

ST HUGH'S COLLEGE JCR

POLICY BOOK

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Introduction

Much of the JCR's business is concerned with the specific details of organising an activity. Most of the motions that come to the JCR are limited to this – they set out the case for donating some money to a cause, or supporting some campaign, or getting a JCR officer to research a possibility. There may be issues or procedures where the JCR may wish to make a more open-ended commitment. As a body of intelligent people, we are entitled to establish principles of action that will bind members in all their actions over a given period, rather than merely dictate a course of action for some very specific event. Indeed, such lasting principles are inevitable if we want to act consistently and to ensure that the will of the JCR means more than merely the personal prejudices of the JCR officer responsible. Establishing a JCR policy is the means by which such principles may be laid down.

Establishing Policy

Policy may be formed on any subject as long as it is in line with the current JCR Constitution, its Appendices and the Standing Orders (specifically no policy should contravene our constitutional commitment to not discriminate against any JCR Member on the basis of their sex, marital status, sexual orientation, racial group, religion, age or disability). To add or remove an item from the Policy book, a motion must be passed by the JCR subject to the requirements of the JCR Constitution and Standing Orders.

Current Policy

Ethical Investment	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR believes that ethical considerations should be taken into account by College and by the JCR when making investment and financial decision.</i>		

Meat-Free-Mondays	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR supports Meat-Free Mondays and shall encourage, but not enforce, its members to have at least one meat-free day a week.</i>		

Environmental matters and the University	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR supports the following targets for the university's central services, departments and colleges, proposed by the university's Environment Committee:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Develop a green transport strategy including public transport, cycling and walking.</i>- <i>Work to reduce CO2 emissions by promoting energy efficiency and "green electricity".</i>- <i>Ensure any new building or refurbishment takes the widest possible consideration of environmental impacts and achieves the highest reasonable level of energy efficiency.</i>- <i>Introduce purchasing policies encouraging use of sustainable products.</i>- <i>Work with the Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium to consider purchasing new technologies with reduced environmental impacts.</i>- <i>Consider the feasibility of other measures such as combined heat and power schemes (CHP) and solar power.</i>- <i>Review opportunities and implement measures for reducing the use of water.</i>- <i>Likewise for waste reduction and increased recycling.</i>- <i>Review policies for investment in land and buildings to avoid adverse environmental impacts.</i>		

International Student Fees	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The university and Oxford colleges should be more open in the fees they charge for international students.</i> <i>Any changes in charges should be informed in advance.</i> <i>Any increase in the level of university and college international student fees should be justified by an explanation of how the increase is commensurate with academic provision.</i> <i>We also believe that all colleges should allow international students to pay their fees in</i>		

installments.

Students who pay in this manner should not be charged more than those who pay at the beginning of the academic year.

The JCR shall also support OUSU's Policy on this issue.

Oxford Access Schemes	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR fully supports the work of any and all access schemes created by the University of Oxford in order to offer assistance to students from underprivileged backgrounds.</i>		

Tutorial System	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR opposes the reduction in tutorial teaching in the university and recognises the tutorial as the primary method of teaching in Oxford. The JCR supports OUSU's policy on this issue.</i>		

Burma	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR expresses its support for Aung San Suu Kyi and the Burmese people in their struggle for democracy and human rights in Burma.</i>		

Asylum Seekers	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>The JCR condemns newspapers which present lies, myths and distortions on this issue as the truth. It also condemns those politicians of all political parties who are urging them on, and encourages instead the belief that asylum seekers deserve our compassion and help.</i>		

Entz and the bar	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<i>Freshers' week will be organized to include events in the bar, so that incoming first years are encouraged to use the bar.</i>		

Tuition fees stance	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
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The JCR supports the idea of decreasing tuition fees and believes that Oxford should set a fee rate of significantly lower than £9000 and introduce a comprehensive fee waiver scheme. The JCR believes that a lower fee rate should be prioritised over a fee waiver scheme. The JCR believes that all courses at Oxford should have the same fee level.

Oxford University Genderless Campaign	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<p><i>The JCR resolves:</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that the JCR continues to use gender-neutral language such as "They" or "Members of the JCR..." rather than gender-binary language such as "he or she" or "Ladies and Gentlemen" in all communications, so that the JCR continues to not erase gender-neutral members;</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that the JCR only asks for the gender of its members (In forms, for instance) when it is absolutely necessary, and that when it does so the field is write-in rather than the binary "Male/Female" gender box, or the excluding "Other/Prefer not to say";</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that when the JCR specifies a dress code, it does not specify dress by gender;</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that when the JCR holds gender-specific events, anyone who identifies as that gender is welcome without having their gender identity challenged;</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that where there is gender-specific welfare, anyone who identifies as that gender is welcome without having their gender identity challenged;</i></p> <p><i>To mandate the LGBTQ Representative to ensure that the above resolutions are followed;</i></p> <p><i>To mandate the LGBTQ Representative to ensure that there is welfare in place for gender-neutral people;</i></p> <p><i>To support the Genderless Campaign that is attempting to change wider university policy by removing gender-specific rules in all areas of the University.</i></p>		

LGBT History Month	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<p><i>The JCR will show its support for LGBT History month and will show its support by requesting that the LGBTQ flag is flown during the month on College grounds.</i></p>		

Investment in the Arms Trade	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<p><i>The JCR objects to the University of Oxford's investment in the arms trade.</i></p>		

Anonymous Points of Debate	Passed/renewed: 22/1/17	Due to Expire: 22/1/19
<p><i>The JCR is committed to the freedom of speech and is aware that raising points of debate in JCR meetings can be intimidating. Therefore, should someone voice a concern about a motion being placed for a debate (sent out prior to meetings by the Secretary) to any member of the JCR Committee or the Independent Chair via pigeon-hole post or website comment box, that Committee member (or Chair) must anonymously voice this concern,</i></p>		

word-for-word and without their own opinion affecting tone or manner of address, in the JCR meeting at the appropriate moment.

If a comment is voted unanimously by the JCR Committee and Independent Chair not to be read (on the grounds that it contains a personal attack or incites people to violence against people or communities), it will not be read out.

Affiliations

Organisation	Passed/renewed	Due to Expire
Oxford University Student Union (OUSU)	22/1/17	22/1/19

Honorary Members

Name	Passed/renewed	Due to Expire
Aung San Suu Kyi	22/1/17	22/1/19
Ali (Kebab Van Man)	22/1/17	22/1/19
Andrew Hall (Rose and Crown)	22/1/17	22/1/19
Chesney Hawkes	22/1/17	22/1/19
Wally Warner (Former Porter)	22/1/17	22/1/19
Terry Long (Porter)	22/1/17	22/1/19
Patrick Poku (Porter)	22/1/17	22/1/19
Ervist Shehi (Bar Manager)	22/1/17	22/1/19

Ongoing and Unfulfilled Mandates

Mandate	Passed/renewed
1. The JCR Committee 2017 must look into the possibility of purchasing Arzoo's	22/1/17

(Jimal's) curry house on behalf of the JCR	
2. The JCR will purchase a college tortoise, at whatever cost, and hold an election for the hotly contested position of Turtle Rep, Keeper of the Shells	22/1/17
3. The JCR requests that the OUSU President 2015, L.J. Trup, visit the college to formally announce plans for the intercollegiate monorail	22/1/17
4. Joe Zacaroli must perform the Carlton dance upon request at all official JCR meetings and events	22/1/17

Rulings and Interpretations made by the Independent Chair

Ruling/Interpretation:	In reference to clauses:	Name of Independent Chair:	Date ruling/interpretation made:
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