amend to change set period to a year (seconded by Alex - taken as friendly)

Tyron: Amend to mandate the entz pres to always play angels except at Christmas (seconded by Helen - taken as unfriendly).

4 in favour. 30 against. 4 abstentions. This amendment fails.

Lucie: You said you were a fresher.

Matt: I was last year.

Lucie: You've only been here a year. The thing is that's not very long and the number of bops in one year isn't that many. Not long enough to develop sentimentality.

Matt: By asking the question every year it makes it seem like it should be changed.

Matt C: If something that's voted for we'll only know we love it when we're in the BC.

Ryan: I think this is a slippery slope. We could start mandating the first song and the last song and so on.

Caleb: when would it be voted on?

Chris: I think it should change with the entz pres.

Caleb: Amendment to add to the entz pres' standing orders to run a poll at the start of his term for the final bop song which will then be in place for a year with the exception of the Christmas bop (seconded by Arjun - taken as friendly).

James: Move to vote (seconded by Russell) passes unanimously.

24 in favour. 13 against. 3 abstentions. This motion passes.

Equal Opps Officer Standing Orders Change

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. My standing orders are wrong
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. This is bad
3. This JCR Resolves:
 - a. To change them by
 - i) Adding College Equality Committee to the list of committees
 - ii) Altering clause 8 to: 'once per year'

Proposed:

Megan Wright

Seconded:

Ryan Mamun

SFQ:

None

Debate:

None

38 in favour. 0 against. 1 abstention.

Treasurer Standing Orders Change

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. My standing orders are wrong
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. This is bad
3. This JCR Resolves:
 - a. To change them by
 - i) Altering clause 15 to: "Purchasing committee jumpers for committee officers and freshers' t-shirts and bags each year for arrival in Hilary term and Fresher's week" rather than just in Freshers week
 - ii) Adding clause 17: organise committee dinner in Michaelmas and Hilary terms
 - iii) Adding clause 18: ordering pizza for JCR meetings

Proposed:

Meredith Kenton

Seconded:

Alex Grassam-Rowe

SFQ:

None

Debate:

None.

33 in favour. 0 against. 3 abstentions. This motion passes.

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any other Business