

Chair: Edward Hart
Secretary: Emily Simpson
Temporary Acting Returning Officer: Rhiannon OJ
Temporary Acting Returning Officer: Thomas Lynch

1. Report from the JCR President

Ed reads his email...

- Attended PresCom, where we competed to see who enjoyed the last SU Council meeting the least. I had an excellent time because I wasn't there and was instead watching Fryderyk Wiatrowski get elected as the new Computer Society president.
- Attended Academic Committee.
- Attended Joint Consultative Committee Lunch, where we discussed coronavirus preparations, e.g. College's strategic supply of toilet paper. I also learnt the spirit of Male Welfare Tea lives on in the SCR as the rush for chocolate bread and butter pudding.
- Reviewed Personal Development Fund applications with Chris Dowson.
- Did my JCR tea.
- Removed rubbish cluttering the JCR café with help from Thomas Lynch.

2. Reports / Questions to Officers

Meg: will the information from the tea be circulated?

Ed: not sure, i think they will inform once they have a plan. Currently just case by case.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

There once was a man called Tom.
He was acting RO for a bit.
And then he was not.

Calebs Poem:
First things first,
Of course I want the best.
A first class degree

Means you really aced the test.

You've put in the hours,
You truly know your stuff,
And on the otherside
You're rightly called a buff.

But a first's a lot of work,
You need to know a bunch of things,
And I'm not entirely convinced
Of the happiness it brings.

Save time in the library.
Read fewer books.
Save yourself the effort:
Two-ones aren't for crooks.

To want a two-one
Is reasonable at least.
You worked a little less
But you didn't take the piss.

Your parents can be proud
And you can get that job.
It may be your second choice
But you can't be a snob.

Then again, what's a two-one
When for even less work,
And even more fun,
You can get a two-two without too much irk.

I mean, a degree's
A degree right?
Whether it's very good
Or relatively shite.

I don't need a first
Or a two-one at all.
I can be a teacher

Without the battle.

But none of this matters,
Because, from what I've heard,
I'd be a very lucky man
To get more than a third.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charities Motions

8. Monetary Motions

9. Motions as submitted

Change to collection timings

This JCR notes:

1. We currently have collections on Friday morning, afternoon and Saturday morning of 0th week each term.
2. There is talk of changing the times to Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon.
3. The college currently requires you to be back in college by 2pm Thursday of 0th week but these changes would require you to be back by noon on Thursday.
4. Our accommodation is paid for from Tuesday of 0th week so this will not cause any further financial implications.
5. We need people to invigilate these collections.
6. The staff want to have their weekends free.

This JCR believes:

1. That weekends are fun and it would be nice if both students and staff can have their weekends free of collections.

The JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the President to issue a statement to college to show the JCR's support for changing the timings for collections to Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon

Proposed: Adam Steinberg

Seconded: Thomas Lynch

SFQ:

None

Debate:

Camilla: for coming back on Tuesday, could we then for international students come back on Monday as it would be useful for unpacking etc? Ed; they haven't mentioned it in their email.

Ben; I am sceptical that college would want to do that.

Jake: have we considered that some students can't start revising until 0th week so will increase stress and pressure.

David: it could be a problem for people who can't arrive on any other day but Thursday.

Tom: amendment - for the statement to say the jcr believes that we should be able to come back from Sunday as part of the termly rent if this change is to take place.

Ben; seconded

Adam: taken as friendly

Sampada: doesn't this force us to come back early and miss out on home time.

Ben: won't have to just an option to do so.

Ryan; why does it have to be by noon, if you don't have a collection as its quite a way to go for many people.

Zaman; could we amend it so that: Also we only need to be back by noon on Thursday if you have a collection but if not can come back by 2pm like before.

Taken as friendly Adam.

For 7 against 7 abs 9.

It was as though the motion was never put.

Ethical Stash Motion

This JCR notes:

1. Modern slavery exists today on a large scale. Over 40 million people are believed to be in slavery around the world[1].
2. The fashion industry has a high level of exposure to slavery. G20 countries are estimated to import an annual value of US\$127.7bn in clothes at risk of including slavery in their supply chains[2].
3. Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[3] prohibits slavery and the slave trade in all forms.
4. Oxford SU has provided a platform that allows common room and societies to source merchandise from ethically-accredited suppliers, including 'Neutral'. Neutral is a company that is Fairtrade certified.

This JCR believes:

1. Slavery is an affront to human dignity.
2. The JCR should in no way be complicit in supporting slavery through the fashion industry.

This JCR resolves:

1. To adopt the following as JCR policy:

For all merchandise ('stash') bought using JCR funds to be sourced from a company committed to fair practices. This includes sourcing their materials and producing their clothing in a way which is environmentally sustainable and fair to their workers. We recommend some such companies in the appendix.

Proposed: Adam Winnifrith
Seconded: Zaman Keinath-Esmail

Appendix:

Recommended Companies:

- Teemill (<https://teemill.com/> also available through <https://rapanuiclothing.com/design-your-own-tee>)
 - Cotton Roots (cottonroots.co.uk)
- Ethically certified options can also be sourced through the following distributors:

- Oxford SU Platform (<http://www.theverylatest.net/OXFORDSU/>)
- Shirt Works (<https://www.shirtworks.co.uk/>)

---- PLEASE NOTE: not all of the products provided by distributors will be fairly produced. Search for certifications such as Fairtrade and producers such as Neutral in order to purchase fairly produced clothing.

References:

- [1] Walk Free Foundation, 2018 (<https://www.walkfreefoundation.org/understand/>)
- [2] Global Slavery Index, 2018 (<https://www.globalslaveryindex.org/2018/findings/highlights/>)
- [3] United Nations, 1948 (<http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>)

SFQ:

Lauren: Is this not already in the policy document?

Adam W: it's in the e&e standing orders but be good to make it a general policy.

Ryan; The bought using JCR funds bit, is this stash sold to students through JCR but students money, or bought for students from JCR fund? Maybe needs amending.

Debate:

Ben: reads statement by Tyron.... He's against this motion, think individuals can't make any significant impact.

Sam: the jcr isn't an individual.

Ryan; Amendment: to change bought using jcr funds to *ordered through the jcr*.

Taken as friendly.

Adam: move to vote.

2 abs, no against, 23 for.

Motion passes.

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any other Business