

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

1. Report from the JCR President

Shiv: Thank you all for coming to the final meeting of the year. Eighth week is all about wrapping stuff up. Thanks to all the committee members who are continuing or starting. It was great to see such a well-attended and well-contested hust. It was good to see.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Matt: What's happening with the gym?

Shiv: It's been complete for a while. The problem is with security and health concerns if anyone was there on their own. They're installing a CCTV camera which will go to the porters. I think realistically it should be open first week back.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

There once was a president Shiv,
To Corp he did everything give,
And although we all diss him
We really shall miss him
The best Prez that ever did live.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

Levy Stuff

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. JCR events can be quite expensive to run
 - b. This is fine so long as people attending have paid the levy
 - c. That the constitution states JCR members who have not paid the levy cannot attend JCR teas or dinners, as well as any events subsidised by the Entz budget
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. That since this constitution was written there are numerous events that take place which are not subsidised by the Entz budget but come at significant cost to the JCR e.g. Corpus Challenge

3. This JCR Resolves:

- a. To change Subsection 4, point 5 e from [those who opt out of payment of the levy cannot] “attend any events subsidised by the Entz budget” to “attend any events subsidised by the JCR budget or to borrow any JCR-owned property”

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Zoe Kuyken

SFQ:

Lil: Generally, why do you think people opt out?

Ryan: Anecdotally it is because they don't attend JCR meetings not because they can't afford it.

Emily: How many opt out?

Shiv: Not many.

Ryan: It's increasing now and has been for a while.

Zoe: What do the MCR do about the people who don't attend?

Hugo: They stop your fob working.

Debate:

Chris: How will we enforce this?

Ryan: We would have to tell them to leave.

Shiv: It works ok now because people who have opted out don't come to JCR events.

Ella: I imagine this is more symbolic. Like, if you opt out you realise you won't get these benefits.

Ryan: Yeh, but also we pay for events like Corpus Challenge which come at a significant cost.

Ella: So would it also apply to JCR art?

Ryan: It's not an event subsidised by JCR funding.

Shiv: Let's come back to this later.

Alex: Would the pres be at every welfare tea?

Lil: I don't think this is so much about strict enforcement it's more about making people aware of what they are giving up.

Ryan: This has been in force since we all started for JCR and welfare tea. The main reason we're doing this is so we can make a policy document about how to act towards those who don't pay their levy.

Lil: Because art isn't an event taking out art would still be allowed after this.

Ella: Can I propose an amendment to change it to 'attend any events subsidised by the JCR budget or to borrow any JCR-owned property' (seconded Ben-taken as friendly).

Tara: Will there be more info about what the levies are before people get to opt out and will this be put on the policy document?

Shiv: When people signal they want to opt out we'd send them this information.

Rhiannon: Will the document be sent to those who have opted out?

Ryan: I have already done that.

22 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. This motion passes.

4. Motions of No Confidence

5. Charities Motions

6. Monetary Motions

Raffle

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. The staff at Corpus do a lot for us
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. We should contribute to the staff party raffle as we do every year
3. This JCR Resolves:
 - a. To mandate the Treasurer to pay £200 to the staff party raffle

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Zoe Kuyken

SFQ:

None.

Debate:

None.

This motion passes unanimously.

One More Week and I'm Free

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. International formals are great
 - b. The decorations for international formals are great
2. This JCR Believes:
 - a. That Ana should be reimbursed for her decorations
3. This JCR Resolves:

- a. To mandate the treasurer to reimburse Ana £36.12

Proposed:

Ryan Mamun

Seconded:

Zoe Kuyken

SFQ:

Ben: Was there not an internationals budget?

Ryan: It wasn't spent last term, so I didn't include one this term.

Debate:

None.

Overwhelming majority. This motion passes.

The Nice List 1.0

1. This JCR notes:

- a. Mike has worked in the kitchen for 28 years
- b. Mike is retiring this term
- c. 28 years is a long time
- d. Andy Rolfe and Rachel Clifford are also vitally important to college

2. This JCR believes:

- a. We should buy him a retirement gift to commemorate Mike's career here
- b. It would be nice to get Andy Rolfe and Rachel Clifford a gift too

3. This JCR resolves:

- a. To mandate the Domestic Officer to buy a gift up to the value of £50 for Mike, and a gift each for Andy Rolfe and Rachel Clifford up to the value of £25

Proposed:

Ben Lakeland

Seconded:

Ryan Mamun

SFQ:

Ryan: What are you getting them?

Ben: Explained but we don't want to put it in the minutes so they find out before they get it.

Jen: Is this something we always do?

Ben: No, but Mike is retiring.

Debate:

Alex: Do we feel that £50 is enough for Mike?

Ben: We were looking into presents and the item we've found fits in this budget. I'm happy to increase it and get him a bottle of wine.

This motion passes unanimously.

The Nice List 2.0

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. There is a designated JCR scout who cleans the JCR rooms, cafe and toilets
 - b. This scout has to clean up general jcr mess
 - c. This scout has to clean up after bops
 - d. Bops are messy
2. This jcr believes:
 - a. We should all try to be as tidy and clean as possible but there will most likely always be a mess in these JCR spaces
 - i. this is a particularly big and unpleasant job for one scout
3. This JCR resolves
 - a. To mandate the DO to spend up to £30 on an end of Michaelmas gift for the JCR scout

Proposed:

Russell Reid

Seconded:

Lilya Tata

SFQ:

Ben: What would you like me to buy?

Lil: Mez was thinking some wine and some chocolate.

Debate:

None.

This motion passes unanimously.

Weight Off Your Shoulders

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. That travelling is stressful
 - b. That many international students travel during the vac (e.g. to go home)
 - c. That many methods of transport (e.g. flying (on planes)) have strict weight limits on luggage
 - d. That the scales at airports and other transport ports usually cost money, and that repacking luggage is stressful (especially when you're rushing to catch a flight)
 - e. That currently, there are no shared sets of scales in any college accommodation, except for Banbury

2. This JCR believes:
 - a. That international students (and any other student who wants to get on a plane) should be able to weigh their luggage before travelling, in the comfort of their own accommodation
 - b. Knowing that your luggage is under weight limits is a weight off your shoulders (heh)
 - c. That the cheap handheld type of luggage scales are often fragile, inaccurate and may cause injury to the user by e.g. attempting to lift up a heavy 32kg suitcase at weird angles to weigh it
 - d. That bathroom scales are much less fragile and allow you to weigh items without handles; such as boxes (or even oneself)
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the DO to spend up to £100 on sets of bathroom scales for all college accommodation except Banbury; i.e. college (including Oldham, Kybald and Magpie), Lampl, Liddell, and both houses on Walton St.

Proposed:

Ana Ghenciulescu

Seconded:

Sam Hazeldine

SFQ:

Alex: Up to £100 for all the sets?

Ana: Yes.

Debate:

Lil: I don't have an answer to this but I'm slightly worried about having scales in every bathroom for anyone who might be triggered by them.

Ana: They wouldn't be in the bathroom, they'd be in the lodge in college and Liddel.

Lil: Can they be stored in the kitchen?

Ana: Yes.

Ben: Can we not buy one or two sets and have them shared?

Ana: It would be so complicated having them brought forward and back. It would force people in other accommodation to come into college. Everyone weighs their luggage the day before they leave.

Russell: Why not have all three sets in the lodge?

Ana: The three in college will only have one.

Ben: Is it one for both Walton houses?

Ana: One for both.

Ella: Can't we have them brought back to college at the end of every term so they're not lost?

Lil: I agree, it would minimize any potential welfare issues.

Ana: Liddell lodge could still have one.

Ella: So, internationals wouldn't be able to use these scales under these new levy rules?

Lil: Technically yes.

This motion passes unanimously.

7. Motions as submitted

Reach for the stars

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. That Reach Oxford was created to give highly able students from low income countries the opportunity to benefit from an Oxford education. Reach Oxford is a life-changing experience for the students involved, allowing those who would otherwise be denied any higher education to join Oxford's academic community. It is administered through a collaboration between the University, Colleges and JCRs.
 - b. Over 60 students from more than 30 countries have benefited. There are currently 15 on course scholars from 14 colleges.
 - c. The scheme is underpinned by the JCR's contribution towards the living costs of its College's Reach Oxford Scholar. Provided that the Junior Members contribute at least 50% of the living costs (£12,158 in 2019/20), the University will remit 55% of the course fees. (The cost of this to JCR members would be a JCR levy of about £9 a term)
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. that members of the JCR are in the privileged position of being able to help a REACH scholar participate in Oxford life.
 - b. We would not be unique in doing this, as 15 different colleges already welcome REACH scholars.
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the access and admissions officer to initiate talks with college about the introduction of the Reach scholarship within Corpus

Proposed:

Russell Reid

Seconded:

Ben Lakeland

SFQ:

Lil: I don't understand point c) of notes.

Russell: The way it works is they'll apply for the scholarship, the university pays 45% of course fees, university the rest. JCR would pay at least 50% of the living costs with college paying the rest of it.

Alex: 50% of the living costs is of what you've quoted or is that 50%

Russell: That's the whole.

Ben: Constitutionally how would we implement a new one?

Russell: Let's talk about that once I've spoken with college.

Emily: Is this person likely to be eligible for the university bursary?

Russell: This would pay all their costs. If there were a case where there was a bursary available I'm sure we could reduce it.

Debate:

None.

22 in favour, 3 abstentions. This motion passes.

Access to better standing orders

1. This JCR notes:
 - a. The Access and Admissions standing orders are outdated
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. This is bad
 - b. This is sad
 - c. This is not rad
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. to change them by:
 - i. adding the clause 'to have the access officer be in communication with the Humans of Oxford programme'.
 - ii. altering clause 16 that currently reads 'To aid the director of the Corpus JCR YouTube page, aiding in the production and distribution of videos that can be used as Access resources.' to the clause 'To produce and distribute, on average, a video per year that can be used as an access resource.'
 - iii. adding the clause 'To liaise with the college Outreach Officer & Admissions Administrator to organise access volunteer training and outreach training for JCR members in Hilary'
 - iv. adding the clause 'To liaise with the college Outreach Officer & Admissions Administrator to organise the annual Corpus access drinks for students from our link region (currently Manchester and Derbyshire) in Michaelmas'
 - v. adding the clause 'To release an Access survey to the JCR to obtain ideas for improving access and outreach during Hilary'
 - vi. remove clause 10 'To coordinate events for college families.'

Proposed:

Russell Reid

Seconded:

Lilya Tata

SFQ:

None.

Debate:

Alex: Do you feel that putting to produce at least four profiles devalues this in terms of access?

Russell: I think it has to be four relevant profiles.

Alex: What if there aren't four people who want to come forward?

Lil: This would imply that the access officer would have to have facebook to do this which could be a problem three-years down the line. We want to sort the orders not have issues later. This would then be affiliated with the JCR and brings a whole host of concomitant issues.

Alex: I propose an amendment 'to have the access officer be in communication with the Humans of Oxford programme' (seconded Lil-taken as friendly)

Ben: I propose to remove 3. a) i. in its amended form (seconded Ryan-taken as unfriendly)

Lil: It doesn't work saying to do it informally. It will just be forgotten.

Alex: Because we're saying Humans of Oxford it has a wider reach. I think it's a good thing now but in a few years it might be dead in the water.

Lil: Also, the way we have done the amendment means the officer need not have facebook.

6 in favour, 9 against, 10 abstentions. This amendment fails.

Lil: I think producing one video per term is a bit much. I propose to change 3. a) ii. to per year (seconded Alex-taken as friendly).

22 in favour, 3 abstentions. This motion passes.

(El)Merder on Turl Street

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. That the Oxford Council is currently working to expel Elmer Cotton Sports from their Premises, which they have occupied for over 100 years. It notes that this is something the university has the power to prevent.
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. The above state of affairs is one that should be opposed
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the President, Vice-President and Clubs and Societies Officer to sign Julian Manieson's letter on behalf of Corpus JCR to support the #Saveoursports campaign which is aiming to persuade the university to intervene to keep the shop open, pending exec approval on behalf of Corpus JCR.

Proposed:

Sam Hazeldine

Seconded:

Lilya Tata

SFQ:

Lauren: Why are the council trying to expel them?

Sam: They're raising the rent.

Debate:

Ben: Can we mandate president and VP to increase the number of signatories?

Sam: He does want as many people as possible.

Ben: Amend it to mandate the president, vice-president and clubs and socs officer (seconded by Russell-taken as friendly).

Lil: What does the letter say and can we read it before it's published? Amendment add 'pending exec approval on behalf of Corpus JCR' (seconded Alex-taken as friendly).

21 in favour, 4 abstentions. This motion passes.

8. Emergency Motions

Inflation Strikes

1. This JCR Notes:
 - a. The JCR voted to buy a de-humidifier for up to £30
 - b. The de-humidifier has increased in price by £5
2. This JCR believes:
 - a. Ella losing money is not good
3. This JCR resolves:
 - a. To mandate the Arts Officer to spend up to £40 on buying a de-humidifier for the art collection

Proposed:

Ella Benson Easton

Seconded:

Ben Lakeland

SFQ:

Owen: Where has this price increase come from?

Ella: It was on Amazon, and after we passed the motion it went up to 34.99.

Debate:

None.

This motion passes unanimously.

9. Any other Business