

# CORPUS JCR



## MEETING AGENDA

Sixth Week, Michaelmas Term 2024  
Sunday Seventeenth November, 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: First, there is a report from me. Thank you all for coming. I hope everyone had a good week five, thank you Welfare Officers. I attended an Equalities Committee meeting and College has agreed to give EDI training to relevant Committee members. This will be given to Welfare Officers, President, and Vice-President next term. I went to PresCom which was fun. Looking at college disparity at the SU, they are going to compare everything that colleges provide so this will be helpful to see between colleges.

We discussed the rent programme in JCC. You will have been emailed about this and it is in this meeting's agenda. College have agreed on the motion in week two to provide storage in all rooms. I'm not sure when. Also, they and I would like to keep everything environmentally friendly. If you can, please use public transport now that you are able to store more things in your rooms. We like the environment.

On Clubs and Socs, it has been chaotic. I have been trying to sort this out with the Clubs and Socs Officer and the Dean. The Dean is trying to reallocate as much as possible from Clubs and Socs funding to the Pelican Fund, as it is underused but it is only ran in Hilary. The problem here is that people need stuff now. We are going to try sort this out as soon as possible.

Finally, elections. Please run for things; run for Committee. It's fun. I recommend. Please, if you are considering JCR President, please, come to me and ask me any questions. This will be the same for all the other Officers that are available for election this term.

### 2. Questions to Officers

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### 3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

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**Sized in Ivy**

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Now as the wreath that garlands  
 The milk-maid's head in spring,  
 And as the oat that sheds away  
 Its husk, like some bird's wing,  
 So it was I stood atop a hill,  
 And set my gladsome sights upon  
 A maiden; otherworldly thrill.  
 Her face was as the grassy reeds  
 That settle 'pon the bank.  
 Her eyes were like the malty mead  
 They drink, those men of rank.  
 Her skin was as the polar star  
 That glows as waxy leaf doth.  
 Her voice permeated from afar,  
 And tinkled like the bridal cloth.  
 Her hair was as the stalks of grass  
 Where daily, maidens frolic.  
 Her wreathy fingers were as twine—alas!  
 I could not grasp her hand  
 But returning 'pon next noon,  
 I, with distinction, heard her whisper,  
 And though the sun had not kist the moon,  
 I felt her presence grow crisper.  
 Whence I doth sayeth to my friend,  
 'I saw her rear her beauteous head',  
 And he doth sayeth unto me:  
 'That is deception, that you see'.  
 And so, I tell to him my tale,  
 Of the maiden sized in ivy;  
 And scenes of beauty, I regale,  
 And do dream of her still, nightly.

### **The JCR was founded!**

***Corpus Christi JCR Founding Day Poem (the JCR was founded on 20th November in 1797).***

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On this here day, Corpus Christi's JCR was founded.  
 Oxford, not Cambridge; so don't you be astounded!  
 We're celebrating the reign of our Corpuscular democracy-  
 It hasn't crumbled yet (and neither have we).  
 Since 1797, our JCR has existed.  
 And the events since then, and the people since then, are far too many to be listed.  
 But all in all, it's a special day, and each one of you must remember,  
 That the JCR was founded, on the 20th of November.

*Cathy proposes a Procedural Motion to take Corpus Christi JCR Founding Day Celebrations first.*

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

*The Procedural Motion passes, so that motion is taken first.*

#### 4. Monetary Motions

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##### **CORPUS CHRISTI JCR FOUNDING DAY CELEBRATIONS**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Poet Laureate is mandated to observe the JCR Founding Day, by ensuring that it is appropriately celebrated;
- ❖ The proposer observes that it would be lovely to have wine and cranberry juice in the JCR along with a poetry reading to commemorate the occasion.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The Poet Laureate's budget, under the Clubs and Societies Officer, has not yet been confirmed and given;
- ❖ Therefore, the Poet Laureate has no budget with which to purchase wine and cranberry juice.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to spend a maximum of £15.00 on Corpus-branded wine from the buttery, and on cranberry juice from elsewhere, to commemorate the occasion.

Proposer: Cathy Scoon

Seconder: Anna Wu

*Ben Wharton seconds instead of Anna Wu.*

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Secunder: Ben Wharton

**Questions:**

Treya: Is the reading going to be at the formal?

Cathy: Is there a formal?

Treya: Yes, Corpus Christi Day always has a formal every year.

Cathy: Then, yes, I can do it then.

Treya: Ok. Then, at the formal everyone will have their own wine; right?

Cathy: Yes, but I have to sign up for this formal; right? I might not sign up for that. Let's just assume I do it separately from the formal.

Treya: Ok, cool. If you do it separately, is the wine for the people who attend the poetry reading?

Cathy: It is for those that are in the JCR at that time. I will try do it maybe at JCR Tea when there are more people are already here.

Elias: Can I just clarify something? Corpus Christi Day and Corpus Christi JCR Founding Day are separate, so I don't think there is a formal.

Treya: There is a Corpus Christi JCR Founding Day that is separate from Corpus Christi Day?

Elias: Yes. When is it?

Cathy: Founding Day is 20<sup>th</sup> November

JJ: Has this happened historically? Like does this happen every year.

Cathy: Honestly I don't know. I assume that poet laureates before me have done something for this

Jacob: Yes, Adam did something for this last year

**Debate:**

Treya: I think £15 is insignificant amount of money, so it is chill budget-wise. It is just that you have cited that you have not had funding from Clubs and Socs, and I am just raising it as a point of concern that this is why you are raising this motion here. It is not anybody's fault but the reason why Clubs and Socs funding exists is not for JCR to fund societies. It is not an issue for this but if everyone who did not get the Clubs and Socs funding requested for it in the JCR, then it would then become another issue.

Cathy: The reason I have put forward this motion is because I am mandated to do it. I just think that it would be nice to have an actual event even if we can celebrate it without.

JJ: I am happy to put it under the Clubs and Socs budget if that is what it was intended for.

Cathy: Oh really, thank you.

Treya: Do you still need the extra money?

JJ: I'm happy to contribute the extra money.

Treya: Do you still need the motion?

Cathy: No.

Jacob: You may withdraw the motion.

*Cathy withdraws the motion.*

*Elias accepts the withdrawal.*

*Fionn proposes a Procedural Motion to take Motion to Reduce the Necessary Attendants of a Meeting to Reach Quorum by One Fifth next.*

Fionn: Rei is going to use the loophole that I mention within the motion to prevent my motion from passing, and, in doing so, eliminate the entire rest of the meeting.

Rei: It is not a loophole. It is a valid part of the constitution. We want to spend money, so let's do the monetary motions first.

Vote:  
Favour: 11  
Against: 3  
Abstain: 1

*The Procedural Motion passes, so that motion is taken next.*

## 5. Constitutional Amendments

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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

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

*Rei raises a point of order for a quorum count.*

[ Members of the JCR who are in the Quad are asked to enter the JCR so as to render it quorate. By the time that Jacob finishes counting quorum, there are precisely twenty-five voting members in the room, which is enough for quorum. ]

*Jacob verifies that there is quorum.*

**Questions:**

Rei: Are you not changing the Trinity quorum count?

Fionn: No, that’s staying the same.

Ben: So you are putting quorum below 10% of the student body?

Fionn: I am putting quorum at the number of people who attend meetings.

Ben: So why not 22?

Fionn: Because 20 is a rounder number.

**Debate:**

Rei: I think this is a completely bad idea, we should not lower the requirements for democracy, just because people are not attending JCR meetings or engaging. We should make the meetings friendlier. I think that might have scared the Freshers in the first meeting this year but I think that there will also be less people inclined to engage if that number was lowered. I have not used quorum-kill. If this motion passes, I will use quorum-kill more frequently. If you vote for this, I will be more annoying.

Elias: Rei, you cannot use this to hold the JCR hostage.

JJ: I would like to state is the reason why this is good idea, is that Rei is specifically using his knowledge of the constitution against democracy. So I think that it is a good idea to put Rei back in his place. We are already enticing people to come to JCR meetings with pizza – what is more enticing than that? Also, the point that we have scared the freshers away, that entire group over there is freshers.

Talia: Rei has noted that there are no freshers, but we are currently the majority. Maybe the other years are the problem?

[ In the room, there are more Freshers than there are students of every other year cumulatively. ]

Treya: But that's not relevant.

Ben: Yeah, that is not relevant to the debate.

Michael: Everyone knows when meetings are. No one goes, as the motion says everyone just wastes time trying to find people to attend. Everyone here agrees with me that no one wants to have longer meetings. I find it unfair for individuals such as Rei to keep everyone hostage. His words seem quite hostile, no offence to yourself Rei. Just by saying 'I will hold a quorum count' is. Everybody knows when the meetings are, and 100 more people could come but they don't. I think it is just makes more sense to lower it. If it were me I would lower the Trinity one as well it just makes more sense. Everyone knows when and where the meetings are, they can come if they want to, they don't. Just lower it so that the people who do attend don't have to wait and abuse people stood outside to come in.

Elias: I would also like to point out that if JCR meetings were slightly shorter and less sort of this constitutional type of thing, more people would come. They may not but this is just an idea.

Fionn: I would just like to say that the complete average of the ones that I had access to is approximately 21.7. The difference in Trinity is only a 1 less person.

*Rei raises a point of order for a secret ballot.*

[ There are complaints from the room. ]

Rei: Could I raise a procedural motion to order pizza now?

Treya: No, you cannot raise a procedural motion to make me do things.

Rei: There is no limiting clause.

Treya: You can't do that.

Rei: Yes, I can.

Treya: No, you can't do that.

Ben: It's Jacob's call.

Jacob: Rei, you can't do that.

[ There is chatter for several minutes. ]

Vote:

For: 16

Against: 2

Abstain: 3

*Motion passes*

## 6. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

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### **AMENDMENT OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS OF NO-CONFIDENCE**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ A Motion of No-Confidence is a type of motion that can be passed by the JCR to declare that it has no confidence in an Officer or in a Representative;
- ❖ The passage of a Motion of No-Confidence results in the immediate removal from office of the Officer or Representative in question;
- ❖ In order for a Motion of No-Confidence to provide justification for this removal, reasoning is provided in the preamble to the motion, which provides evidence of repeated breaches of Standing Orders or of other serious misbehaviour, so as to give grounds for the removal of an Officer or a Representative from that Officer's role or from that Representative's role, respectively;
- ❖ The Executive Committee is currently required, by Section 14 of the Constitution, to approve a Motion of No-Confidence if any part of the preamble demonstrates evidence of a breach of Standing Orders or of other misbehaviour, irrespective of the remainder of the content of that preamble;
- ❖ This means that there is potential for there to be a risk to the welfare of the subject of a Motion of No-Confidence, based on the content of the preamble, which remains the case regardless of the veracity of the claims made;



- ❖ Although it is important to hold Officers and Representatives to account if they fail to fulfil the duties that they agreed to undertake, this does not overrule the responsibility of the JCR to support the welfare of those Officers and Representatives.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The current mechanism mandated by Section 14 of the Constitution for the submission of Motions of No-Confidence is not adequate for the protection of the welfare of those who are subjects of Motions of No-Confidence;
- ❖ The MCR of Corpus Christi College has a procedure in which all Motions of No-Confidence must be approved by the Dean in order to proceed to the MCR Meeting;
- ❖ In this procedure, the Dean does not evaluate the merits of the Motion, but confirms that the Motion would not constitute bullying or harassment;
- ❖ A procedure similar to that of the MCR would ensure that Motions of No-Confidence are not written in such a way so as to pose illegitimate harm to the welfare of those who are subjects of Motions of No-Confidence;
- ❖ Although there are reasonable concerns about the unnecessary interference of College in the internal affairs of the JCR and its democracy, these concerns should not be met at the detriment of the welfare of members of the JCR;
- ❖ Therefore, it is warranted to enact a constitutional amendment which would introduce this procedure into the JCR.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend Section 6, Clause III of the Constitution to become the following:  
“III. The Returning Officer shall advertise each JCR Meeting one week in advance, and shall receive Motions to be discussed until midnight on the Friday preceding each JCR Meeting or until midnight on the Tuesday preceding each JCR Meeting in the case of Motions of No-Confidence.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 7, Clause V of the Constitution to become the following:  
“V. The failure of the President to call an Extraordinary JCR Meeting within forty-eight hours will lead to a Motion of No-Confidence being brought against the President by the Returning Officer at the next JCR Meeting. 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 8, Clause IV of the Constitution to become the following:  
“IV. The Returning Officer must add any Motion, with the exception of Monetary Motions and Motions of No-Confidence, to the agenda, if that Motion is backed by a petition of twenty Members, even if that Motion is received after 11:59 PM on the Friday before a JCR Meeting.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 8, Clause V of the Constitution to become the following:  
“V. The President shall have the right on discretion to admit any Motion, with the exception of Monetary Motions and Motions of No-Confidence, up until the JCR Meeting is declared officially open, even if it has not received the support of twenty members as noted in Section 8, Clause IV.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 8, Clause IX of the Constitution to become the following:  
“IX. Substantively similar Motions must not be proposed twice in one term, and must not be proposed more than three times in one Academic Year,

unless the Motion is substantively similar only to a Motion that was barred by the Dean pursuant to Section 14, Clause VIII.”;

- ❖ Amend Section 9, Clause II(b) of the Constitution to become the following: “b. The Chair shall announce the proposer and seconder of the Motion, unless the Motion was submitted anonymously pursuant to Section 14, Clause IV;”;
- ❖ Amend the Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 11, Clause VII: “VII. If the Motion was submitted by an anonymous Member pursuant to Section 14, Clause IV, then all amendments will be deemed hostile. However, the proposer and seconder of any amendments that become part of the Motion will not become the proposer and seconder of the Motion.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 14, Clause I of the Constitution to become the following: “I. Subject to Section 8, Clauses II and III, any Member of the JCR Meeting may bring a Motion of No-Confidence, if that Member can provide evidence of consistent breaches of Standing Orders or of other serious misbehaviour by an Officer or a Representative.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 14, Clause II of the Constitution to become the following: “II. The Motion of No-Confidence must be sent to the Returning Officer before 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the JCR Meeting, subject to Section 14, Clause VIII, and must not be brought as an Emergency Motion under any circumstances.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 14, Clause III of the Constitution to become the following: “III. Upon receipt of the Motion of No-Confidence, the Returning Officer shall inform the relevant Officer or Representative of the Motion. The Returning Officer shall do so before the publication of the agenda.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 14, Clause IV of the Constitution to become the following: “IV. When a Member submits a Motion of No-Confidence to the Returning Officer, that Member may submit the Motion anonymously, though the Returning Officer must be informed of the identity of that Member. The Returning Officer will then bring the Motion to the JCR, accordant with the following procedure:
  - ❖ a. The Member must submit a completed Motion;
  - ❖ b. The Returning Officer must announce to the JCR that the Motion was submitted anonymously;
  - ❖ c. The Returning Officer must not inform any person whatsoever, apart from the Dean pursuant to Section 14, Clause VII, of the identity of the anonymous Member;
  - ❖ d. The Motion will be brought to the JCR without a seconder and does not require a seconder, notwithstanding Section 8, Clause I;
  - ❖ e. The Member may submit a speech to the Returning Officer, for the Chair to read in the place of that Member before debate;
  - ❖ f. The speech that the Member submits must be factual in character and must relate solely to the content of the Motion;
  - ❖ g. During Short Factual Questions, questions on the Motion will be directed towards and answered by the Chair, notwithstanding Section 9, Clause II(c).”;
- ❖ Amend Section 14, Clause VI of the Constitution to become the following: “VI. The Executive Committee, excluding an Officer of the Executive Committee if that Officer is subject to the Motion of No-Confidence, shall

decide whether there is sufficient evidence of a consistent breach of Standing Orders or of other serious misbehaviour. If there is not sufficient evidence, the Executive Committee shall inform the Member that submitted the Motion that the evidence is insufficient for the Motion to be brought. The decision that there is not sufficient evidence may be overturned by a petition of forty Members, if that petition is submitted to the Executive Committee not less than 24 hours before the start of the JCR Meeting.”;

- ❖ Amend the Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 14, Clause VII of the Constitution: “VII. Before publicising the Motion, irrespective of whether the Motion was admitted by the Executive Committee or by petition, the Returning Officer shall submit the Motion and, if there is a submitted speech, the speech to the Dean, asking the Dean whether the Motion should be barred from proceeding on the basis that the Motion might constitute bullying, harassment, or other behaviour that infringes the law or policy of the College or the University. If and only if the Dean decides that the Motion might constitute bullying, harassment, or other behaviour that infringes the law of policy of the College or the University, then the Returning Officer must inform the Dean and only the Dean of the identity of the Member that anonymously submitted the Motion, if the Motion was submitted anonymously.”;
- ❖ Amend the Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 14, Clause VIII of the Constitution: “VIII. If and only if the Dean decides that the Motion should be barred from proceeding, the following procedure will be followed:
  - ❖ a. The Returning Officer shall not publicise the Motion;
  - ❖ 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.”;
- ❖ Amend the Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 21, Clause IX of the Constitution: “IX. A Motion of No-Confidence submitted by the President pursuant to Section 21, Clause VIII cannot be submitted anonymously, but will otherwise follow the procedure of Section 14.”, renumbering the subsequent two clauses of Section 21 as Clause X and Clause XI;
- ❖ 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

*Rei proposes a Procedural Motion for the Motion not to be read.*

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

*The Procedural Motion passes, and the Motion is not read aloud.*

## Questions:

Elias: This is just a ratification from last week's meeting which needs to be passed about No-Confidence Motions and how they will be sent to the Dean. If you want more details, read the motion. Jacob has written it up, and I'm not reading that.

Ben: In JCC, what was the Dean's response to the changes?

Elias: This was not discussed.

Angelina: She was fine with it. I told her the changes.

Ben: And, she's chill with it?

Angelina: Yes.

## Debate:

[ There was no debate. ]

Vote:

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

*The Motion passes.*

## 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: Azriel Farlam

Secunder: Michael Leslie

Elias: Another constitutional change, essentially it reopens the Samten Fund every term if the money is not all spent.

### Questions:

Elias: Are there any short, factual questions to the proposer? Who is the proposer?

Jacob: It's Azriel.

Treya: What? Why is it Azriel?

Jacob: You weren't here, so they proposed it.

Treya: Okay, I will just take the questions.

Akarsh: What is this fund and how is it different from the Pelican Fund?

Treya: There will be a document shortly explaining how to get money. This is the JCR's money. The levies you lay on your battels are the JCR's money, and it is distributed here.

Fionn: The loophole has not been closed; has it?

Treya: Yes, it has. We closed it.

Fionn: Is it not a thing anymore?

Treya: Yes, that is in this motion.

Jacob: That's not correct.

Elias: Yes, Treya, you're wrong.

Treya: I thought that was the reason we proposed this.

Jacob: No, this motion ensures that there will be more funding opportunities beyond Trinity. It has nothing to do with what Fionn is discussing.

Treya: Can we not propose an amendment?

Jacob: Yes, that is possible. However, it would require re-ratification.

Fionn: I don't care that much.

Treya: No, why don't we do it now?

Elias: This was discussed previously. There were some good reasons to oppose it.

**Debate:**

*Treya invalidly proposes an amendment to alter the text so as to state that the motion cannot be amended.*

Jacob: I am afraid that that amendment is out of order. For an amendment to a motion affecting the Constitution, the amendment must contain the exact wording that will appear in the Constitution.

Treya: Why?

Jacob: This was set by the precedent of a two-thirds vote in Trinity Term of last year.

Treya: The JCR does not use precedent. That's not in the Constitution.

Rei: Yes, we do.

Elias: Treya, we do.

Jacob: Rei and Elias are correct.

Treya: No. No, this is not a policy goal.

Elias: Treya, Jacob is the RO. He is the authority on the Constitution. If he says that something is out of order, then it is out of order. Move on.

Treya: Fine, I will write it up.

Elias: Can we please leave this until next week?

Treya: No, I will do it now.

[ Treya begins to write an amendment. ]

*Rei proposes a Procedural Motion to move to vote.*

[ This Procedural Motion interrupts Treya, who is writing the amendment. ]

*Michael raises a point of order to censure Rei.*

[ There is shouting. ]

*Rei withdraws the Procedural Motion.*

*Treya proposes an amendment to make it such that motions introduced by the Samten Fund cannot be amended, only ratified.*

*Azriel takes Treya's amendment as friendly.*

Treya proposes an amendment so that the funding approved cannot be changed at the meeting, only ratified

Jacob: to explain this constitutionally, this creates two classes of motions.

Vote:

For: 19

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

*Motion passes*

Treya: Finally.

#### **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 Constitution so as to insert the following clause as Section 43, Clause XIX: “XIX. Motions that are introduced using the procedure of Section 43 cannot be amended.”;
- ❖ 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: Azriel Farlam  
Second: Michael Leslie

#### 7. Motions of No Confidence

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#### 8. Charity Motions

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#### 9. Monetary Motions (Cont.)

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##### **THE ACQUISITION OF A MILK FROTHIER**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ By acquiring a milk frothier in the kitchenette, the JCR’s functionality will increase tenfold.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The coffee machine currently does not function correctly for all the options;
- ❖ A milk frothier ultimately enables members of the JCR greater range of choice for what one can make in the JCR kitchenette;
- ❖ As a long-term effect, more people will use the JCR, promoting the collaborative and cosy nature of the JCR as it stands today.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to spend £70 (GBP) on a milk frothier, as detailed in the annex to this motion.

Proposer: Talia Mitchell  
Second: Manelle Maguella

*Fionn seconds instead of Manelle*

##### **THE ACQUISITION OF A MILK FROTHIER (amended)**

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Proposer: Talia Mitchell  
Secunder: Fionn Mconnon

**Questions:**

JJ: in theory, can we take this money from the JCR money and then get this money back from the Pelican Fund under the Hot Chocolate Society?

Talia: I guess but why should we do this?

JJ: So we can use college's money instead of the JCR's

Elias: We can try

Treya: The JCR cannot use the Pelican Fund, only individual people

Ben: Mandate Talia in her capacity as Women's Welfare Officer to do this.

Ben: I don't know if anyone has ever worked in a coffee shop but who is cleaning this? It will go mouldy in 3 days. Right now we have a coffee machine that cleans itself. It will become one of the grossest things in an already kind of gross JCR.

Talia: Just stick some in water. I have on in our Oldham kitchen and it is fine.

Clara: Is it one that self heats? Like we can just get the hand held ones that are cheaper and microwave milk or use hot milk from the coffee machine instead.

Talis: We don't have a microwave in the JCR

Clara: We do.

Talia: Oh

JJ: The hot chocolate machine works.

Talia: That hasn't been happening and it relies on someone else to refill it.

JJ: Well the DO refills it and it is currently working.

**Debate:**

JJ: If necessary, can we not just buy a hand held one that is much easier to clean, much cheaper and better overall?

*JJ proposes amendment to change it to buy a handheld frothier instead of a big milk one £20.*

*Talia takes this as friendly.*

Ben: I still don't want to buy this. This is not why the JCR spends money. I appreciate that the Freshers weren't here for this, but, in Trinity, we had a string of bad monetary motions that were spending money that wasn't related to the JCR.

Treya: The amount of money is not an issue, but it is a loose item. And these get sadly stolen.

*Talia withdraws the motion.*

*Elias accepts the withdrawal.*

### **WE LIKE WII REMOTES**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ We only have two Wii remotes and no straps for those two Wii remotes;
- ❖ This is a travesty.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ We should change this fact, and, while doing so, prevent the television from being shattered by buying additional straps.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to spend up to £35 on the purchase of two Wii remotes with straps and cases, and of two additional straps;
- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to bring the aforementioned items to the Livingstone Room no more than seven days after the passage of this motion.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Secunder: Rei Ota

Questions:

Akarsh: except for that one day when it was board games and video games, who uses the wii? How many people use it?

JJ: The issue is when we use it, you don't really want to be playing it with only 2 people. You want to be able to have more than two people use it at the same time. It is also better to be preventative instead of paying money to fix the TV.

Ben: Can you improve your grip strength?

JJ: Just to be clear there is drinking that goes on upstairs. I don't think that that is a good idea.

Fionn: Would you be amenable to an amendment? One of the two wii remotes don't actually have a sensor, and caused me to lose a game quite badly, because I couldn't swing a bat properly, can you amend it to buy three wii remotes? So would be half that number added on top, so like £50

*Fionn proposes an amendment.*

*The amendment is taken as friendly.*

Elias: The motion now reads that we are buying three—

Treya: Hello? Debate?

Elias: Please let me finish. The motion now reads that we are buying three Wii remotes with associated straps and cases.

**Debate:**

*Treya proposes amendment to mandate the clubs and socs to buy this.*

JJ: Clubs and Socs do not have sufficient funds

Treya: Yeah but if you mandated to a motion, that is outside of your budget. Motion money is separate from budget money.

Fionn: What Treya is asking is you buy it yourself, and then you are paid back by the JCR.

Elias: Rather than Treya buying it herself, she wants you to buy it and then be paid back.

JJ: The reason why you want me to do this is so that I am the one that has to bring it upstairs. Is that the reason?

Treya: Yes.

JJ: No then

*JJ takes this as hostile*

Debate on amendment:

Treya: I want the person that wants to have the wii remotes to bring the wii remotes

Michael: The clubs and socs officer raised the motion, it just makes more sense for the clubs and socs to get the money and do it themselves.

*JJ withdraws taking the amendment as hostile.*

*JJ takes the amendment as friendly.*

Vote:

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

*Motion passes*

**WE LIKE WII REMOTES (final)**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ We only have two Wii remotes and no straps for those two Wii remotes;
- ❖ This is a travesty.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ We should change this fact, and, while doing so, prevent the television from being shattered by buying additional straps.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Clubs and Socs Officer to spend up to £50 on the purchase of three Wii remotes with straps and cases, and of two additional straps;
- ❖ Mandate the Clubs and Socs Officer to bring the aforementioned items to the Livingstone Room no more than seven days after the passage of this motion.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Secunder: Rei Ota

### **A BRIGHT IDEA**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The lighting in the Livingstone Room is subpar.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The lighting should be improved.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to spend up to £25 on LED bulbs of a colour temperature exceeding three-thousand-two-hundred-and-fifty degrees Kelvin;
- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to ensure the installation of these LED bulbs no more than seven days after the passage of this motion.

Proposer: Rei Ota

Secunder: JJ Fitzpatrick

### **Questions:**

Treya: Get a life.

Elias: Insults aren't helpful.

Oskari: Is the room not owned by college? Why can't they do it?

Treya: Yep.

Elias: This is true they can do it but we can also do it.

JJ: It is £25 for better lighting so we can actually use the room?

Treya: What do you mean by install the lights? What do I have to do with them?

Rei: Well ensure someone to install the light bulbs

Treya: You want me to do that? I literally don't know how to put in a light bulb

Fionn: How many JCR members does it take to install a light bulb?

[ There is laughter. ]

Rei: Yes you are mandated to ensure that it happens. You can ask someone else to do it.

Elias: Ask Georgina to do it.

Treya: Who is that?

Elias: She's in maintenance.

**Debate:**

*Ben proposes amendment to add £100 to buy two new standing lights for the AG room*

*Rei takes this as friendly*

Fionn: I actually agree with the need for more lights in the AG room. I think that the Livingstone room doesn't, it is moody in there and that is a good thing.

JJ: The only thing I have seen the Livingstone Room used for is for board games and it is currently impossible to see the actual board while you're playing. It makes your head hurt and your eyes and dim lights are bad for your eyes

Fionn: Can it not be the central lights – can it be the lights on the wall?

Elias: Yes we can do that

JJ: Yellow lighting sucks can you not make the central lights yellow? The lights on the wall aren't meant to be mood lights. It is a light that you are supposed to actually be able to use. Can you at least change the central lights?

Treya: I have realised that last time we tried to change the AG room, Andy told us that it was college property and that we had to go through college to change them. For example, changing the lightbulbs, the original lightbulbs are college property. We rent these rooms out we don't own anything in there. That is what our rent includes including utilities, especially when installing lights that take up more electricity. My point is that this is a college issue so I suggest that you add something that asks the Treasurer to ask Andy Rolfe to do this.

*Treya proposes amendment to change text of the motion to ask the Treasurer to talk to Andy Rolfe about the lack of light in the AG room and the Livingstone Room and ensure that if College says no then to tell the JCR that college said no.*

JJ: Just to double check that when you ask college, the temperature rating stays the same. Because the yellow light is an issue. So please keep the temperature rating the same when you ask college. If they say no, still buy new lights.

Elias: If we speak to college, can people who really care about this tell us after the motion exactly what to ask?

[ Several people talk over each other. ]

*Rei takes the amendment as friendly.*

JJ: Hold on.

Elias: There is no holding on. It has been taken as friendly, so it is in the motion.

**Vote:**

For: 14

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

*Motion passes*

#### **A BRIGHT IDEA (final)**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The lighting in the Livingstone Room is subpar.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The lighting should be improved.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to talk to College, and to Andy Rolfe in particular, to secure the acquisition of LED bulbs of a colour temperature exceeding three-thousand-two-hundred-and-fifty degrees Kelvin in the Livingstone Room and two standing lights of the same temperature rating in the Andrew Glynn Room.

Proposer: Rei Ota

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

#### 10. Motions as Submitted

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#### **MCR TEA**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ MCR members have been seen taking our expensive packs of loose leaf tea to the MCR;
- ❖ Bags of loose leaf tea are missing;
- ❖ JCR members pay levies to fund tea.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ This tea and the strainers are JCR property, paid for by the JCR, for the benefit of JCR members;
- ❖ If the MCR want loose leaf tea they should buy their own or contribute money to the JCR for joint usage.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Ask the JCR president to talk to the MCR about giving some money or not using the tea.

Proposer: Liran Dror

Secunder: Ed Sanders

*Michael proposes, Oskari seconds*

#### **MCR TEA (amended)**

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- ❖ MCR members have been seen taking our expensive packs of loose leaf tea to the MCR;
- ❖ Bags of loose leaf tea are missing;
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This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Ask the JCR president to talk to the MCR about giving some money or not using the tea.

Proposer: Michael Leslie

Secunder: Oskari Penttinen

Elias: Slight issue with this, MCR members pay JCR levies almost always

Treya: No this is not true, 20% of MCR pay JCR levies. I asked for the numbers

Elias: Ok, still seems relevant and it might be a problem.

Fionn: I am not sure if this is me misunderstanding the motion but the problem isn't that they are not using the tea, the problem is that they are taking the tea to the MCR which we cannot access.



**Debate:**

Rei: Is there no enforcement power we have over the MCR?

Elias: What do you want? I cannot just assault the members of the MCR. That is ridiculous. I am not accepting any of that nonsense.

JJ: Amend it to make sure that the 20% that pay their levies can access the tea the rest of it stays with us.

*JJ proposes an amendment.*

*The amendment is taken as hostile.*

[ Several people talk over each other. ]

Jacob: Is there any debate on the amendment?

Treya: They also have their own levies and their own budget from which they can buy their own tea. The fact that they choose to buy inferior tea is their problem.

JJ: What do you propose to do about the 20% then?

Treya: We ask Elias to not take our strainers.

Elias: The MCR members that pay levies are allowed in this room and can get the tea if they want.

Treya: Yeah to just have the tea here

JJ: The current motion is about to ask them not to take it?

*JJ withdraws the amendment.*

[ There is disorder. ]

*JJ invalidly proposes an unconstitutional Procedural Motion to appoint Rei as Deputy Returning Officer.*

[ There is further disorder and shouting. ]

Elias: Move on. Move on.

Jacob: We now move to vote.

Vote:

For: 22

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

### **JCR VAC RES MOTION**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Moving to Oxford in the week can be annoying;
- ❖ Most rooms are already available to students from the previous weekend;
- ❖ Many students don't know that Vac Res applications to move into accommodation on the weekend before term starts are automatically applied;
- ❖ Many students also do not understand the availability and use of Vacation Credit given by College when applying for Vac Res;
- ❖ The Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) has proposed to the JCR to extend rent term contracts by three days for free at the beginning of each term, at the expense of Vacation Credit for all but finalists;
- ❖ This extension of rent term contracts will allow all students to move into College for free from Saturday of first week each term, creating a more relaxed start of term and lively community around College.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ This matter ought to be discussed and agreed upon by the JCR.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the President to inform College about the JCR's agreement to extending rent term contracts by three days every term such that students may move into accommodation on the Saturday of first week for free, at the expense of the underused Vacation Credit;
- ❖ Mandate the President to petition College to acquire fourteen days of Vacation Credit for Finalists.

Proposer: Treya Agarwal

Seconder: Fionn McConnon

Elias: This is actually important, so please listen. What happened is that we ran a poll last week about paying more for 4 days and about 60% said no and 40% said yes on a sample of about 115. We took this to JCC, but they proposed to us a different thing (please see motion). Most people seem to not know about 14 days free of Vacation credit. This is different from a discount of Academic Credit which might seem to confuse others is that the Vacation Credit is free.

Treya: The reason why this is not free, they only discount the Academic Credit from the standard vac res fee and therefore you still need to pay £6 a night. Unless you have an exam, it is not free.

Elias: The proposal now, is that instead of that scheme, to extend that rent contract by 3 days earlier each term. We are going to poll this across the entire JCR, because this is not a representative sample. However, this is still useful.

Questions:

Clara: Is it more expensive than the rent going up? Or is it just that there is more time added

Treya: Yes that is exactly what happens

Clara: So the rent does not go up?

Elias: This actually reduces rent per night but not rent in practice (i.e. total for the term)

Gil: Is there anyone in college that regularly takes vac res in the middle of the vacation?

Treya: Generally, that is international students because flight timings are weird. Finalists often stay over during the Easter Vac.

Elias: Also, finalists is still up for negotiation and you may still get the Credit but reduced.

[ Treya argues with Elias about how vacation credit and residence work for twenty minutes. ]

Vote:

For: 2

Against: 15

Abstain: 3

Motion fails

*Michael requests quorum count.*

*Jacob verifies that there is not quorum.*

*The meeting is inquorate, and the meeting ends immediately.*

### **QUALITY OF LIFE MOTION**

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ Section 8, Clause IX of the Constitution states that one must not submit substantively similar motions “twice in one term”;
- ❖ Section 8, Clause IX also states that one must not submit substantively similar motions “more than three times in one Academic Year”;
- ❖ The Constitution famously hates when things are repeated;
- ❖ The double clause is redundant and against the fundamental nature of the Constitution.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Redundancy is bad;
- ❖ It would improve the quality of life of the JCR to remove this redundancy.

This JCR resolved to—

- ❖ Amend Section 8, Clause IX of the Constitution to remove the following text: “, and not more than three times in one Academic Year”.

Proposer: JJ Fitzpatrick

Seconder: Rei Ota

*This Motion is discarded because the meeting is inquorate.*

## 12. Any Other Business

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[ Jacob apologises to the Freshers for the poor tone of the meeting, in particular to those Freshers that might struggle with loud or chaotic environments. He thanks all the Members of the JCR for attending the meeting anyway. Jacob requests that members of the JCR stop using the Constitution in a weaponised manner. Rei apologises to Jacob, and Jacob accepts the apology. ]

[The meeting is adjourned.]