

Chair: Rhiannon Ogden-Jones
Secretary: Hugo Shipsey
Returning Officer: Adam Steinberg

1. Report from the JCR President

Rhi: I allocated the PDF, I met with the development office, then another one, drafted the suspended students email, I went to prescom, went to OxSU with Emily (Ben realised he had been missed out so made a strange mewling sound and looked deep into Rhiannon's eyes before asking for confirmation that he had in fact attended the meeting), I went to a web design meeting, went to JCC.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Corpus is Buzzing (or, 'Corbuzz')

It feels an unnerving mysterious lot
(The quad-bound and burgundy whirring fridge-box)
For those flagstones to bear
In the February chair,
When the weather is freezing, then bakingly hot.

Our senses are fragile by Hilary 8th
Although some success has happened of late!
I've realised it's March
In three lines and a half
But yes, to the sport where we're doing so great!

The rugby team Corpus are a-top of the game,
And also at Torpids, we are doing the same.
Women's One - they have blades,
And Men's Three - they displayed
Such achievement, yes really! No spoons to our name.

So despite our old eduroam being quite bleak,
(And that fridge-box sending me mad as we speak)
The air is alive
With success as we thrive
On the buzz of the bee-hive of Corpus this week.

Debate:

Rhi: Excellent as always.

Ben: That's rude.

Rhi: I can do genuine.

Liv sits down

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

9. Motions as submitted

Parks' End

- 1) This JCR notes:
 - a) The University has proposed a new graduate college, Parks College, on the site of the Radcliffe Science Library (RSL).
 - b) The Radcliffe Science Library will share space with the new college.
 - c) The West Wing of the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory has been earmarked to be the new college's dining hall.
 - d) No other buildings have yet been earmarked to the new college.
 - e) The new college has been proposed so that the University may "continue its high-impact research and maintain its number one ranking".
 - f) The proposal was announced after Michaelmas term and the University's proposed timetable is to start hiring fellows this June.
- 2) This JCR believes:
 - a) As proposed, Parks College would provide a sub-par Oxford experience to both its students and fellows.
 - b) It would cause unacceptable disruption to science students who use the RSL and the Inorganic Chemistry Lab.
 - c) A new college is not needed to maintain Oxford's world-class reputation.

- d) The University has not left enough time to consider the proposal and has failed to appropriately consult University members.
 - e) The executive committee should object to the Parks College proposal.
- 3) This JCR resolves:
- a) To mandate the Executive Committee to sign an open letter objecting to the proposed Parks College.
 - b) To mandate the Oxford SU Officer to object to the Parks College proposal (should it come up) at any future OxSU meetings.
 - c) The Executive Committee should represent these views to the Governing Body.
 - d) To mandate the JCR president to talk with other JCR presidents and the MCR within Corpus to give their support

Proposed:

Ed Hart

Seconded:

Tyron Surmon

SFQ:

Emily: Inorganic Chemistry Lab is not currently being used as we have a new lab.

Tyron: Is this letter just from us or are other JCRs doing it?

Rhi: We would be the first JCR to sign it and if we did I would take it to PresCom to see if other presidents would sign it.

Debate:

Eve: Who does this effect?

Rhi: The RSL is being closed so it's affecting all science students.

Alex: We used to (a long time ago) have the RadCam and now it's the RSL. I've been to the RSL to get books about 2 or 3 times only.

Ben: Corpus is very well stacked.

Ben 2: It is!

Liv: So if we didn't have the RSL would it be detrimental to scientists?

Emily: They're going to try to condense the stock they have and they will try and place them somewhere else which undergrad students use anyway.

Ben: The intention is that the grad books will be temporarily removed then put back and kept open for anyone. But undergrad books will be kept offsite (potentially in Swindon) and take a few days to come in.

Alex: I had a meeting with the chief librarians (a coven?!) and they said it would remain the same for our books after a certain period of time but there's been such a lack of information that just because they thought that it would be the case doesn't mean it will. In terms of condensing things, the SU is doing a lot of work with the libraries to try and shift away in general from large textbooks to online access but that's not feasible currently in lots of cases. It would then be more of a workspace which would be preserved in this new Parks College.

Tyron: I don't know if we have to mandate you but you should talk to other colleges and also the MCR. I propose an amendment to add 'to mandate the JCR president to

talk with other JCR presidents and the MCR within Corpus to give their support' (seconded by Emily – taken as friendly).

Libby: There seems to be a lot of focus on undergrads but having more grad students is something Oxford has to do to compete with international universities. The US for example has far more grads. This seems short-sighted to me.

Alex: I'm not disagreeing with you at all but I think we need to add the point that, and again I'm not disagreeing with you at all, yeh undergrads get a little bit of funding but for masters they can charge much higher prices. And there is a trend where UK universities are increasing fees for international undergrads and grads generally. That's something to consider.

Ben: I don't think it's necessarily true that equivalent US universities are larger in their grad intake.

Tyron: That is the justification Oxford have used for their expansion.

Ben: I propose a secret ballot.

Eve: There are two issues: how it will affect undergrads; and how it will affect the university. I don't see this as a JCR issue.

Alex: If you're a scientist in this room it will affect your undergrad degree. If you study beyond a bachelors, it will affect your future time at Oxford.

Eve: I see that, but the letter doesn't seem to focus on that.

Ed: I think it's important to push against the lack of communication. It is a huge project and was pushed through within three months.

Rhi: The way it was rushed through the SU reflects this.

Tyron: Move to vote (seconded by Alex).

Secret ballot: 13 for, 2 against and 7 abstentions. This motion passes.

College inequalities motion

1) This JCR notes:

- a) By having no way of expressing a negative preference to a College or PPH in admissions, the University assures applicants that provisions for students and student experience will be comparable, regardless of College or PPH.
- b) Many poorer colleges and PPHs were originally established to cater for students who were traditionally excluded from more established colleges.
- c) The College Contribution Scheme (CCS) is a mechanism by which richer Oxford colleges contribute to the maintenance and costs of poorer colleges.
- d) Permanent Private Halls (PPHs) have not been included in the CCS, in the most recent scheme or prior to this, despite largely having no more than a fraction of the resources available even to the poorer colleges, who are granted access to income from the CCS. This prevents PPHs from expanding independent access efforts, expanding and refurbishing student accommodation, and ensuring a basic level of student experience in line with the rest of the University. The CCS seeks to help poorer colleges but ignores the poorest of all.

- e) Including PPHs in the CCS would not require any more money to be given by colleges that already contribute to the scheme, it would merely grant access to the existing fund.
 - f) That PPHs have no way of changing this scheme alone, because doing so requires a seat at the Conference of Colleges, which PPHs are also excluded from.
 - g) There are differences in student experience between colleges including, but not limited to, sports facilities, travel grants, hardship funds, libraries, student mental health support, music and drama facilities, accommodation costs and vacation residence, and food prices.
- 2) This JCR believes:
- a) Oxford students should have a broadly comparable experience at this University, regardless of their college or PPH.
 - b) The CCS should be used to achieve Believes 1, and that its existence should not suffocate the growth of the poorest student bodies in Oxford – PPH endowment cannot grow alone, while those of fellow colleges are supported by the CCS.
 - c) All student members at Oxford should have the same opportunities to succeed academically and have a positive student experience, as Students from all colleges and PPHs are equal as University members.
 - d) All students have an interest in equality between college experiences, both from inter-collegiate solidarity and because college choice is often outside students' control.
 - e) Every student should be able to request accommodation if they are estranged or a care-giver regardless of their college's ability to fund this, which PPHs cannot achieve consistently, if at all, without access to the scheme.
 - f) That a lack of endowment is a prohibitive factor behind poorer colleges and PPHs becoming more financially stable and thus becoming able to add value to students' college experience, increase their size, and expand their independent access and outreach efforts, but that this should not be the case.
- 3) This JCR resolves:
- a) To mandate President of this Junior Common Room to lobby the President of the college to start a discussion on PPHs' access to the CCS at Governing Body, on CCS-relevant committees, and generally.

Proposed:

Libby Cherry

Seconded:

Jennifer Donnellan

SFQ:

Alex: Correct me if I'm wrong, aren't PPHs ones you pay a fair bit of money to go to?

Rhi: No.

Ella: Are they ones without a constitution?

nobody knows

Ben: What would the lobbying entail?

Libby: This has gone to quite a few JCRs but I think with a massive student consensus that's enough.

Emily: I have a point of information that it was passed at the SU.

Debate:

None.

Overwhelming majority. This motion passes.

10. Emergency Motions

"Some witty pun about TVs"

- 1) This JCR notes:
 - a) In the first meeting of this term, the TV licence budget was set at £38.00 (the same as for the previous 4 years)
 - b) Since then, the TV licence cost has increased to £38.89
- 2) This JCR believes:
 - a) The Treasurer should not be charged with embezzlement for doing his job
 - b) We would like to be able to watch TV legally
- 3) This JCR resolves:
 - a) To increase the TV license budget for HT19 from £38.00 to £38.89

Proposed:

Ben Lakeland

Seconded:

Jennifer Donnellan

SFQ:

None.

Debate:

None.

Ben makes a silly point about how to pronounce passes. The entire JCR cringes.

Overwhelming majority. This motion passes.

11. Any other Business