The Junior Common Room of the College of Corpus Christi in the University of Oxford



Policy Document

Assistance Dogs:

1. The JCR welcomes any assistance dogs and permits them to be brought into the Common Room by any member.

Additional Notes

- Any JCR member who wants to bring an assistance therapy dog into the JCR must present the president with a letter from a medical professional stating the member has been prescribed an assistance therapy dog and that its presence with the member in the JCR would be of substantial benefit to the member's well-being. The right to bring an animal into the JCR may be revoked at any time by majority vote of the committee or following a serious incident by the president pending a committee vote.
- The animal in question must be clean, well-groomed, and free of illness and disease.
- The animal must be supervised at all times while in the JCR and while going to and from the JCR in college.
- An JCR member given permission to bring an animal into the JCR is personally liable for any and all damage done to the JCR, just all students are held responsible for damage done in college.
- The animal must have no history of aggressive behaviour or biting, and be well socialized to people. Any aggressive behaviour or biting will result in the immediate removal of the animal from college and the immediate withdrawal of the right to bring the animal into the JCR.
- The animal must be potty-trained/house broken. The animal must not urinate or defecate or vomit in college. If any of these happens, it will result in the immediate removal of the animal from college and the immediate withdrawal of the right to bring the animal into the MCR.
- The animal's owner will remove it immediately from the JCR if it becomes clear that someone with an allergy to or phobia of dogs is also present in the JCR.
- Toys that produce loud sounds or squeaking are prohibited. The animal's
 presence should not create undue noise; dogs should not bark more than
 occasionally.

Passed 2rd Week Michaelmas 2014

Living Wage:

- 1. Corpus staff should be paid at least the living wage
- 2. This should be guaranteed in the future by Corpus becoming an accredited living wage employer
- 3. As other colleges and the university are starting to accredit, this is a great opportunity to lobby college to get accreditation
- 4. To mandate the JCR President to lobby Governing Body and other relevant college authorities to get Corpus accredited as a living wage employer, on the condition that scouts and other employees who are not payed living wage support the move to accreditation

Passed 2rd Week Hilary 2015

Rights of Suspended Students:

1. The JCR believes that the rights of students who have had their studies suspended in accessing Corpus facilities should be the same as those guaranteed by the University in regards to University facilities

Passed 4th Week Hilary 2015

Homelessness:

1. The JCR supports the "On Your Doorstep" campaign, with the ultimate aim of having rough sleeping removed from the list of banned behaviours as proscribed by Oxford City Council.

Passed 2rd Week Trinity 2015

Divestment:

1. The JCR supports Oxford SU's Environment and Ethics Campaign and wishes College to divest its investments from fossil fuel companies.

Passed 4th Week Trinity 2015

Rhodes Must Fall:

1. The JCR stands in solidarity with the Rhodes Must Fall Movement.

Passed 6th Week Trinity 2015

Fairtrade Cotton:

1. On account of the JCR's effort for the College to become Fairtrade accredited, all sources of sales in college must offer a Fairtrade option. Hence, this JCR is committed to, wherever possible, purchase stash in Fairtrade Cotton.

Passed 8th Week Trinity 2017

Personal Development Fund Changes:

The current Personal Development Fund (PDF)

• Students can apply for financial support for any extra-curricular college or university level activity

Why Change is needed?

• At the moment the fund is split between all reasonable applications, so that the majority of applicants receive a small percentage of the funding they ask for (subs for a university level sports team for instance) rather than anyone receiving the full amount of support.

Proposal going forward

- Its proposed that the PD Fund should be open to any individual who wishes to apply to it in order to fund an extra-curricular activity, whether this be sport on a university or college level, music, theatre etc.
- The fund should not be divided up amongst all those that apply but instead each application should be tested for merit and need
- An applicant must be able to demonstrate that the money from PD will enhance their ability to participate in whatever activity
- Under the new PDF, subs as well as physical equipment will be able to be applied for
- It will be understood that that an amount up to the amount needed will be granted, as under the system at current
- It is proposed that the PD Fund is set at £3,500-£4000 per annum

Clubs and Societies Changes:

At Current

• Students are unclear how to go about setting up a club or society at Corpus, and what constitutes a legitimate society

Problems with this

• Often students are asking for college funding to establish a society as a first port of call, without establishing a level of interest or break down of costs

Proposal going forward

- All Clubs and societies must make the Dean, Domestic Bursar and Room bookings aware of their existence as an official Corpus society.
- Any society that has a bank account must leave details of the account with the Dean.
- Find below the full details of requirements to become a club or society, as will be circulated around the JCR;
 - A captain/ leader to share information about the society with the JCR about the club/soc, its role within the college and meeting times
 - At least 8 signatories stating their intent of being active members of the society

- At least thrice termly fixtures/ meetings
- Proof (provided to the Clubs and Socs officer 1 year after the establishment of the club) that it is still up and running, with a captain/leader in place

Funding:

At Current

 The Clubs and Societies budget is split between supporting the clubs and societies run entirely within Corpus and funding for individuals taking part in University wide sports and activities which the college is unable to provide.

Problems

• It is unclear to applicants which activities are supported by the Clubs and Societies fund, and the extent to which they can rely upon this fund for financial support to pursue extracurricular interests.

Proposal going forward:

- Clubs and societies funding will only be used for actual societies of Corpus.
- Based on the previous years, this JCR proposes that £8000 be allocated to this fund. This is based upon both what has previously been spent, what has actually been spent by the different societies, as well as a small excess in case a new society were to be proposed midway through an academic year when funding has already been allocated.
- This JCR would also like to propose online banking for the refunding of Corpus Clubs and Societies and that a complete log of bank accounts is kept with the Dean in respect of the accounts held by each club.

Passed 6th Week Hilary 2019