

St Hugh's JCR Meeting Minutes

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Number of JCR members attending: 66 (full JCR committee attending)

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee

President - Reetaza Chatterjee (jcr.president@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Had meeting with MCR presidents about combined JCR/MCR events;
- Sorted out some welfare issues;
- Met Magdalena with Tom about fridges issue;
- Prepped for Junior Dean meeting with Ben and Tirzah - meeting went well, we now have to gather case studies to do a proposal;
- Prepped St Hugh's anniversaries stuff which has been an absolute nightmare (got to eat free cake at the bake off though);
- Updated constitution for a new website;
- Communicating with other prezes for accessibility audits as part of the bigger Disabled Students campaign;

Vice-President - Tom Gibson (jcr.vicepresident@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Chats with Magdalena about fridges;
- Scheduled meeting with Rahele about meat free Mondays

Secretary - Hanna Baricic (jcr.secretary@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Went to OUSU Council meeting on Wednesday, fairly short and nothing of massive importance for St Hugh's discussed;
- Going to be helping with the updating of the constitution

Treasurer - Fabio Schneider (jcr.treasurer@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Updated the budget

International - Kwok Li Chen (jcr.international@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Nothing to report

LGBTQ - Dan Payne (jcr.lgbtq@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Nothing to report

Welfare and Equal Opportunities - Tirzah Barwick Ward & Ben Gibbons (jcr.femalewelfare@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk and jcr.malewelfare@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Delivered lots of lemsip;
- Moved more things to the committee room;
- Meeting with the new dean about the junior deans and their welfare role

Entz - Lydia Coxon and Jack Cooper (jcr.entz@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Hosted a film night on Saturday night, Luke kindly helped

Acc & Aff - Ben Peacock (jcr.acaf@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Had one school visit this week
- Talked about Reach scholars at the academic committee, college does not seem to be very keen on having them

Charities - Laura Caccia (jcr.charities@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Had another committee meeting and finalized ball layout and food;
- Set up bank account;
- Had meeting with the Dean, the Domestic Bursar, Sol and Andrew;
- Submitted motion for funding

Environment & Ethics - Gonzalo Linares (jcr.environment@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Started publicizing the Student Switch Off campaign;
- Solved some enquiries about recycling in communal areas, apparently they were not cleared during Freshers' week, but it has been addressed early this week

Sports and Societies - Charlie Melbourne (jcr.sports@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Women's football up and running

DODO - Dan de Wijze (jcr.dodo@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- We still need a cabinet in the JCR;
- We're going to switch to the new website this coming week if IT can organize themselves

First Year - Katie Shepherd (jcr.freshers@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk)

- Paid a few more invoices from freshers' week;

- Matriculation photos went smoothly;
- Freshers I've spoken to seem to have had a good first week

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

£800 for motions left this term.

3. Action motions for debate

Motion a. St Hugh's Charity Ball Funding

The JCR notes:

1. The St. Hugh's Charity Ball is an annual event organised by the Charities & Communities Representative and the Charity Ball Committee on the Friday of 6th week.
2. The St. Hugh's Charity Ball is one of the largest fundraising events in the College
3. This year, the event will raise money for the Oxford Rape Abuse and Crisis Centre, a collective of women based in Oxford and committed to supporting survivors of sexual abuse, rape, domestic abuse, and harassment.
4. The St. Hugh's Charity Ball has, in previous years, received a £400 grant from the JCR as its only source of pre-ticket income, which has allowed Committee members to pay up front for the goods and services it procures for the benefit of the Ball.
5. The St. Hugh's Charity Ball receives no financial support from St. Hugh's College.

The JCR Believes:

1. The St. Hugh's Charity Ball is a worthwhile investment from the JCR.
2. £400 is a fair amount of funding to provide in support of an event which benefits a large proportion of the St. Hugh's undergraduate body.
3. The JCR should continue its support of the St. Hugh's Charity Ball.

The JCR Resolves:

1. To grant the St. Hugh's Charity Ball committee £400 to assist in the organisation and procurement of entertainment, food and drink and raffle prizes.

Proposer: Laura Caccia

Seconder: James Brown

Short factual points:

Is the charity a RAG charity?

Laura: Yes it is, it is one of the local charities.

So therefore do you receive RAG money?

Laura: No, we only receive free use of the casino, and we distribute the funds to the charity.

Is there a specific reason why the charity ball doesn't receive financial support from the college?

Laura: I don't know, but we never have. Have asked college and they are not able to give to charity directly.

Points of debate:

None.

It is proposed to move to vote, voting proceeds.

57 votes for;

6 votes against;

3 abstentions.

The motion passes. This motion will also have to pass at the next meeting before the money will be granted.

Motion b. RAG Lost

The JCR Notes:

1. This year, Varsity RAG Lost is aiming to raise £12,000 for their nominated charities.
2. Each RAG Lost participant is required to raise £150, all of which will go to RAG charities, in addition to the £25 participation fee.

The JCR Believes:

1. Supporting both local and international charities via RAG is important to the student body
2. It is positive to support members of the JCR on charitable endeavours

The JCR resolves:

1. To contribute £50 towards the fundraising target for Hannah Taylor, participating in RAG Lost 2016

Proposed: Hannah Taylor

Seconded: Ana Pavlova

Short factual points:

What is RAG lost?

Hannah: We get dropped approx. 200 miles from Oxford and we have to get back to Oxford and complete various tasks.

Is the treasurer satisfied that this is legal?

Fabio: I cannot transfer money directly to RAG, but I can grant the proposer the money that they then further give to RAG. We can pass this motion conditional upon it being legal.

What is your strategy to raise the rest of the money?

Hannah: We will sell some clothes, sell krispy Kreme doughnuts, and figure out some other plans as well.

So you have to raise another £100, have you raised that?

Hannah: Have currently raised £60, but we are trying to raising more.

So you need this money to participate?

Hannah: If we don't raise it, we have to pay up the money personally.

What is the deadline?

Hannah: We start on th 5th November, then we have approximately a week after that.

Is your team from St Hugh's?

Hannah: No, my teammate is from Worcester, and they haven't given him any money.

Will anyone else from Hugh's do it?

Hannah: Not that I would know.

Points of debate:

Ben G: Is there any possibility of at the next meeting amending the total amounts going towards RAG, e.g. £350 for the Charity Ball and £50 towards this effort. It's quite early in term and it would be a big choice to give this much to the same fgroup of charities at the 1st meeting of term.

Laura: We really need the £400 money for the ball, we could combine the proceeds towards Hannah's RAG Lost project.

Hannah: I am happy to do that if it comes before our deadline.

Fabio: The motion money is intended to do certain things for the JCR. We have a separate charity budget - perhaps it would be better to do this from the charity account.

This motion is withdrawn.

Motion c. Alternative prospectus and amendments of the constitution

The JCR Notes:

1. In early July 2016 hughs-we-are.com launched, offering a brand new online

alternative prospectus to potential applicants to St Hugh's College.

2. Appendix A of the JCR constitution at A9.e.vi. currently states that the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Representative should: "work with the JCR Secretary to produce and/or update the Alternative Prospectus, to complement the College's Undergraduate Prospectus, which should be produced no later than 5th week of Trinity Term of each even year".

3. Appendix A of the JCR constitution at A9.c.xiii. currently states that the JCR Secretary should: "work with the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Representative to produce and/or update the Alternative Prospectus, to complement the College's Undergraduate Prospectus, which should be produced no later than 5th week of Trinity Term of each even year".

The JCR Believes:

1. Due to the change in the manner that the alternative prospectus has been produced, the clauses outlined about now fulfil no purpose.
2. That a new clause should be in place into Appendix A of the Constitution that mandates the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Representative to maintain and publicise hughs-we-are.com.

The JCR Resolves:

1. To replace clause A9.c.xiii with the words: "Intentionally left blank".
2. To replace clause A9.e.vi with the words: "To maintain and publicise the JCR's online alternative prospectus 'hughs-we-are.com' at access and admissions events in college and external to college. In maintaining the alternative prospectus, the AccAff should communicate with the College Access and Admissions Officer regarding changes and additions to the content on the website."

Proposer: Benjamin Peacock

Seconded: Hanna Baricic

Short factual points:

None.

Points of debate:

None.

Move to vote, voting proceeds.

54 votes for;

None against;

4 abstentions.

The motion passes, but will need to pass in the next meeting as well to be carried out.

Motion d. Careers rep

The JCR Notes:

1. 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
2. Many members of the JCR are only exposed to industries that are advertised to them through friends or departments
3. This is very limiting in terms of being able to achieve a wholesome and unbiased view on career prospects
4. Similarly, the JCR does not have full access to information regarding college alumni and their career trajectories

The JCR Believes:

1. Students of the college should be able to have access to information regarding alumni and their respective career paths
2. 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
3. Not all students are aware of the internship and work experience opportunities that are offered by the University through the careers service
4. Only students with a direct subscription to the careers service are able to access this information
5. 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:

1. The committee should implement a new role titled 'Careers Officer'
2. 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
3. The officer will be required to subsume career related responsibilities from the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Officer (AccAff)
4. To add the following into the JCR constitution:

The JCR Careers Officer shall:

- i. Advise JCR Members of the career support services available to them;
- ii. Maintain contact or rather establish contact with alumni who may be of interest to JCR Members;
- iii. Seek to represent JCR career concerns and interests at all relevant forums in College;
- iv. Represent individual Members of the JCR in matters regarding employment and career prospects, when reasonably requested to do so by the Member concerned;

- v. Assist with JCR input into University wide career events;
- vi. Work with the College Development office to produce a prospectus of alumni destinations;
- vii. Liaise with the relevant College Officials to organise at least two careers events during their time in office;
- viii. Be responsible for providing careers information to the JCR via email and/or via notice boards and the JCR website

Proposer: Olayemi Eso

Seconded: Reetaza Chatterjee

Short factual points:

The person supposed to coordinate this is the AccAff, however I have been receiving a lot of requests to deal with careers events, since this is not my official scope of work. It is very difficult to organize this and it might be easier if somebody else took over this.

Is there a precedent at other colleges?

Yes.

How large are the JCR committees with such roles?

Our committee is really small, so most of the time other college committees might involve up to 40 people.

Do they have the same level of reward?

No.

JCR believes point 4. That only students with direct access get information?

This was relevant for Careers Connect.

We can't get in touch with alumni, only they can get in touch with us - can this be negotiated?

The development office is happy to be the middle man between us and alumni - this is their job.

The Data Protection Act governs them giving out emails.

Points of debate:

Ben Peacocks (AcAff): Since this is under my role already, I would like to make a few points:

- Whenever I think of adding someone to the JCR committee, I think about whether there is a need for such a role. Often attendance is quite scarce, like for example with Moodoo. We should think about whether there is a proper need or should I step up my role and send out a list of events. Would this be efficient.

George: Not sure if this should be a student's job - maybe we could put more pressure on college to organize such things.

Tom Barringer: Perhaps specifically these points made should be seen as a way to put more effort into this. It would alleviate the pressure from Ben, and would be quite useful for us as most of us will be looking at jobs at some point.

Having a college rep might be difficult as a student won't have the same skill set as the people who are paid to do it. I could not give the same advice. The most qualified people should be giving out advice.

People in the JCR as students - some students might feel it easier to get in touch with students.

This is a liaison role and it is difficult for the president to deal with all of this.

We could perhaps add some of these responsibilities to other JCR committee members.

Sometimes not enough attention is being drawn to the career opportunities, but should we really appoint a new member.

What I am trying to argue is that probably I should be stepping up to my responsibilities. (Ben P.)

It might be enough for you now, but could the new rep might not be able to handle it all on their own.

Proposition to move to vote:

34 for moving to vote

13 against moving to vote

Reetz proposes an anonymous online vote; so this is how voting will proceed.

4. Statement motions for debate

Motion a. Fine with 99

The JCR Notes:

1. Fine with 99 aims to be a multi-college initiative where students working as interview admissions helpers are given the opportunity, with one click, to give 1% of their earnings to Oxford RAG charities and, as the slogan goes, be fine with the rest.
 - a. This is an optional, opt-in agreement.
 - b. The exact mechanism of this is still undecided, but will involve an agreement between students and RAG.

The JCR Believes:

1. It's easy to be Fine with 99: giving away under five pounds of your payroll of over three hundred pounds (judging by last year's payroll) is a pretty small commitment.
2. It's meaningful if you're Fine with 99: to take one of the RAG charities as an example, just \$1.26 given to the Schistosomiasis [shist-oh-soh-my-ass-iss] Control Initiative can provide the medicine to cure a child of schistosomiasis. 1% of your payroll could cure a child. It could also, in addition, cure two more.
3. Fine with 99 could have lasting good effects: once someone starts payroll giving, it's likely that they will continue to give to charity via payroll in the long term.
4. Every St Hugh's JCR member working on interviews should have the opportunity to be Fine with 99.

The JCR Resolves:

1. To endorse the Fine with 99 initiative, assist in the implementation and promotion of Fine with 99 in college in any way the JCR Committee deem reasonable.

Proposer: Tom Barringer

Secunder: Charlie Axtell

Short factual points:

What are the logistics of this? Just taken off your paycheck?

Tom: Thinking about a direct debit analogy.

Is this opt in?

Tom: Yes.

Points of debate:

Tom: I would like your support on this because I have approached RAG and OUSU, my next step is to approach JCRs and it would be great if I could say that my college endorses me as well.

Will be going to online voting as this is a statement motion.

5. Items for discussion

6. Any other business

George: I would like to suggest a working group. Will be talking to the proposer and secunder. Perhaps we should discuss this further with the AccAff taking the lead.

Formal warning to Laura due to breaches of the constitution.

If anyone has any complaints about the gym, Charlie will be talking to college about the state of it, so contact him with regards to this.

The JCR Sandwich Club will be on soon, come to it!

Entz reps are looking to find someone to liaise with club nights and buy tickets for the JCR.