

CORPUS JCR



MEETING AGENDA

Second Week, Hilary Term 2024
Sunday Twenty-Sixth January, 7:30 PM

President & Chair: Michael Leslie
Vice-President & Secretary: Angelina Hong
Returning Officer & Constitutional Oracle: Jacob Harvey

1. Report from the President

Michael: Thank you everyone for coming. Welcome back, I hope everyone's been enjoying their last few weeks, and hope everyone has had a good start to term and Collections went well. I went to Sustainability Committee in 0th week. College has been quite on it because of the level of building work. We are actually doing quite well. Our water and energy spend is down, and the recycling rate is very good. College is actually quite sustainable. We are looking at changing the bins; currently, they are not coordinated around College and so there is no standardisation. The UK has just passed a new legislation, and we can't afford to pay for new fines for messing up recycling, so please make sure you are recycling properly. Bin changes will be going around soon. I went to Academic Committee meeting; the Old Library is back.

2. Questions to Officers

Ben: Has Andy said anything about bike storage?

Michael: Not yet, we will be getting bike storage in the car park area by the front of the Spencer building. It is still happening, there will be bike storage for about 130 bikes outside the Spencer building. One thing to notes is that the area will be accessible for pedestrians, not with fobs. Please make sure it is locked because it is a wide open thing. It is not like Oldham or in Tom Quad so be careful with your bikes.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Cathy: I have two poems today.

A Martian for New Year's
**A poem for the New Year.*

I sat on Ye Olde Bridge, over Hebden Water
Quite alone, indeed,
On the last day of 1899,
With me toes dangling in the earnest sky,
And up ahead- gunpowder sparklers the
Size of dirigibles
And me nostrils filled with the rank scent
Of canal water and reeds,

Of fiery powder and meads
But hark!
One of the sparklers seemed to me a strange
Shape
Green saucer in't sky
Like the graymalkin's dish...
Meself, I thought naught of it except
That the Queen was very merry tonight!
And then the bell tolled Twelve,
I turned me gaze around; but no lady had I found
But oh- instead- to my great wonderment
A Martian was seated beside me,
With skin green like algae,
And eyes burnished like emerald coals
For want of
What to do
I bethought me for a while
Then finding it most endearing;
I blew it me New Year's kiss!

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Ode to Junipers in January
**A panegyric for January.*

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O, Juniper, you brazen dear
I see how you have sheltered:
Elijah from the wear and tear,
That Jezebel had peltered.

And how you lashed your gorsy whip
To pinion from King Herod,
And make ambrosia man could sip,
To spare him from all peril.

O, Juniper, were you to know that Culpeper didst not lie,
When he fashioned you into medicine,
To cure all ailments awry,
And commissioned you for incense, to burn away the sin.

O, January Juniper! -- they drop you into mead,
They make merry with nectars of thine fruit,
Nightly doing so in thy stead,
Like Orpheus in January does play upon his Lute.

How you sequester like an aegis,
And bloom all season through,
Thou art wiser than all mages--
Juniper, I herald you!

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE WELFARE OFFICERS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ There are three Welfare Officers in the JCR Committee, which are the Welfare Officer (Equalities), Welfare Officer (Men's), and Welfare Officer (Women's);
- ❖ These Welfare Officers' responsibilities include tasks relating to the welfare of the JCR, which are codified in the Standing Orders;
- ❖ It has been requested by the College Welfare Committee that these Standing Orders be slightly amended.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Standing Orders should be amended where this would clarify the responsibilities of members of the JCR Committee;
- ❖ This is particularly so where the amendment would reemphasise important parts of the relevant roles, such as encouraging respect in the community, working with the senior members on events, and signposting services relating to welfare.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend Standing Orders 3 of all three Welfare Officers so as to become the following: "To support students regarding welfare issues, and work to encourage respect and a regard for each other's wellbeing amongst the College community, working with senior members on specific events where appropriate";
- ❖ Insert a new Standing Order into the Standing Orders of all three Welfare Officers with the following text: "To signpost welfare services within College, in the University, and more broadly", numbering that Standing Order as Standing Order 4 and renumbering the subsequent Standing Orders accordingly;
- ❖ Remove Standing Order 23 from all three Welfare Officers, renumbering the subsequent Standing Orders accordingly;
- ❖ Clarify that the previous clause of this Motion refers to Standing Order 23 as enumerated prior to the changes enacted by this Motion.

Proposer: Oskari Penttinen

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

Questions:

Ben: What is Standing Order 23?

Michael: 23 was removed because it was virtually similar to the one proposed but lacks some of the details, so I thought that it would just make more sense to add the new one and move it higher and then remove the lower one. [Standing Order 23 is read out] We decided it would be cleaner to remove 23 and to move up the Standing Order in this new Motion, because College considered this at 23 was too low and should be prioritised.

JJ: Are our standing orders meant to be in order of how important they are?

Jacob: No, they aren't. With that said, it is generally true that the first five or so are the most essential tasks. It is not a strict rule of priority, but a general rule of thumb.

Debate:

Sam M: They removed the ones from encouraging respect and I am just curious as to why that has been taken out.

Michael: The addition is to encourage respect. This is the addition; it is not the one being removed.

JJ: I assume the welfare budget part was just common sense?

Michael: Yes.

Jacob: This is an amendment to the Standing Orders which requires a simple majority to pass.
Visiting students from Standford can't vote, apologies.

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF ALL JCR OFFICERS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Corpus Christi College has engaged in a daily ritual of consuming tea, along with a selection of biscuits, for many decades;
- ❖ This practice has habitually occurred at four o'clock in the afternoon, and it is an important scheduled break in revision;
- ❖ Many Corpuses plan their work around JCR Tea, so it is important that it occur regularly and at the proper times;
- ❖ Additionally, because Corpuses enjoy the JCR as a social and academic space, it is important that it be relatively clean and tidy;
- ❖ This is unfortunately sometimes not the case, with mugs being left in the JCR.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Standing Order 8 for all JCR Officers is presently as follows: "To host JCR teas, as co-ordinated by the Domestic Officer, and find a suitable replacement if unable to do so";
- ❖ This Standing Order does not specify a time for the JCR Tea to occur, nor does it specify that there should be cleaning afterwards.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend Standing Order 8 for all those holding a position in JCR Committee so as to become the following: "To host or arrange a substitute to host a JCR Tea no later than 4:00 PM, on the days specified by the Domestic Officer on the JCR Tea Rota, and clean the JCR at approximately 5:00 PM on those same days".

Proposer: Oskari Penttinen

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

Questions:

JJ: Does that cleaning not only include putting the mugs away, but also generally?

Michael: This is just in relation to JCR tea, such as mugs, biscuit packets, and putting the tray away.

JJ: Could it possibly also include other messes such as a spilled drink or spilled tea?

Michael: I would take that as part of taking care of JCR tea, so, yes, that will be included too.

JJ: I think it would be nice to extend that beyond JCR tea and to keep it in generally good shape beyond other activities as well. Is that something that could go in there?

Michael: There is already a Standing Order that requires all officers to maintain the cleanliness and organisation of the JCR which falls under that.

JJ: Sure.

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charity Motions

8. Monetary Motions

THE GREAT CORPUS CHALLENGE RETURN

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ There was a distinct lack of Corpus Challenge last year for reasons that shall not be named.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ This Corpus Challenge must be amazing, so that it makes future comebacks and to distract Cambridge from trashing the place, because there'll be so many fun things to do that they won't even have the time;
- ❖ In order for Corpus Challenge to be fun, there is some equipment that we need that is not covered in the Hilary budget for clubs and societies.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Clubs and Societies Officer to spend up to £270 purchasing the following items: baking supplies, baking ingredients, a functional chess set, additional chess pieces, a Mario Kart disc for the Wii, another disc for the Wii, tennis balls, new darts, bin-bags, paper cups, two boardgames, blue paper towels, two table tennis paddles, ping-pong balls, and other items for the purpose of Corpus Challenge.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Seconder: Saul Kesteven

(Rio seconds in the absence of Saul)

Questions:

Ben: Do you have a complete budget for this? This is a large amount of cash. What qualifies as “other items”?

JJ: So, what I did was that I did prepare an appendix. Officially, I would have to add it to the motion. But, the reason why I would discourage you from forcing me to add the appendix is because it was done yesterday when I was quite tired and did not have time to check everything. So, just in the event that I can find a cheaper option or something that I put on the appendix isn't something that we exactly need, I would like the freedom to slightly change my mind.

Ben: That is not what I fully asked for. I wanted a list of what was in the "other" category?

JJ: "Other" is to prevent me from having to call an emergency meeting in 5th week right before the Challenge in case I have forgotten something which we need in Corpus Challenge. I have tried to account for everything, believe me, but just in case there is a £15 buffer. And if I don't need to use it I won't, it is basically there to prevent me from calling an emergency meeting in 5th week.

Ben: Yeah, that makes sense but can we still see what is roughly in the appendix?

JJ: You are very welcome to see the appendix but that is what is just listed in the motion. It does not include the "other" because I haven't even planned for that yet.

Clara: What is the other disc for the Wii?

JJ: I was thinking we should have another Wii game that we can play with more than two people for fun times

Ben: Is that for Corpus Challenge?

JJ: Everything that I have put in the list can be used for Corpus Challenge and for the JCR later as well.

Clara: Is that worth separating that out?

Fionn: There is a Wii games event for Corpus Challenge.

Clara: Is this specifically for Mario Kart or is there another one?

JJ: No, there is Mario Kart and then other Wii Games.

Clara: Oh, ok that's fine.

Sam M: What is that game?

JJ: You are welcome to debate but I was thinking Wii Sports Resort?

Logan: You said the reason for not having an appendix was to prevent an emergency meeting; right?

JJ: So the reason I said that there wasn't an appendix was because I created the appendix in a rush. It was created as an appendix just in case.

Logan: If anything does get missed, can you not just bring it up in 4th week?

JJ: I could bring it up then, but I might need something in 5th week. Basically, it is a little bit of a buffer zone. I will ask Jacob to publish the full appendix.

Treya: Do you have a budget from the JCR as Clubs and Socs officer?

JJ: I do and I have asked multiple times whether I could include this in my budget. The answer was no for a reason, which I am hoping that Oskari will explain

Oskari: I have not done the itemisation for this event. I fully trust JJ but this is a lot of money and I think that it is important to have public approval first.

Treya: Fair.

Ben: Do you not already have an emergency budget?

JJ: So, we have an emergency budget for the day for a literal emergency not for stuff we have just forgotten. This is just to stop and prevent calling an emergency debate.

Elias: Because of the way this is written and because it does not have an appendix, does this not mean that the motion actually gives you £270 to spend on whatever?

JJ: No it doesn't. I have got the appendix. It is just the people being pedantic

Gil: No, it is true. Passing this motion without an appendix would do that, which we are currently doing. It is objectively speaking true that you won't be required to spend the money on any of it

JJ: I still have to spend it for the Clubs and Socs.

Jacob: Under the present text of the motion, as prior to any amendments, JJ is required to spend the money on those specific items and then spend the remainder on any items as they wish for Corpus Challenge. There is no limiting clause on what items can be bought, once JJ has bought the required items. If there is any money left, they can spend that as they see fit.

Ben: What are the sign ups for these like?

JJ: I have put out so many forms in emails and on that board.

Ben: I meant numbers for them.

JJ: The numbers intended for me to organise which venues to book. It is not official; people can float where they want.

Ben: I know. I just don't want to spend £50 on something where only 2 people turn up.

JJ: Trust me, I've checked. Thank you.

Sam M: How much of this stuff do we actually need? I swear we already have half of this stuff already.

JJ: We don't.

Elias: We definitely have a chess set and definitely also the blue tissue. Just even with the other stuff, how much of it are we going to get?

JJ: We are going to get all of the things I've listed. because I've looked, and having itemised the Clubs and Socs cupboard, I know what we need.

Debate:

Michael: Do we have any idea for things like board games what the plans are?

JJ: I was going to initially remove board games as Fionn had submitted a lot of them for the Pelican Fund. It is not going to arrive in time for Corpus challenge but I would be willing to omit that. I am happy to discuss that with the Committee, if there are any questionable purchases

Ben: Would you be willing to submit this in 4th week? With a properly itemised list that can save everyone's time?

Treya: How much are you spending on each item on this list? This is not clear in the motion. Are you spending £100 or £20 on something it is useful to know?

JJ: I am happy for you to see the appendix. I just don't want to put this in officially, so that I have the ability to change some orders that is either cheaper or isn't quite what is needed

Treya: But does the appendix limit you to buying the exact type?

Jacob: Appendices are for informational purposes only, unless the Motion explicitly states that it is limited by its appendix. JJ sent me this appendix via email. At present, it is not included in the Motion at all, informationally or otherwise.

[Jacob reads out the appendix]

Jacob: Also, I should note that the appendix omits boardgames altogether.

[Ben proposes an amendment to include the appendix in the Motion]

[JJ takes the amendment as friendly]

Gil: On that appendix, there are two chess sets, whereas the motion at the moment only includes one. Clear, we are going to amend the motion to purchase two chess sets.

JJ: Please will you trust me not to embezzle money?

Gil: But this will not allow you to buy two chess sets because as it stands the motion only specifies one chess set.

JJ: No, but this will fall under other.

Treya: How about we amend the motion to say that it matches the appendix? Delete this second chess set and "other".

Jacob: That would change the monetary sum from £270 to £200, since there is only £200 worth of spending in the appendix.

JJ: Which I would not like.

Gil: But then you can have £70 buffer.

[Treya proposes an amendment to limit the purchases authorised by the Motion to only those in the appendix and to a £70 buffer]

[JJ takes the amendment as friendly]

[Fionn raises a procedural motion to move to vote]

For: 23
Against: 2
Abstain: 0

Procedural motion passes

Jacob: This is a monetary motion which requires a majority of two thirds to pass.

Vote:
For: 23
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

THE GREAT CORPUS CHALLENGE RETURN (final - passed)

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ There was a distinct lack of Corpus Challenge last year for reasons that shall not be named.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ This Corpus Challenge must be amazing, so that it makes future comebacks and to distract Cambridge from trashing the place, because there'll be so many fun things to do that they won't even have the time;
- ❖ In order for Corpus Challenge to be fun, there is some equipment that we need that is not covered in the Hilary budget for clubs and societies.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Clubs and Societies Officer to spend up to £200.36 purchasing the following items: mixing bowls, small plastic bowls, mixing spoons, oreos, cream cheese, chocolate, sprinkles, chess sets, Mario Kart 7, Wii Sports Resort, tennis balls, darts, bin bags, paper cups, paper towels, table tennis paddles, and table tennis balls;
- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to provide the Clubs and Societies Officer with £70 as a buffer, which the Clubs and Societies Officer is empowered to spend only on purposes relating to Corpus Challenge.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick
Secunder: Rio Moore

THE ACQUISITION OF MONEY

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Money is a medium of exchange that can be traded for goods and services;
- ❖ The JCR requires a regular supply of goods and services;
- ❖ Money is the ideal means through which to acquire these goods and services.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Officers provides vital services to the access, arts, clubs and societies, domestic affairs, entertainment, environment and charity, international affairs, and welfare of the JCR;
- ❖ Representatives provide vital services to the representation of the JCR;
- ❖ Both Officers and Representatives need money, in order to acquire goods and services, for their vital services to the JCR;

- ❖ The JCR should therefore provide money to Officers and Representatives in budgetary form.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Pass the budget that is contained in the annex to this motion.

Proposer: Oskari Penttinen

Seconder: Treya Agarwal

Questions:

Fionn: are there procedures to deal with plagiarising in motions?

Jacob: No, there are not. In any case, I allowed Oskari to use my text from last term.

JJ: Have we amended to the updated one?

Ben: I am waiting for the debate.

Elias: Has the library fine changed the officers' budgets?

Oskari: Yes, slightly but no one is getting less money than this time last year unless they asked for less. So no one has taken a monetary beating unless they voluntarily did so

Akarsh: Why is the normal vomit £30 and why are we being charged £150?

Michael: There was a lot

Oskari: Essentially, we are being charged a higher rate as no one came up.

JJ: When using the budget, we were discussing using the welfare budget for something that Emily was going to do. Is that ok?

Fionn: That is part of my role as Welfare Officer (Equalities) and I can give my budget to them.

JJ: I withdraw that then.

Debate:

Ben: I amend the motion to the updated version.

[Ben proposes an amendment to alter the annex to a new version which includes the payment of the fine to the Library]

[Oskari takes the amendment as friendly]

Vote:

For: 25

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

The motion passes.

POOL CLUB BUDGET

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Corpus Christi Pool Club has been dead for a while;
- ❖ It would be nice to revive it so that Corpus can compete in the intercollegiate league and Cuppers;
- ❖ In addition, having a Pool Club would generally be good fun;
- ❖ For this to happen, it would require some funding from the JCR.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The league has an entrance fee of £40 which would need to be paid in order for Corpus to compete;
- ❖ Given that the pool table is in the College bar, where people are drinking, the cues are often damaged;
- ❖ £50 would cover a new set of cues, tips and chalk, specifically for the club's use.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to provide the Clubs and Societies Officer with £40 to spend on the entrance fee to the University Intercollegiate Pool League and with £50 to spend on pool cues, tips and chalk dedicated for the club's use.

Proposer: Darius Rahimifard

Seconder: Logan Allen

Questions:

Sam: Will that ban people from using these cues in the BC if they are not part of the club?

Darius: No, these are just extra ones for matches, in case there aren't any spares.

Sam: Does this mean that you won't be able to use the new ones?

Darius: Yes.

Elias: Have you thought about where they will be stored?

Logan: I am happy to store it in the Entz cupboard.

Oskari: Have you Pelican funded?

JJ: The reason why is because it is too late as they need it this term and the Pelican fund will probably come in Trinity. Will you send me the details of what to buy?

Darius: Yes.

JJ: Thank you.

Sam: Where is the sign up?

Darius: I have just sent this on an email. Anyone can join.

Ben: How are you going to get this past Lance?

Logan: We haven't yet, but I will ask him.

Michael: I assume this is open to everybody, then what stops everybody being a member and asking for the nicer cues?

Darius: These can be used just for matches and training sessions.

Fionn: Are you any good at pool?

Darius: I am alright but we need six people for matches.

Michael: When does the league start?

Darius: In Michaelmas, but they let us join this term.

Vote:

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

9. Motions as Submitted

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any Other Business

Jacob: There is a by-election happening on Friday of third week, for Welfare Officer (Women's) and Faith Representative. For Welfare Officer (Women's), you will need a manifesto and you will need to have permission from your tutor. I highly recommend running for both roles.

Michael: I would highly recommend to the Freshers to run for the roles. I can attest that Faith Rep is a really fun role. I don't have as much experience in Women's Welfare. It is really good fun I would highly recommend you running if you're interested.

[Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM]
