

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

### 1. Report from the JCR President

Hello, Things I've been up to. Matt and I meeting about allocating money from the pelican fund. Has to go through fb and GB. Will find out soon more about it. Ben and I had meeting with bursar, will get more money for JCR. Also future committee could reduce levies.

Collection Paper is going to 7th week academics committee. Got provisions set up for gender expression fund. Cost of laundry will go down in the new year, down to £2 for wash. Meeting with Judith - welfare business cards. Also went to pre senior tutor committee

Elections open tomorrow - please run for things!

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### 2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Eugenie - motion on UCU: passed a motion to support strike action that's going to happen late nov. Encourage poeple to not attend lectures and not cross picket line. We as a JCR accept the SU stance but you as a individual can do what you want. Also motion passed to support Hong kong protestors.

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### 3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

#### Warmest Regards

Dear Tutor,  
I am writing to ask for an extension.  
Now, I make no pretension  
That this was unavoidable,  
But I hope this work might be voidable.

Recently I've just been super busy with stuff  
Like plays and sports and welfare - it's rough.  
I know that this excuse has been used before  
But I hope your forgiveness might be afforded.

I am deeply aware of where I'm at with work,  
And my due diligence as a student I wouldn't shirk,

But this past couple weeks has just been full on  
And my ability to complete this task is gone.  
Plus, I guess, I've been kind of ill too  
And struggling to sleep this whole week through.  
Please don't let my insomnia  
Ruin my record of academia.

Of course, I'll have done all the reading for the tute  
To retain my fair (to middling (to poor)) repute,  
Assuming I'm even well enough to attend  
As I said already, I'm ill, and may not in time mend.

Look, OK, I'll level with you,  
If levelling is something appropriate to do.  
I've spent the last six days on YouTube  
With endless content to consume.

You may not like it as an excuse,  
But at least give me credit for telling the truth.  
I've missed your deadline by quite a lot.  
Chances of a first are really shot.

If I'm honest I wouldn't write on this topic  
In an exam anyway. So, I think I'll just stick  
To my guns and not hand this in,  
Even if my work for this term looks a little thin.

You're right, that wasn't even the real reason  
And so, if I must be appeasing,  
I'll tell you why I could not do this essay.  
I'm poet laureate, I have to write a poem for every other Sunday.

Warmest Regards  
Caleb  
The People's Poet

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#### 4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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#### 5. Constitutional Amendments

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#### 6. Motions of No Confidence

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## 7. Charities Motions

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## 8. Monetary Motions

### **Present for Nick**

This JCR notes:

1. Nick the Porter is of huge value to the college and the JCR
2. Nick has, for the past few months been seriously unwell and in hospital
3. Nick has finally left hospital and returned home

This JCR believes:

1. It is nice to feel appreciated and missed
2. Nick is appreciated and missed

This JCR resolves:

1. To buy Nick a get-well present(s) to the value of £30
2. To have a communal Get well soon card in the JCR for JCR members to sign

Proposed: Ben Lakeland

Seconded: Florence Goodrich

### **SFQ:**

Will: What are you planning to get?

Rhi: A nice relaxing activity present – gather money from whole of college

### **Debate:**

Seb: I propose an amendment to say: we match the money the porters raise, up to a value of £60.

Amendments fails due to no one wanting to second it.

Will: I'd like to amend the motion to change the sum up to £50, matching the money raised by the porters.

Seconded by Seb

Taken as friendly by Ben.

Flo: I think we should have a standard price we tend to have for this sort of thing.

Rhi: I think it's fair we give more money for this gift as Nick's been very unwell.

Motion passes: Overwhelming majority. 1 abstention.

### **Christmas tree Motion**

This JCR notes:

1. That Oxmas is near
2. The JCR usually has a Christmas tree for Oxmas
3. This year we only need to buy the indoor tree as college are sorting the quad tree

This JCR believes:

1. That Christmas trees are nice and we should have one again this year

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the DO to purchase a Christmas tree in 7th week for up to £150.

Proposed: Jennifer Donnellan

Seconded: Ben Lakeland

**SFQ:**

Sam; is it an actual tree?

Jen: Yes

**No debate**

Motion passes: Overwhelming majority. No abstentions

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## 9. Motions as submitted

### **Motion to reduce food waste**

This JCR Notes:

1. We are provided with excellent food by our kitchen team, for which we are very grateful.
2. However, because portion sizes are sometimes too large, many people will end up throwing away some of this excellent food at the end of a meal.
3. Food waste is a significant contributor to our impact on the environment

This JCR Believes:

1. We should be trying to minimise our impact on the environment
2. Hall food should cater to all appetites - large and small - in order to promote a healthy lifestyle

This JCR Resolves:

1. To mandate the DO to ask the kitchen team to make it official policy, if it isn't already, for those purchasing food to be able to ask for smaller or larger portions and that all staff be briefed on this
2. That the DO should put up a sign in the servery, to make people aware of this, that reads something similar to: "In order to reduce food waste, please feel free to ask for a smaller or larger portion depending on your appetite!"

Proposed: Adam Winnifrith

Seconded: Sampada Venkatesh

**SFQ:**

Will: Are these different portions going to cost different amounts?

Adam W: I hope not, I think they seem to give people a little leeway. It's a win if more people come and eat in hall.

Ryan: Have you spoken to Jimmy about this?

Adam W: I've spoken to the servery team.

Will: We can go back for seconds?

Jen: they should be cheaper, you might have to remind them

**Debate:**

Jen: amend it to say To mandate the DO to discuss how the smaller and larger portions would work.

2:To mandate the DO to ask the hall if they could display this in some way.

Seconded: Ben

Will: could this not be exploiting the food portions.

Matt: I think it's fine as long as you don't go too far, they'll notice if you are being a greedy pig.

Jen: I'm not sure if they'll put a sign or just brief the staff.

Motion passes: Overwhelming majority, 5 abs.

## Schwarzman Motion

This JCR notes:

1. Stephen A. Schwarzman is the co-founder and chairman of global private equity firm 'The Blackstone Group'.
2. In August 2019, it emerged that two companies owned by Blackstone are 'significantly responsible' for deforestation in the Amazon. (The Intercept)
3. In a 2019 report, a UN report identified Blackstone as a significant contributor to the global housing crisis, concluding that their business practices violated tenants' human rights.
4. Schwarzman is a donor and former close advisor to Trump. He has also been a key donor at the Koch brothers' donor summits, which have been responsible for legitimising hard-right ideas and climate denial through donations to academic and cultural institutions.
5. The University's faculty boards learned of the donation from the press before being consulted. This announcement happened when students were sitting exams and academics marking finals, meaning the initial open meetings for consultation took place outside of term-time in July.
6. The donation was referred to the University's Committee to Review Donations and Research Funding. However, the donation's negotiations and its review are subject to NDA's, meaning they are incapable of being examined.
7. An open letter requesting transparency on the matter with ~100 signatures from academics, councillors, student and community groups has been circulating since September 17, with no response from the University.

This JCR believes:

1. It is through association with universities like MIT, Yale, and now Oxford, that Schwarzman seeks to legitimise socially and ecologically destructive practices.
2. As a public institution that claims to value the pursuit of truth, the University should not be willing to disregard Blackstone's and Schwarzman's record without clear justification and consultation.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the JCR President to request that the University release the full details of its vetting process of Schwarzman's £150m donation so that a public review of said process can take place.
2. Request that a transparent ethical framework for donations be demonstrated such that donations may only be accepted when they are consistent with the University's stated values of sustainability and equality.

3. Request that the University release information as to Schwarzman's ongoing influence on the Centre – i.e. the extent of his involvement, access to the Centre, what honours he will receive.

Proposed: Luke Roberts

Seconded: Jennifer Donnellan

**SFQ:**

Rhi; You want to ask me to write to the University on my own?

Jen: over jcr pres are doing it.

Rhi: There should be a concerted effort

Jen: yeah I think other people are organizing something.

**Debate:**

Ben: propose an amendment to get the President to bring it to the pres com to discuss with a goal to work with other presidents to bring this forward.

Rhi: this was raised over the summer in pres com – something being done by Pembroke jcr. They were just signing the open letter. I polled you guys about that as to whether we should sign it.

Hannah: there were 26 responses – 13 yes 13 no. so we did not sign the letter.

Flo: I think this motion is too big and different from just signing an open letter.

Matt: how has the situation changed luke.

Rhi; No.

Luke: If we sign this it would be us committing to the anti -schwa movement. It wouldn't be us signing the letter as nothing has really not done anything.

Sam: Based on previous experience, we can't do anything to change uni mind by college.

Ben: I propose it's not put as it's not been clear what we will achieve.

Luke: If we pass this meeting it will be p

Flo; amendment of the resolves to say to mandate the jcr pres to look in to the current development of the schwart letter and report back in two weeks time.  
Seconded by Will.

Adam: No one is convincing anyone of any opinions. So I suggest move to vote.  
Seconded by Ben

19 for, 1 against. 7 abs motion passes

## **Plastic-free teabags**

This JCR Notes

1. Most paper teabags contain plastic, including the brands the JCR buys for JCR tea.
2. When steeped in water, these teabags release microplastics.
3. These teabags are not biodegradable and contribute to plastic pollution.
4. There are many brands which produce plastic-free teabags, such as Clipper, Co-Op own brand, or the Twinings pyramid range

This JCR Believes:

1. Plastic pollution is bad
2. Microplastic pollution is especially bad
3. We should reduce our plastic waste wherever possible

This JCR Resolves:

1. To update the standing orders of the Domestic Officer to state "To ensure that teabags bought for JCR tea are plastic-free."

Proposed: Freya Chambers

Seconded: Jennifer Donnellan

## **SFQ:**

Seb: How much more expensive are they?

Jen: not much more, they are okay

## **Debate:**

Flo: Should we check more about what the harm of the micro plastics are to the environment just sat on a land fill?

Freya: it's also about not wanting plastic in our body.

Ben: make amendment to put this in the policy document.

Rhi: actually it's covered already by the JCR policy to be more environmentally stable.

Sam: isn't loose leaf tea the most sustainable?

Jen: it's more expensive and more fiddly at JCR tea

Motion passes: Overwhelming majority, 1 abstention.

## 10. Emergency Motions

### **TABOU Magazine motion**

#### **This JCR notes:**

1. TABOU is a new, student run, magazine about disability.
2. It is based in Oxford but will be distributed across universities in the UK and will feature submissions from students from all over the UK
3. Issues are £3 per item with delivery costing £5 (up to 20 orders) or £10 (20-50 orders)
4. It is non-profit and any funds go towards future editions of the magazine

#### **This JCR believes**

1. Raising awareness of disabilities is important
2. Support of student efforts to raise awareness for disabilities is important
3. Obtaining copies is a good use of our money

#### **This JCR resolves**

1. To acquire up to 15 copies of TABOU winter edition, at a cost of £50
2. To mandate the Treasurer to include TABOU in future newspaper surveys

Proposed: Ben Lakeland

Seconded: Will song

**SFQ: none**

**Debate: none**

Motion passes. Overwhelming majority

### **Motion to put pressure on Oxford nightclubs to increase security to prevent spiking by signing an open letter**

#### **This JCR notes:**

1. Official figures have shown that the number of drink-spiking cases in the UK have more than doubled in the last three years.
2. There has been a 108% rise in the number of reports to police forces across the UK since 2015.

3. However, officials believe the figures are significantly lower than the reality because victims often do not report having their drink spiked.
4. Park End have CCTV – but admitted on a phone call that it does not cover everywhere.
5. Drink spiking can cause hallucinations, speech difficulties, memory loss, loss of inhibitions, vomiting, seizures, loss of consciousness and mental confusion - needless to say, drink-spiking is often traumatic for its victim.
6. The majority of drink-spiking victims are women.
7. Drink spiking can lead to theft and sexual assault/violence; with cases against current St Hilda's students known.
8. Many cases of drink-spiking go unreported, due to fear that they will not be taken seriously by police, and due to a lack of memory regarding the identity of the perpetrator.

This JCR believes:

1. That it is our duty as a college to use our platform to communicate with prominent Oxford nightclubs to improve their security, as well as trying to involve the JCRs of other colleges.

This JCR resolves:

1. To apply pressure to the nightclubs, particularly Bridge and Atik/Park End, to try to find a better way of managing security.
2. For the president to sign an open letter to nightclubs to call on them to improve CCTV and security.

Proposed: Will Song

Seconded: Florence Goodrich

**SFQ:**

Ben: is there an open letter to sign?

Rhi: yes

Will: there's not a lot we can do as a JCR other than sign the letter.

Ryan: to change it to say to mandate the president.

Flo: amendment to the motion: to get the welfare officers to email round the SU resources about drink spiking.

Seconded by Ben

Motion passes: Overwhelming majority. No abs

## 11. Any other Business