

## St Hugh's JCR Meeting Minutes

Sunday 22nd January 2017, 2nd Week HT17, MGA Lecture Room

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee 2. Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to that meeting 3. Late motions for admission 4. Action motions for debate 5. Statement motions for debate 6. Items for discussion 7. Any other business

### 1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee.

President – Ana Pavlova:

- OUSU Council;
- Prescom/Welfcom;
- One-to-ones;
- Met with the Finance Bursar, Dean and Sol, Carl, Kate, lunch with junior deans 1<sup>st</sup> February;
- Sent President's emails;
- Writing memo for Governing Body for Nervous Gate;
- Prescom coming up.

Vice-President – Ed Piggott:

Spoken to hall regarding irregular ticket pricing for formals. We had a look into why people often change tickets and found that people were disappointed with waiting for a release that tends to be irregular. Hall will now guarantee release on time to avoid these issues. We're also looking into various issues regarding uPay overcharging/duplicating tickets. Hall feedback box goes out next week for five days and I'll be doing a survey on first year accommodation the week after - the results will go to Magdalena and we will discuss them in preparation for sorting next year's rooms.

Secretary – Curtis Crowley:

- Wrote minutes for last week's meeting;
- Attended OUSU council;
- Sent out email notifying people of first JCR meeting;
- Decided to order around 10 dominoes pizzas for said meeting;
- Contacted college archivist to introduce myself;
- Spent awful amount of time chasing up previous secretary and president for crucial handover docs - now resolved;

- Circulated agendas for this week's meetings.

Treasurer – James Brown:

- Decided at JCR Committee meeting that blues funds will be remain at £1300;
- Met with the finance office to discuss charges to JCR account;
- Meeting with Harry and Socs next week to advise about amalgamated funding;
- Need to discuss blues funds reduction, ex-DoDo issue and punting.

AccAff – Sophie Roche:

- Did a tour for Tonbridge Grammar School because no one signed up;
- Sent out an email about the careers service;
- Talked to Ben Peacock about organising a careers event.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities – Rosie Tabor and Cameron East:

- Rosie sadly unwell therefore not present at meeting;
- WEQ committee elections coming up, so will be sending email out outlining why it exists, what the roles are, why one might want to apply. Up to two people can apply for each role!
- Welfcom was on Thursday;
- Spoke to Communications manager about Banbury road incident (flashing people);
- Going to message JCR about rape alarms, crisis centres etc.;
- Condom dispenser found in Kenyon laundry room! Going to talk to maintenance about possibility of fixing it;
- Currently people just take the entire box that is left;
- Going to update the anonymous pidge sheet to include pads and tampons & repost it on JCR page in case people have forgotten. we have so, so many, and it is shame not being used since people still shy about asking.

International Students' Rep – Tatjana Marks:

- Sent out first email with all the terms' international events planned;
- Circulated email about international access;
- Met with international students and talked to them about their experience at St Hugh's;
- Went to Freshers' Committee Meeting.

LGBTQ Rep – Elise Page:

- Sent out a JCR email with events and welfare resources on it;
- Got a reply from the communications manager Kate who's enthusiastic to support and promote LGBTQ events;
- Walked some freshers down to LGBTQ drinks on Tuesday;
- MCR brunch, had a chat with them about LGBTQ drinks, hopefully in 6<sup>th</sup> week in the bar, need to book, will have to pay since MCR so poor!

Entz Reps – James Atkey and Nathan Peters:

- Had bop and film night since last meeting;
- Sadly low turn out to the movie;
- Had handover;
- Pub quiz this week, need to write questions;

Charities & Communities Rep – Hannah Taylor:

- Sent out charity opportunities email;
- Promoted RAG charity nominations;
- Arranged charity formal.

Environment & Ethics Rep – Ben Jones:

- Has started to try and get the collage fair trade certified;
- Has had meetings with someone from Fair Trade Oxford;
- Will put a motion forward regarding this;
- Working on presenting a case to college about how they are needlessly wasting so much money on heating and lighting, and about the environmental costs.

Sports and Societies Rep – Harry Thomas:

- Still trying to get a captains' list together for porters to pidge them mail;
- Liaising with James Brown on applying for amalgamated funding;
- Thinking about a "sports/socs day" where everyone tries out a different sport/soc at the beginning of trinity, i.e. a taster day to encourage people from Hugh's to try different sports.

Alternatively, a beginner friendly day on which St Hugh's students challenge St Anne's to everything in which we both have a club/society, with a joint lawns party as a base, and matches organised around this.

DODO – Hannah Choi:

- Passed the ex-DoDO in the Netflix issue (Anthony Breach) on to James to sort out the reimbursement, as agreed upon by the JCR Committee at the last committee meeting:
- Arranged for the St Hugh's Christian Union to get their own mailing list, on their request
- Started sorting out the problems with the JCR printers
  - Contacted the printer company (Alto Digital) to arrange a site visit by an engineer
  - Made a post on Facebook for people to report specific issues with each printer, so that they can be addressed during the site visit
- Contacted IT Services about switching the JCR website over to its permanent URL
  - Still waiting to hear back from them on this. Previous DoDO did mention that they have been taking a while to sort this out.
- Updated JCR docs on website
- Put committee profiles up under 'meet the committee'

Freshers' Rep – Theo Davies-Lewis:

- Had first committee meeting;
- Joe completed survey for t shirts;
- Alex sending google doc out for guide;
- Liaised with Tatjana about freshers' helpers, and having them in college sooner for the international students;
- More handover things with Katie;
- Emailed JCR first years to get them involved;
- Looking into club nights, treading with caution as to booking and pricing etc.

**2. Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to this meeting.**

Motion budget is £800.

**3. Late motions for admission**

**Motion a. Creation of a JCR Careers Officer.**

#### THE JCR NOTES:

Currently St Hugh's does not have a means for students to become adequately informed of career opportunities that are available to them whilst studying in Oxford. Many members of the JCR are only exposed to industries that are advertised to them through friends or departments. This is very limiting in terms of being able to achieve a wholesome and unbiased view on career prospects. Similarly, the JCR does not have full access to information regarding college alumni and their career trajectories.

#### THE JCR BELIEVES:

Students of the college should be able to have access to information regarding alumni and their respective career paths. The JCR believes that students should be able to have some form of communication with alumni in the format of events or one-on-one meetings. Not all students are aware of the internship and work experience opportunities that are offered by the University through the careers service. Only students with a direct subscription to the careers service are able to access this information. The JCR believes that all students should be notified frequently on opportunities that are available to them and funding schemes that can also be of help.

#### THE JCR RESOLVES:

The committee should implement a new role titled 'Careers Officer'. The Careers officer will be responsible for liaising between the JCR and the college development office/alumni, as well as, notifying students regularly on new opportunities available for them within Oxford. The officer will be required to subsume career related responsibilities from the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Officer (AccAff).

The JCR Careers Officer shall:

- i. Advise JCR Members of the career support services available to them;
- ii. Organise workshops on interviews and assessment programs with the Careers Service;
- iii. Organise Seek to represent JCR career concerns and interests at all relevant forums in College;
- iv. Work with the College Development office to produce a prospectus of alumni destinations and organise q&a sessions with alumni of interest to the JCR;
- v. Liaise with the development office to organise at least two careers events during their time in office;
- vi. Be responsible for providing careers information to the JCR (not advisory) via email and/or via notice boards and the JCR website and will include information on:
  - a. Graduate Studies
  - b. Internship opportunities
  - c. Volunteering opportunities
  - d. Opportunities to work with the university
  - e. Careers Service's services

Proposer: Olayemi Eso

Secunder: Marcus Dashper

Motion is admitted.

Short factual points:

Where would this officer be placed on the room ballot?

Amendment to place this new officer between Sports and Socs Rep and the DoDo is not accepted by the proposer.

If left ambiguous, up to committee to decide.

Does it really need a room ballot preference? Yes, quite a lot of responsibility.

No points of debate.

Motion passes.

#### 4. Action motions for debate.

##### Motion b. Reduction in the number of emails sent by the President.

The JCR Notes:

- 1) The current Constitution requires the JCR President to send two e-mails a week on Wednesdays and Sundays specifically in Appendix A, subsection A9.:

*a. The JCR President shall:*

*viii. Send out two emails to the JCR each week during Full Term, one on Wednesday and one on Sunday, including information and notices received from across the University and from within the College.*

The JCR Believes:

- 1) Not enough notices accumulate over the three and a half days of the week between Wednesday and Sunday to justify two emails being sent a week
- 2) Receiving too many emails both annoys members of the JCR and reduces the attention paid to each individual email
- 3) Emails are more effective if they are not overused
- 4) That the current number of notices received can be collated in one weekly email

The JCR Resolves:

- 1) To rewrite the Constitution to mandate the JCR President to send one e-mail a week on Sundays, unless there is a pressing notice that requires distribution before then in which case the President will send an additional email on Wednesday.
- 2) Specifically, to alter Appendix A, subsection A9 of the Constitution so that it reads:

*a. The JCR President shall:*

*viii. Send out one email to the JCR each week during Full Term, on Sundays, including information and notices received from across the University and from within the College. Where necessary (e.g. where a notice with a deadline that falls prior to the next Sunday email being sent), the President shall send out an additional email to the JCR on Wednesday if the notice is received at least 24 hours before 8pm on Wednesday.*

Proposed: Ana Pavlova

Seconded: Reetz Chatterjee

#### Short factual points:

Proposer: sending out more emails than necessary is genuinely annoying for JCR members. Motion not put forward because the President doesn't want to send out two emails a week, but because there are usually not enough notices to make this worthwhile.

#### No points of debate

#### Motion passes

#### Motion c. Policy Renewal

The JCR Notes:

1. In accordance with *Standing Orders 1.12* all JCR Policy must be presented at the first Ordinary Meeting of Hilary Term, where it may be renewed.

The JCR Resolves:

1. To renew all current Policy, Honorary Members and Affiliations in the JCR Policy Book in accordance with SO 1.12.
2. To note the ongoing mandates, rulings and interpretations as they stand recorded in the JCR Policy Book.

Proposed: Curtis Crowley

Seconded: Ana Pavlova

**The Independent Chair then proceeds to read through the current JCR policies one at a time.**

**If no objections are made, the policy is renewed.**

**If objections are raised, and at least twice the votes against renewal are made for renewal of the policy, the policy is renewed. Otherwise, it is removed.**

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| Ethical Investment  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <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> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Meat-Free-Mondays  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <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> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Environmental matters and the University   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <p><i>The JCR supports the following targets for the university's central services, departments and colleges, proposed by the university's Environment Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>- Develop a green transport strategy including public transport, cycling and walking.</i></li><li><i>- Work to reduce CO2 emissions by promoting energy efficiency and "green electricity".</i></li><li><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></li><li><i>- Introduce purchasing policies encouraging use of sustainable products.</i></li><li><i>- Work with the Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium to consider purchasing new technologies with reduced environmental impacts.</i></li><li><i>- Consider the feasibility of other measures such as combined heat and power schemes (CHP) and solar power.</i></li><li><i>- Review opportunities and implement measures for reducing the use of water.</i></li><li><i>- Likewise for waste reduction and increased recycling.</i></li></ul> |   |                        |

*- Review policies for investment in land and buildings to avoid adverse environmental impacts.*

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| International Student Fees   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <p><i>The university and Oxford colleges should be more open in the fees they charge for international students.</i></p> <p><i>Any changes in charges should be informed in advance.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>We also believe that all colleges should allow international students to pay their fees in installments.</i></p> <p><i>Students who pay in this manner should not be charged more than those who pay at the beginning of the academic year</i></p> <p><i>The JCR shall also supports OUSU's Policy on this issue.</i></p> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Oxford Access Schemes  | Passed/renewed on: 08/2/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 08/2/17 |
| <p><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></p> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Tutorial System   | Passed/renewed on: 08/2/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 08/2/17 |
| <p><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></p> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Burma  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <p><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></p> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Asylum Seekers | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
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*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.*

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Entz and the bar I   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <i>The JCR will hold at least one event in the bar each week of full term to be coordinated and overseen by the JCR Entertainment Representative(s).</i> |   |                        |

**Objections made. Why 'in the bar'? Constitution mandates Entz Reps to hold events in college anyway. Policy is not renewed.**

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| Entz and the bar II  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <i>Freshers week will be organized to include events in the bar, so that incoming first years are encouraged to use the bar.</i> |   |                        |

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| Tuition fees stance  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <i>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.</i> |   |                        |

**No Objections, though the Secretary is encouraged to adapt the figure of £9000 in line with any government increases. Policy is renewed.**

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| Oxford University Genderless Campaign   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <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> |   |                        |

*To ensure there where there is gender-specific welfare, anyone who identifies as that gender is welcome without having their gender identity challenged;*

*To mandate the LGBTQ Representative to ensure that the above resolutions are followed;*

*To mandate the LGBTQ Representative to ensure that there is welfare in place for gender-neutral people;*

*To support the Genderless Campaign that is attempting to change wider university policy by removing gender-specific rules in all areas of the University.*

**No Objections. Policy is renewed.**

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| No More Page 3 Campaign  | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <i>The JCR will not provide the Sun daily newspaper in hall in support of the no page 3 campaign</i> |   |                        |

**Objections made. Campaign is finished, so doesn't make sense for this policy to exist anymore. Policy not renewed.**

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| LGBT History Month   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <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> |   |                        |

**Objections made. Why not make the policy stronger? Why should LGBT History be consigned to a month? More awareness may be raised in a dedicated month rather than a year, since it will get more attention. Policy is renewed.**

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| Investment in the Arms Trade   | Passed/renewed on: 25/1/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 25/1/17 |
| <i>The JCR objects to the University of Oxford's investment in the arms trade.</i> |   |                        |

**No objections. The University's pension fund invests in the arms trade. Policy is renewed.**

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| Anonymous Points of Debate  | Passed/renewed on: 22/2/15<br>By Motion | Due to Expire: 22/2/17 |
| <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, word-for-word and without their own opinion affecting tone or manner of address, in the JCR meeting at the appropriate moment.</i> |   |                        |

*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.*

**No objections. Policy is renewed.**

**The Independent Chair then proceeds to read through the current JCR Affiliations, Honorary Members and Ongoing and Unfulfilled Mandates one at a time.**

**The JCR renews its affiliation with OUSU.**

**The JCR renews all of its Honorary Members.**

**The JCR renews all of its Ongoing and Unfulfilled Mandates, except the one concerning Colette Parker, which is rejected.**

**Please consult the new JCR Policy Book to see all the resulting changes and their expiry dates.**

4. Statement motions for debate.

5. Items for discussion.

6. Any other business.

'Suspended Students' Rep' motion passed last term

It is agreed by the Chair and Secretary to include this motion in the next JCR meeting. If it passes then, the constitution will be duly updated, though in future the Secretary shall try to make sure that such motions are discussed at subsequent meetings.

Food for next JCR meeting

Savoury or sweet? JCR votes for savoury. (This vote being advisory, not binding.)