

CORPUS JCR



MEETING AGENDA

Fourth Week, Michaelmas Term 2024
Sunday Third November, 7:30 PM

President & Chair: Elias Laurent
Vice-President & Secretary: Angelina Hong
Returning Officer & Constitutional Oracle: Jacob Harvey

1. Report from the President

Elias: Hi everyone, thank you all for coming, pizza is on the way. What have I done this week, I went to Prescom and got some interesting presentations from the SU. This is, for the freshers who don't know, a meeting of all the JCR Presidents in the university. I have more confidence than usual about these presentations and they will be sending us all an email in the next few weeks about the restructuring of the SU. Went to GB Meeting with Helen, a lot of developments for graduates but not so much for undergraduates and so not much for our interest. We are looking more at room gradings, if you think that the rooms are overgraded, please let me know so that I can get them looked at and re-evaluated.

Ben: Is there any update on the old library?

Elias: In terms of the old library, the project (i.e. the basement) will not be done until next academic year. The pews will be opened hopefully by the end of this term.

2. Questions to Officers

Fionn: Any update on the meeting about the underbed vac storage?

Elias: No, I am trying to get a meeting. It is complicated as Andy is busy as am I. Hopefully there will be an update by next meeting.

Fionn: Treya is not here but can I ask where are the pins?

Jacob: I will ask the Treasurer, and she will have to respond in writing by the next meeting.

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Cathy:

The Field

This is a poem in lieu of the upcoming Guy Fawkes' Night.

The crop had failed that Summer
And the sparse earth was bare and trodden
Rain had not spilt all season
And there was panic and fear in the land.

The farmers' hand
Had fought and ploughed
Had rallied and bowed
With the sweat on their brows
But to no avail-
For the crop still had failed.

Now there was but one farmer
By the name of 'Cleo',
He had not laboured through the hard, long months
As the others had.
Instead, he sat on his deck and savoured
The sweet malt wine,
Gazing to the starry sky
Like a fallen Magi. (Mah-Jai)

Now these farmers' wives
Were ill at ease,
For their bairns were starving
And the drought wouldn't cease.

And the summer was long,
And the wells were dry,
And the farmers began a-whispering
Behind dead barley and rye.

'Farmer Cleo', they said
'hasn't tilled the land',
'Farmer Cleo', they said
'hasn't toiled in the field',
'Farmer Cleo!' They cried,
With a-twinkling in their eyes
And they knew what they'd do,
To make rain grace the skies.

So they brought him out at dusk,
All bound up like a sheaf,
And they set him on a bracken pyre,
And lit it with fire,
And their voices rose,
To an ungodly crescendo,
As they offered up their sacrifice
To the goddess of harvest,
And Farmer Cleo, like an effigy,
Became like the chaff.

That very night, it rained,
And the crop began to flourish,
And the earth was vibrant and sodden
Rain did spill her bounty,
And there was rest and peace in the land.

And since then,
the crop has failed no more,

And every Summer has been bounteous.
 But for every season,
 there has been an effigy
 Which they have offered up in flames,
 For the sake of a hearty harvest,
 On a heartless pyre,
 In the field.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

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- ❖ Amend Section 32, Clause VIII of the Constitution to become the following: “VIII. If an Officer or a Representative that is not the Returning Officer commits an electoral offence, the Returning Officer shall submit a Motion of No-Confidence against that Officer or that Representative. If the Returning Officer commits an electoral offence, the President shall submit a Motion of No-Confidence against the Returning Officer. A Motion of No-Confidence submitted pursuant to this clause cannot be submitted anonymously, but will otherwise follow the procedure of Section 14.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 37, Clause II of the Constitution to become the following: “II. At the first JCR Meeting of Trinity Term, the JCR may reject via Motion the candidate appointed by the Executive Committee for the role of Returning Officer. This Motion will be represented in the agenda as a Motion of No-Confidence, and this Motion will follow the procedure of Section 14, Clause V, but this Motion will not otherwise follow the procedure of Section 14.”.

Proposer: Fionn McCommon
 Seconder: Azriel Farlam

Arian raises procedural motion to not read the motion

Speech by Arian: It will be much quicker.

Speech by Rei: I think it is important to know what these changes are as it is quite a big and relevant deal.

Vote:

For: 19

Against: 2

Abstain: 3

Procedural motion passes

Questions:

Rei: Fionn, this is about the text of the motion. Is there any procedure about the speeches that are submitted with the no-con?

Fionn: I think that I will refer to Jacob.

Jacob: In the amendment of Section 14, Clause IV, there is this Subclause f, which mandates that “The speech that the Member submits must be factual in character and must relate solely to the content of the Motion”.

Ben: Does the Dean get to read the speech as well?

Jacob: As the motion is currently written, the Dean will not read the speech.

Michael: Fionn, through proxy Jacob, I know we have already discussed it, what is the purpose for the Dean to know about who submitted it?

Elias: If they want to rewrite it, they need to ask someone to rewrite it. Also, it is just an easier process for them.

Tom Fuller: That is not true; they could just ask Jacob.

Elias: They could but it seems unnecessary.

Rei: Does the Dean have a time limit?

Jacob: The Dean will act between Tuesday and Saturday mid-day.

Rei: If the Dean is incapable, what is the procedure then?

Jacob: As currently written, the Dean chooses to do something. The Dean chooses to bar. If the Dean doesn't do anything, then the Dean isn't choosing to bar. Therefore, the motion goes to the meeting, not have been barred.

Ben: To clarify, the Dean can ask to rewrite it, but can they immediately investigate the person if they think that it is so much bullying or harassment?

Elias: *(Quoting from the Motion)* “VIII. If and only if the Dean decides that the Motion should be barred from proceeding, the Motion will not be publicised by the Returning Officer, will be

considered to have been withdrawn, and will not be able to be resubmitted with the same wording for the remainder of the term.”

Ben: Doesn't really answer my question. If the motion is that bad, can the Dean immediately start the procedure for harassment and bullying?

Elias: No, I think that needs a formal complaint

Rei: What about automatic no-cons?

Jacob: As currently written, there must be a named proposer but still goes to the Dean in the same way.

Debate:

Ben proposes amendment so that the speech is also sent to the Dean because otherwise you can write a nice motion but a nasty speech.

Fionn takes as friendly.

Michael proposes an amendment that the Dean is only told of who submitted the motion if there is some problem with it

Jacob: Would the Dean be ok with this procedure?

Elias: I assume that that is ok with the Dean but I will check with her when the motion is passed

Fionn takes this amendment as friendly.

JJ: What would constitute harassment? Like what would require it to be rewritten.

Elias: If it is about your performance, it is probably not harassment, even if it is untrue. Read through the handbook for more information.

JJ: Even if it is like slander, that is not considered harassment? What if there is no basis for any of that?

Elias: That would be the Exec's job, in theory. When they are not directed at Exec. it is their job to think about how valid this is.

Ben: Is it worth using this motion to clarify how Exec interacts when there is a motion against Exec?

Jacob: Prior to this motion, there was no procedure, but now there is. If the motion passes, then the person on Exec who is subject to the no-con is recused from Exec's decision-making process about the no-con.

Ben: Can they still function as Exec during the meeting?

Jacob: Yes. With the exception that, during the motion itself, they may not be Chair or Secretary. but for the rest of the meeting, they will remain in that role

Tom Fuller: Is the job not to look at the factual part? Is the Dean not supposed to check that the motion is true?

Elias: Yes, that is the Exec's job.

Tom: So, if Exec looked at it and they said that it was true, then would it still go through if the Dean does not find anything harmful? In your case, it was so wildly inaccurate that it clearly should not have been approved to go through to the meeting, but, in such a case, if it was worded correctly, could it still go through?

Elias: The Dean would send it back if it was written in a nasty way, not if there is an inaccuracy.

Ben: Forgive me if I am wrong; there are two separate checks in balance. Exec looks over the facts while the Dean looks over any welfare issues.

Tom: The Dean is not in charge with checking the accuracy.

Elias: No.

Jacob: The grounds on which the Dean considers a Motion to be bullying or harassment is within the Dean's discretion.

Elias: It would only be sent back to the proposer if it might constitute bullying and harassment.

Tom: I think that something like in your case, where it is completely incorrect, that is not what the Dean is doing in this motion?

Elias: The Dean is not preventing motions; she is sending it back to be rewritten. My understanding is that even if the allegations is serious, if it was related to the job even vaguely, then it would go through.

Tom: This motion was written directly as a response to your no con. It seems that the Dean would not have stopped this.

Ben: It is also related to Treya's.

Elias: I am not convinced that my motion should not have heard, and I do not want to predict how the Dean would have dealt with it in retrospect. This motion is being put forward because of the way JCR motions may be used as personal attacks, not within the conduct of the officer. It doesn't prevent it from being heard; it is heard from strictly an objective perspective

Tom: But nothing would have changed for you.

Elias: I don't know. I don't know what would have happened but the Dean might not even have stopped it.

Tom: She is not even changing it; she is just saying that it could be bullying and harassment.

Elias: Yes, the Dean cannot get too involved in the JCR.

Jacob: What the motion says currently is that if the Dean thinks that the motion should be barred, the motion will be withdrawn, and cannot be resubmitted with the same wording for the remainder of the term. The deadline, hence, in the new procedure has been moved to Tuesday.

Elias: We need to change the wording from "would" to "might".

Tom to propose amendment to insert "might" before "constitute bullying and harassment".

Amendment taken as friendly.

Rei: I have a question on the timings. Surely, if the Dean is too late in editing and looking at the motion, instead of waiting another 2 weeks, the proposer should have the chance to edit the motion and that motion should then be brought and publicised. Rather than the motion just being withdrawn?

Elias: So, there should be a chance to edit it before the meeting?

Rei: Amend it so that the first round of edit must be sent in by Thursday or 24 hours after the Dean gives suggestions.

JJ: What about an amendment that the Dean should accept it before a certain amount of time?

Jacob: The JCR cannot mandate a member of College staff.

Rei: But there is a timeline that is unreliable.

Elias: In the case that the Dean is busy, it would depend on whether or not it is barred.

Rei proposes an amendment such that edits may be made after the Dean bars a motion, with the timing dependent on when the Dean does so.

Fionn takes the amendment as hostile.

JJ seconds the amendment.

Elias: Basically, if decanal approval is given in time, then that motion comes into the meeting. If the Dean does not approve in time of the second version, then it will move it to the next meeting.

Vote for amendment:

For: 24

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Amendment passes, so Rei becomes the proposer and JJ becomes the seconder.

Arian raises procedural motion to vote:

For: 26

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The procedural motion passes, so a vote is held immediately.

Vote on the motion:

For: 24

Against: 2

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Motion passes

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 - ❖ b. The Motion shall not be brought to the JCR Meeting to which it was submitted;
 - ❖ c. The Member will be informed that the Motion was barred by the Dean;
 - ❖ d. The Member will be able to submit a second Motion of No-Confidence against the same Officer or Representative that was subject to the First Motion;
 - ❖ e. The second Motion must not contain any allegations of a breach of Standing Orders or a serious misbehaviour that were not present in the Motion that the Dean barred, though the second Motion may contain fewer allegations of a breach of Standing Orders or a serious misbehaviour than were present in the Motion that the Dean barred;
 - ❖ f. The second Motion may be submitted after 11:59 PM on the Tuesday prior to the JCR Meeting, notwithstanding Section 6, Clause III and Section 14, Clause II;
 - ❖ g. However, the second Motion cannot be submitted after 11:59 PM on the Thursday prior to the JCR Meeting or twenty-four hours after the Dean communicates the decision that the Motion should be barred, whichever is later;
 - ❖ h. In addition to the deadline of Section 14, Clause VIII(g), the Second Motion cannot be submitted later than 11:59 PM on the Friday prior to the JCR Meeting, even if there are fewer than twenty-four hours between the Dean informing the Returning Officer that the Motion should be barred and 11:59 PM on the Friday prior to the JCR Meeting;
 - ❖ i. The Executive Committee will be conclusively deemed to have made the same determination pursuant to Section 14, Clause VI with regard to the second Motion as with regard to the Motion that the Dean barred;
 - ❖ j. The Returning Officer shall submit the second Motion and, if there is a submitted speech, the speech to the Dean, asking the Dean whether the second Motion should be barred from proceeding on the basis that the second Motion might constitute bullying, harassment, or other behaviour that infringes the law or policy of the College or the University;

- ❖ k. If and only if the Dean decides that the second Motion might constitute bullying, harassment, or other behaviour that infringes the law of policy of the College or the University, the Motion will not be publicised by the Returning Officer, will be considered to have been withdrawn, and will not be able to be resubmitted for that JCR Meeting.”;
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- ❖ Amend Section 32, Clause VIII of the Constitution to become the following: “VIII. If an Officer or a Representative that is not the Returning Officer commits an electoral offence, the Returning Officer shall submit a Motion of No-Confidence against that Officer or that Representative. If the Returning Officer commits an electoral offence, the President shall submit a Motion of No-Confidence against the Returning Officer. A Motion of No-Confidence submitted pursuant to this clause cannot be submitted anonymously, but will otherwise follow the procedure of Section 14.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 37, Clause II of the Constitution to become the following: “II. At the first JCR Meeting of Trinity Term, the JCR may reject via Motion the candidate appointed by the Executive Committee for the role of Returning Officer. This Motion will be represented in the agenda as a Motion of No-Confidence, and this Motion will follow the procedure of Section 14, Clause V, but this Motion will not otherwise follow the procedure of Section 14.”.

Proposer: Rei Ota

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

AMENDMENT OF THE SAMTEN FUND FOR ROLLOVER SPENDING

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Samten Fund was created to utilise excess money and eight-hundred pounds were set aside to this effect in Hilary Term;
- ❖ Those eight-hundred pounds were not fully utilised in that term, but were set aside from an accounting point of view;
- ❖ Funds that run termly are more useful than funds that run annually, because people might realise later what they need to fund things;
- ❖ The following constitutional amendment would fix that.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The following amendment allows the JCR to run the Samten Fund termly if there is excess money and to continue the spirit of encouraging JCR spending for which the Samten Fund was originally set up.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend the Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 43, Clause XVIII: “XVIII. If the total expenditure of all passed proposals submitted pursuant to Section 43, Clause XIV is less than the total funding allocated by the Treasurer pursuant to clause Section 43, Clause V, then there shall be an additional call for proposals. This additional call for proposals shall follow the procedure of Section 43, but with all dates moved forward by one term. If the total expenditure of all

passed proposals submitted in the additional call for proposals is less than the total remainder from the last call for proposals, then there shall be a third call for proposals. This third call for proposals shall follow the procedure of Section 43, but with all dates moved forward by two terms.”;

- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to insert the following clause as Clause 26 of the Standing Orders of the Treasurer: “To carry out all the relevant Standing Orders associated with the Samten Fund in any further calls for proposals, if they exist, pursuant to Section 43, Clause XVIII of the Constitution”.

Proposer: Treya Agarwal

Seconder: Azriel Farlam

Michael seconds due to Treya's absence and Azriel proposes

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Proposer: Azriel Farlam

Seconder: Michael Leslie

Elias: Basically the Samten Fund is where the Treasurer send forms on what we should buy to benefit the JCR. Basically this motion is saying that if we don't spend all the money, then the Samten Fund is reopened and then we can spend the leftover money again.

Questions:

Ben: Does the JCR vote for it?

Elias: People submit to Treya, Exec decides which ones are admitted or not and then it is accepted or rejected in the JCR. The point is to encourage spending but not reckless spending. It still does still go through the JCR.

Fionn: Is it still possible to bypass the loophole that we can amend this in the meeting?

Elias: Yes.

Rei: How do these calculations get affected by the annexes?

Jacob: The annex is for the entire year, and the same spending is being made over the year, just distributed across more terms. Therefore, the annex is unaffected.

Talia: Wait, when does it open this term?

Jacob: If this motion passes, then it will happen in fifth week of this term

JJ: Why can we not just use the Pelican fund?

Elias: The Pelican fund has different criteria, and it only happens once a year. There is a difference with JCR money.

Rei: If there was less than £1 left in the Samten fund?

Elias: We would use common sense.

Debate:

Talia: Could it be that you just submit it throughout the year? Like if we think of something to benefit the JCR and want to buy it but don't want to wait for the fund?

Jacob: That is how monetary motions work.

Elias: It is similar enough to monetary motions that you might as well send it and it will be quicker than to wait for the Samten fund.

Vote:

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

6. Motions of No Confidence

7. Charity Motions

8. Monetary Motions

THE REPAIR OF THE SOUND SYSTEM OF THE BEER CELLAR

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Beer Cellar has a sound-system for the production of music;
- ❖ Music is a vital part of the atmosphere of the Beer Cellar, not only during Bops and Beer Cellar Nights, but also during regular enjoyment of the room;
- ❖ However, the sound-system has been broken, and so does not work;
- ❖ This leaves the Beer Cellar bereft of music.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ It is necessary to have music in the Beer Cellar;
- ❖ Therefore, the JCR should spend money to buy a new sound-system.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to procure the services of a sound-engineer, in order to repair the damage to the sound-system;
- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to spend up to £500 to pay for this repair.

Proposer: Samuel Newman

Secunder: Azriel Farlam

Sam Cohen seconds as Sam Newman is absent and Azriel Farlam proposes

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Proposer: Azriel Farlam

Secunder: Sam Cohen

Questions

Ben: Why are we paying for this? It is a shared speaker with the JCR and MCR and the college.

Elias: This is a good point.

Jacob: Do you know how it broke?

Elias: My understanding is that it was broken by the JCR or a member, so therefore we need to fix it.

JJ: Do we have any proof that it was broken by the JCR?

Elias: Yes

Rei: What happens if the price is much higher?

Jacob: I just guessed a number; I do not know how much repairs cost.

Tom Fuller proposes amendment to a maximum of £2000

Azriel takes this as hostile

Tom withdraws

Fionn proposes amendment to a maximum of £20,000

Azriel takes this as hostile

Fionn withdraws

Rei: The Treasurer was complaining about how the JCR has less money than we think. Can we afford this?

Elias: Let's hope so.

Vote:

For: 13

Against: 2

Abstain: 2

Motion passes

9. Motions as Submitted

10. Emergency Motions

11. Any Other Business

Jacob: There is going to be a By-Election for Welfare Officer (Women's) happening this week, and we currently have no candidates. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please considering running. It is a very rewarding role.

Talia: I will run for welfare.

Jacob: Hurrah!
