

Chair: Rhiannon Ogden - Jones
Secretary: Emily Simpson
Returning Officer: Hannah Taylor

1. Report from the JCR President

Hello, Welcome back. Things ive been up to: ran freshers week. I went to accademic committee with Alex. Visiting students with american uni. Mark Wormald meeting. Stanford lunch. Meeting with the dean about c&s and swimming memberships. Welfare lunch, discussed the big white wall app. Next week is careers week. Then E&E week in week 3.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Caleb: What is Pelican fund for?

Rhi: For a large one of purchase, large scale – of substance.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

There's an "Indie" Café Round the corner from me.
You know the kind Of place I mean.
Mismatched chairs, Overpriced coffee.
Unwelcome stares From the barista "artista"
As you sip your English Breakfast tea.
Do you know the place I mean?

They always dispose
Of their used ground coffee
In a way, I suppose,
That would be unlikely For a big chain.
They hand it out in bags
To use as compost.
Bags you feel obliged
To hold onto,
In case you decide
To turn your 4 by 4 patio
Into a vegetable patch.
Your hypothetical carrots
Or broccoli will surely
Benefit from the

Second hand caffeine.
Do you know the place I mean?

They call their Danish pastries,
Scandinavian bites.
There's 13 different options
Of blends of roast bean,
And about 1000 varieties of herbal or fruit tea.
There's 6 types of milk,
Not a single one dairy.
That's not to say vegan options
Are wrong,
Just a comment really.
They host local stand up nights,
And gigs for student bands.
They're artists, activists, abstractivists
And they're coffee is 6 pounds.
They're message is clear,
Communal and environmental,
Until you discover they're owned
By the guy that started Nero's.
Far from independent,
They're just branded as "Indie".
Far from communal,
They're profit margins are obscene.
Do you know the place I mean?

There's a "Boutique" Restaurant
Just a little down the ways.
They're a sort of French- Italian fusion that serve
Tapas-style plates.
At lunch they offer Ploughman's (despite lack of connection
To theme) and charge
Fifteen pounds because
It's presented on a bit of wood.
You come away with a
Mouth full of splinters,
But every mouthful
Is so instagrammable
That you ignore the fact that
The plate is flammable.
Instead, you bare and grin.
Do you know the place I mean?

They do regional specials
That are the same from Bristol to Aberdeen.
They do seasonal specials
That don't change from Autumn to spring.
The menu changes
Around every 3 months,
In price only.

Those prices,
Along with names of dishes,
Seem pretty phony.
Just because your "fromage"
Is with tagliatelle
Doesn't mean we don't see
That it's just mac and cheese.
Just because your
Chicken is free range
And organic
Doesn't stop my scowl
When you call it wild fowl.
A three-course set menu
Doesn't typically allow
For a coffee course
Because it lacks dessert.
This makes for a restaurant
That's not bad,
But certainly not good,
Just somewhere in between.
Do you know the place I mean?

All the waiting staff
Have a sort of faux Mediterranean accent,
Except when you hear
Them chatting on
Their cigarette break.
For all it's faults,
At least it's a local gem.
Except it's not
Co's they've got them
On every street off
The high Street
In every town
In the country.
Do you know the place I mean?

It's not just "Indie" Cafés
And "Boutique" Restaurants.
One has to be wary
Of so-called "Local" Pubs,
Supposedly "Musty" Bookshops,
And seemingly "Crusty" Bakers.
Independence is dead,
Long live the chain.
Our highstreets will never
Be the same.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

JCR Budget Motion

This JCR notes:

1. The Treasurer is required to pass a budget

This JCR believes:

1. Nothing, this is a purely procedural motion

This JCR resolves:

1. To pass the following budget for Michaelmas term 2019

Proposed: Ben Lakeland

Seconded: Adam Steinberg

<u>Budget Areas</u>	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Notes</u>
DOMESTIC	£300.00	Reduced from TT since no ice cream
NEWSPAPERS	£800.00	JCR survey supported this
MEETINGS	£300.00	
ENTZ	£250.00	
WELFARE	£700.00	Same as HT, TT was higher due to finalists
EQUAL OPPS	£150.00	
COMMITTEE MEAL	£250.00	
RO/ADMIN	£30.00	
TV LICENSE	£40.00	
PEER SUPPORT	£30.00	
Clubs and Socs	£360.00	We have a lot of money from college. Total cost from JCR will be <£60
Committee jumpers	£400.00	

Total	£3,610.00
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SFOs

Will Song: How many people filled out the newspaper survey?

Ben: It was well publicised.

Will: Was it a majority of people?

Ben: It was 36 people – I think it was representative.

Debate:

Proposed Amendment – change careers to £10, £20 for International Officer to have formal. Ben will change this in spreadsheet.

Seconded by James

Ben – taken as friendly

Will: I don't think this is representative I think we spend a lot to do crosswords.

Ben: Most people were happy, the others weren't that unhappy. 70% of the people who filled it in said they are happy with how much we spend on newspapers. I have already spent the money on the newspapers.

Passed – overwhelming majority, 2 abstentions

9. Motions as submitted

Oxford Trans Solidarity

This JCR notes:

1. The organisation "A Woman's Place" is running an event in Oxford on the 25th (Friday 2nd Wk), on 'academic freedom and the current issues being faced by women'.
2. "A Woman's Place" describes themselves as a 'feminist organisation', but their primary aim is in fact eroding the existing rights for transgender people:
 - i. Previous members and speakers of "A Woman's Place" have made numerous offensive comments towards trans people.
 - ii. Current members are or have been involved in several cases of undermining legal protections for trans people in the US and UK, including opposing changes to the Gender Recognition Act which would have improved trans people's lives in the UK.
3. Transgender people face a disproportionate level of discrimination, violence, and hardship:

- i. In the past year alone, hate crimes in the UK against trans people have risen 81%.
 - ii. Nearly two-thirds of trans students at Oxford University have experienced transphobia or discrimination within the University.
4. The activist group "Trans Action Oxford" have released a statement on the "A Woman's Place" meeting, and are holding a demonstration of solidarity on the day of the event.

This JCR Believes:

1. There is a direct correlation between the proliferation of groups such as "A Woman's Place" and the rise of transphobia within the UK.
2. The rhetoric and ideas of groups such as "A Woman's Place" are not simply matters of 'academic freedom' -- they have dangerous and real-life consequences for trans people.
3. A proper commitment to academic freedom uplifts voices from all marginalised groups, including those of trans people:
 - i. It recognises that freedom of expression does not extend to bigotry, which serves to silence marginalised groups
 - ii. It ensures that trans students, academics, and staff members have the freedom to study and work in an environment free from discrimination and violence.
4. That showing solidarity with trans* people and trans* students better demonstrates commitment to academic freedom:
 - i. by re-centering trans voices, and allowing discussion of trans issues with cis allies, in a respectful and tolerant manner,
 - ii. and by not directly protesting the "A Woman's Place" event, and playing into a narrative of false victimhood.
5. That hateful views and the violence they inspire have no place in Oxford.

This JCR Resolves:

1. For Corpus Christi JCR President to sign the statement released by Trans Action Oxford.
2. To mandate the Equal Opportunities President and LGBTQ+ Rep to circulate details of the demonstration, and to organise appropriate support for its attendance.

Proposed: William Song

Seconded: Gemma Daubeney

SFQs:

Tyron: What is the statement and what does it say?

Will: This motion is a short version of the statement basically.

Rhi: It can be found on the JCR Facebook page.

Will: It a statement condemning a talk by many very trans phobic people.

They view that their academic views are being attacked.

Debate:

no debate

Passed - Overwhelming majority, 1 abstention

10. Emergency Motions

Faulty Tap

This JCR notes:

1. During the JCR renovation a hot water tap was installed in the café
2. This removed the agonising wait for the kettle to boil
3. The tap stopped working.

This JCR believes:

1. The tap was the best thing about the JCR renovation
2. It should therefore be fixed with the upmost urgency
3. Denying the JCR Members the access to immediate caffeine is unjust and borderline cruel

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Domestic Officer to liaise with the relevant College authorities to have the tap fixed as soon as possible.

Proposed: Ryan Salter

Seconded: William Song

Rhi: Inline with my right to, I want to share me lack of approval with this motion. It was turned off at the end of last term after it started to flood the kitchen. So we have been waiting for the kitchen to finish before dealing with this.

SFOs

Will: Do you have a timeframe?

Rhi: no

Ryan: Why are we not being told this?

Rhi: I was very busy but I also have told people when they have asked.

Gemma: Should the DO not deal with this?

Rhi: Yes normally but I don't see the point now because it is almost dealt with.

Debate:

No debate

In favour: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 15

Motion fails

11. Any other Business

Rhiannon: New constitution will be coming. Committee will review their standing orders this week.

Tyron: Will we have enough time to scrutinise the new constitution?

Rhiannon: You will have 2 weeks because it has to be ratified twice.

Tyron: Can we propose it line by line?

Rhiannon: You can email me amendments ahead of the time.

Rhiannon: Constitution is mainly staying the same, just ironing out the ambiguities.

Tyron: Can we not just get the changes needed to governing body?

Rhiannon: No that would take a long time so we will just do one big change basically.

Grassam: how will we avoid bias on this?

Rhiannon: I want people to have their input to make sure there isn't bias.

Rhi regarding the bar:

We agreed since April that the C bop and Christmas Bop will finish at 1 but bar at 12.