

# CORPUS JCR



## MEETING AGENDA

Eighth Week, Michaelmas Term 2024

Sunday First December, 7:30 PM

President & Chair: Elias Laurent

Vice-President & Secretary: Angelina Hong

Returning Officer & Constitutional Oracle: Jacob Harvey

### 1. Report from the President

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Elias: Welcome everyone. Thank you for all coming and this is my last meeting. Well done, first of all, to Michael to our next president.

[Teia enters the room in order to act as Secunder for her Motion.]

Elias: We are doing handover with Michael on Monday and we are trying to make an event happen in Magdalen next week so look out for that. Handover Committee Meeting has just happened, so they now know how committee meetings work. Governing Body is happening on Wednesday, so they can approve all our constitutional changes. Sara sent out graduation dates. I attended PresCom and got information on sports funding, where each College does it very differently so was not that useful. Again I am working on the SU disparity table so we can compare what the other Colleges provide us. I am gathering all the information that they are missing about Corpus. I finally just want to say a massive thank you for everyone for making it such a great year and thank you Committee for making it so enjoyable to work together and we are excited to see what the new Committee will look like. I can't wait to see what the new Committee has for you all.

### 2. Questions to Officers

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Elias: Are there any questions to officers?

Jacob: There is one question on the form, and that question is from Rei to me. "What is the state of the SU democracy proposals? And what is happening with them?" The answer to this is that you have all been emailed by the SU with three proposals, and these have also been posted with on the Facebook. The document there contains more information about what each one entails: a conference of colleges, a senate, and direct democracy. There is also a survey that has been emailed to everyone, which you can use to engage with the proposals, including ranking them by preference. I really recommend doing this, because this is Corpus' chance to have an impact on the SU.

Elias: Please consider the Conference of Colleges model. It will make the SU essentially into PresCom, which will be useful.

Jacob: I will also take this opportunity to announce the electoral results, for anyone who hasn't seen my email or the Facebook. For President, we elected Michael. For Treasurer, we elected Oskari. For Access and Class Officer, we elected Azriel. For Domestic Officer, we elected Nat. For Entz President, we elected Logan. For International Students Officer, we elected Nysa. For Tortoise Keeper, we elected George. Thank you to everyone for voting.

Rio: Question for JJ, what is happening with Corpus Challenge?

JJ: I am so glad you asked. I have sent out a form for everyone to fill in, to sign up for helping out and captaining events. If you would like to propose events as well, please let me know. If you would like to just sign up for events you can do that as well. Please, please, please look over the form. Corpus challenge is on the 23rd of February

### 3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

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#### The Babysitter's Tale

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#### A Christmassy poem.

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So I'm babysitting these kids who live two blocks away,  
And it's Christmas Eve *Eve*, and their parents are in Spain.  
And one of their number says, "Dwight, tell us a story!"  
So I think for a minute, and a simper crosses my lips.  
And then I say: "Almighty-righty-righty! But I'm afraid this tale is not a story. It's actually  
The truth about this house."  
They look puzzled, then they look intrigued.  
I begin my tale, and it was something like this:

#### I.

Many and many a year ago, on a Christmas Eve Eve,  
There lived a little girl and boy, by the name of May and Steve.  
Actually, the girl was known as 'Miss Louisa May'  
And the boy he was known as... well um- anyway!  
May and Steve lived in the Victorian era  
Or maybe it was Edwardian? Urgh! Oh dear!  
The point is, they had a nursery in their grand old house  
Where they'd play all day, and then at night, they'd doze just like a mouse.  
Well, their nursery maid had warned them time without number  
About a witch who lived in the snow, and could make thunder.  
They called her the 'Snow Queen', and really, she was terrible,  
But Steve liked the sound of her, and thought she was incredible!  
Anyway, so one night, they're lying in their beds-  
And who should they see, if not the top of a witch's head  
Peering out from beneath the curtains with her eyes  
The colour of ice, and of rotten blueberry pies!?

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The kids squealed with delight, but my tale wasn't over...  
The corners of my lips tingled, but I stayed their mirth. This wasn't funny, I knew.  
Their parents would kill me if these kids had nightmares.

#### II.

So that's what happened in this house in the Victorian years.  
But now, I'll tell you about what happened in the 1960s.  
It was Christmas Eve Eve in 1965, and a kid named... Mark  
Was woken up from dreaming. He walked downstairs  
On a tippy-tippy-toe, into the parlour, and paused at the door.  
The phonograph was whirling- something old and Christmassy  
'I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus' - the Ronettes?  
Oh wait, nevermind; you guys are like eight?  
Anyway- so Mark, he gets to the bottom of the step

And he's heard it all before, about the 'Snow Queen witch',  
 But he thinks to himself, 'Oh what a load of sh-hhh....'  
 Um- anyway, so he knows he's home alone.  
 His parents are at a party, and his sister's at Ricky Malone's.  
 So who's playing the cheesy Christmas song?  
 He opens the door, steps inside- and he sees...!!!

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 I hesitate. For more than a second.  
 One kid interrupts me: "Yes, and he *sees*...?"  
 "I... don't know." I say to the group. "I didn't think that far..."  
 Their beady eyes fill up with protestation. Oh, crikey, I think... I'm in for it  
 Now. "Hey dude, that's not cool- you said the story was true!"  
 I fumble at my blunder- "What? Yeah- 'course it's true! I only meant... I can't recall-"  
 "Hey, what's that noise?" One of them blurts.  
 The others keep talking- they're mad at me now.  
 "Shut up, pea-brains! What's that *noise*?" And now we're all listening  
 Because  
 From downstairs, I can hear a song  
 And it's not any of the CD's that we own at home  
 It sounds like a record, and it's old and slow.  
 Who's down there playing that... cheesy Christmas song?...

#### 4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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##### **MOTION TO REDUCE THE NECESSARY ATTENDANTS OF A MEETING TO REACH QUORUM BY ONE FIFTH**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Our meetings regularly fail to meet quorum, which is twenty-five attendants capable of voting, which results in meetings being postponed by up to half an hour every meeting in order to reach quorum;
- ❖ Oftentimes, members of the JCR have to be bribed, compelled, threatened, or otherwise forced to enter the JCR in order to reach quorum, which is not very Welfare of us;
- ❖ The actual reality of "quorum" is insubstantial, as, due to the fact that members of the JCR frequently leave the JCR during meetings (either out of boredom or due to the fact that they were initially bribed, compelled, threatened, or otherwise forced to enter the JCR in order to reach quorum, intending to leave immediately afterwards), meetings reach quorum in name alone;
- ❖ This can be exploited by the JCR's fat cats, who can command Jacob to make a quorum-count at any point, which will result in the early termination of a meeting;
- ❖ Inquorate meetings can result in financial issues;
- ❖ Elias purchased the pizzas for last week's meeting prior to the meeting reaching quorum;
- ❖ The meeting very nearly didn't reach quorum, and, if it hadn't, Elias would have erroneously spent another £110, which would not look good in terms of PR.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Our actual regular attendance of meetings is around twenty-two voting people, not counting the people who are compelled to walk into the room in order to count as part of quantum quorum;
- ❖ It is reasonable to suggest that, as we are a very small college, we adjust the quorate boundary in order to reflect our approximate regular attendance of people;
- ❖ The JCR President has expressed that meetings should probably be a bit shorter in general.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend Section 6, Clause XI of the Constitution to become the following:  
“Meetings shall be considered quorate when there are twenty or more Members present.”.

Proposer: Fionn McConnon

Secunder: JJ Fitzpatrick

*Fionn is absent, Michael seconds*

**MOTION TO REDUCE THE NECESSARY ATTENDANTS OF A MEETING TO REACH QUORUM  
BY ONE FIFTH (final)**

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Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Secunder: Michael Leslie

[There is no debate on this motion]

Vote:

For: 27  
Against: 1  
Abstain: 0

*Motion passes*

## 5. Constitutional Amendments

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## 6. Motions of No Confidence

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## 7. Charity Motions

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## 8. Monetary Motions

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### **STORAGE**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ It is near impossible to find anything in the Livingstone Room;
- ❖ Things get lost easily;
- ❖ Wires get tangled;
- ❖ And, overall, it's quite a stressful way to keep a JCR space.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Items stored in the Livingstone Room should be accessible and easy to find.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the JCR Clubs and Socs Officer to spend up to £20 of JCR money on storage bins for the Livingstone Room.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick  
Seconder: Rei Ota

*Rei is absent, Clara seconds*

### **STORAGE (amended)**

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This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the JCR Clubs and Socs Officer to spend up to £20 of JCR money on storage bins for the Livingstone Room.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Seconder: Clara Woodhead

Questions:

Tom: Can you mandate yourself to do things?

Jacob: Yes. I did so on more than one occasion.

Treya: Do you have the Amazon links?

JJ: They are big enough and £5 each.

Debate:

*Michael amends the motion to mandate the Treasurer to donate £250 to the staff raffle.*

*Amendment taken as friendly*

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Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Seconder: Clara Woodhead

Vote:

For: 28

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

*Motion passes*

### **AIRBEDS**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The JCR normally has four airbeds in the JCR lockers;
- ❖ Over the summer, only one of the airbeds were left and that one is punctured and does not stay inflated over the night;

- ❖ The JCR should maintain the four airbeds in order to accommodate for guests of members of the JCR.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The JCR should have more airbeds.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Vice-President to spend up to £200 on purchasing four airbeds.

Proposer: Michael Leslie

Seconder: Liran Dror

Questions:

Ben: I would just like to say that the airbeds that have a puncture, that you can't tell is there, are the worst.

Debate:

JJ: Do you have any way of making sure that they are not missing or stolen again?

Angelina: Yes, we will be working on getting lockers or new keys which will not be kept with the porters but the committee, as they give the keys to anyone who asks which makes tracking who takes the airbeds impossible.

Vote:

For: 29

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

*Motion passes*

### **ELIAS' FLEECE**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The JCR President tried to buy himself a fleece with the title “Shagger-in-Chief”;
- ❖ This was met with much ridicule in the JCR and even an excellent poster by our own Welfare Officer (Equalities) entitled “Unshagged”;
- ❖ However, it has recently come to light that Elias has special interest in fellow JCR Presidents;
- ❖ In fact, he has been involved with multiple JCR President in the past year;
- ❖ These are also the only people this has been the case with, meaning he has a 100% hit rate;
- ❖ Elias' term is shortly coming to an end.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Clearly the JCR President thinks himself too good for regular women and men and limits himself to only the elite;
- ❖ Not being able to go to PresCom will severely limit Elias' romantic opportunities which is a grievous blow to humankind and the ambience of PresCom;
- ❖ We should commemorate Elias' impressive achievements while also giving him the opportunity to advertise his abilities;
- ❖ A JCR fleece with the inscription “Shagger-in-Chief” will aid both of these causes.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to finally buy a JCR fleece with the inscription “Shagger-in-Chief” as well as a **REDACTED** number of stars above the Corpus badge.

Proposer: Thomas Fuller

Seconder: Teia Currimbhoy

Questions:

Georgia: I want to know what was the other part of the motion that was missed.

Tom: I wanted Fionn to publicly apologise to Elias about the poster and make another one.

Debate:

Tom: I do really want Elias to have one, so please can we all vote for this?

Vote:

For: 26

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

*Motion passes*

## 9. Motions as Submitted

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## 10. Emergency Motions

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### 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  
Secunder: Oskari Penttinen

[There is no debate on this motion]

Vote:

For: 30  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

*Motion passes*

## 11. Any Other Business

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Elias: Funny!

### **LAW AND ORDER**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Contrary to popular belief, Oxonians are not particularly clever;
- ❖ Contrary to common sense, there is a tendency for Corpuscles to spout nonsense during meetings;
- ❖ Contrary to social custom, JCR Meetings therefore grow to inordinate length.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Censuring individual members of the JCR is a never-ending game of Whack-a-Mole;
- ❖ Orwellian repression is hence the only possible way to maintain law and order.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Returning Officer to compile a list of all other members of the JCR;
- ❖ Remove from that list anyone who—
  - ❖ Demonstrates excessive knowledge of the Constitution,
  - ❖ Cares too much about cats, fat or otherwise,
  - ❖ Shouts, yells, howls, bellows, bawls, squawks, or otherwise speaks in a jarring manner,
  - ❖ Is a member of the Union without feeling shame, or
  - ❖ Makes excessive attempts at humour, without being funny;
- ❖ If there are any members of the JCR left, give them the title of “Authorised Yapper”;
- ❖ Censure everyone who is not an Authorised Yapper;
- ❖ Rejoice.

Proposer: The Returning Officer  
Secunder: The Constitutional Oracle

Questions:

Ben: Does Michael feel shame?

Michael: Yes, I do feel shame.

Elias: Do you feel shame for running? Or do you feel shame because you lost?

*Michael is silent*

JJ: What qualifies as excessive knowledge of the Constitution?

Jacob: I think that both of us are in danger.

Debate:

Vote:

For: 29

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

## THE APPLICATION OF VIOLENCE

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ For too long, the Kitchen has mishandled, failed to wash, or even outright stolen our JCR's prized mugs;
- ❖ Recently, this has gone as far as breaking off the handles of all our mugs, mocking us, burning the tips of our fingers, as if we were common men, drinking from chalices and bowls;
- ❖ Lance Driers-Banks, the Tyrant-King of the Buttery, has amassed a hoard of stolen mugs and mug-handles, with which he meters out muggy injustice as only his intricate whims dictate.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ This cannot go on.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Form a strike team to perform a midnight raid on the Buttery on Thursday the fifth of December, after the final Christmas formal, when the kitchen's armouries are at their weakest and most vulnerable.
  - Strike Team A Composition - Main Raid
    - Oskari Penttinen (MilTac) - Military expertise, Experience on duelling Lance in single combat (attempting to get him to cook non-European food)
    - Liran Dror (Sapper) - D.O., Man on the inside - nothing left to lose as his term expires mere days after the raid will have occurred, so can sacrifice himself if need be
    - Treya Agarwal (Demolitions/Breach) - Member of Exec through to December 31, therefore

has authority even after term ends for potential cleanup of bodies and rehiring of new kitchen staff

- Elias Laurent (Berserker) - Hollow shell of a man; immune to pain and minor injuries, presidential term has rendered his soul into an immutable and granite-hard chunk of iron - no life behind his eyes
- Strike Team B Composition - Distraction/Extraction
  - Fionn McConnon (Infiltrator) - Frequently breaks in to the buttry to steal knives for normal reasons (welfare tea)
  - Azriel Farlam, Jacob Harvey, Rei Ota, Tom Fuller, Edmund Smith - JCR Rotters - Chaff & Disposables - the Rotters are numerous and operate on a gestalt consciousness, so if one falls, the rest will still stand
  - Fresher Ben (Psyker) - Generates a deflective memetic shield that prevents him from being harmed and enables mass confusion as a battle tactic
- Strike Team C Composition - Destruction
  - Anna Wu - Self-explanatory

Proposer: Fionn McConnon

Secunder: The JCR's desire for mugs

*Fionn is absent, presumably along with the JCR's desire for mugs, so the motion fails.*

## **HONOURING OUR OFFICERS**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Elias (President), Sam (Entz President), and Liran (Domestic Officer) have done excellent jobs this year on JCR Committee;
- ❖ They have gone above and beyond what was required of them and kept the JCR a lively and friendly place to be in a difficult year;
- ❖ The BC is currently not very pretty after College removed our mural.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Elias has (often unwisely) put the JCR above his own interests for his whole term and has consistently been a friendly and comforting face, as well as the centre of the community of the JCR;
- ❖ We all appreciate how well he has done;
- ❖ Sam has put up with far too much stress as Entz Pres but has done an excellent job;
- ❖ Entz at College has gotten better from term to term in the last year, with highlights including bringing live music back to College and the excellent event at the ISIS Farmhouse last week;
- ❖ Liran is the greatest DO of all time;
- ❖ Nothing else needs to be said;
- ❖ These JCR Officers deserve commemoration for their excellent service;
- ❖ In order to prevent College from removing our art again, we should make a more permanent change to the BC.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Carve the faces of one of them into each of the booths of the BC, so they are remembered for generations to come;
- ❖ Give them all a big round of applause.

Proposer: Thomas Fuller

Seconder: Azriel Farlam

Questions:

Michael: Is Liran the greatest DO of all time?

Tom: I think so, yes.

Michael: I would argue for Aryan Goenka. It was more fun to find out the menu only when we got to Hall each day.

Michael: Can we make it full body?

Jacob: Have some restraint.

*Careless whispers is played on the speakers.*

Michael proposes amendment that everyone wears a toga, as if in a Greek statue, but Liran wears a quarterzip.

*Amendment taken as friendly*

Debate:

Vote:

For: 31

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

*Motion passes*

[Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM]