



Minutes

of the 1st ordinary JCR meeting of Trinity Term 2011

Meeting Details: Monday of 2nd Week
7pm, Jesus College JCR.

Key to motions:

- 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
- 2. MATTERS ARISING
- 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-OUSU COUNCIL: ARGUING FOR RENT FREEZES BUT JESUS' ALREADY DONE, SO NO EFFECT
-GB APPROVED 6.25% INCREASE IN HALL CHARGE

-ACADEMIC DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES: BEING CHANGED BUT NO DETAILS...

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

-DVD LIBRARY OPEN AND RUNNING- CAN TAKE UP TO 5. STILL TRIAL PROCESS- EMAIL OWEN WITH ANY FEEDBACK. MAKE MORE DVD RECOMMENDATIONS, ORDERS GOING OUT THIS WEEK.
-EXPENSES CLAIM: EMAIL OLLIE FOR CLAIMS, DON'T JUST STICK RECEIPTS IN PIDGE
-FINANCIAL MOTIONS SHOULD GO TO OLLIE FIRST TO CHECK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL VIABILITY

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

-FINALISTS YEARBOOKS: DEADLINE FRIDAY
-JCR PHOTOS FROM 12 NOON THURS

6. OUSU REPORT

-Maintenance loans frozen
-New fees confirmed at 9000. Hugely increased bursaries
-1.5m more in outreach, more than rest of country
-Living Wage Campaign official campaign- Jesus signed up.
-Bike Rental Scheme: bikes ordered, starting up soon.

7. SOCIAL REPORT

-HERTFORD JOINT BOP: SATURDAY 3RD WEEK
-SOMERVILLE GARDEN PARTY: THIS SAT. FREE! 2-6PM

8. WELFARE REPORT

-Welfare meeting this Weds: any issues to raise?
-Publicising other Peer Support Officers in College

9. ACCESS & CAREERS REPORT

-ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS: BAR PAGE, DIFF SPORTS, DAY IN THE LIFE

10. DIVERSITIES REPORT

11. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REPORT

-2 NEW NZ STUDENTS FROM CANTERBURY IN COLLEGE FOR A TERM. BE FRIENDLY...

-WELFARE MEETING ON WEDS: ISSUES TO RAISE?

12. ARTS REPORT

13. SPORTS REPORT

-SPORTSPERSONS DINNER TOMORROW: SIGN UP ENDS 10AM. FIRST YEARS JOIN IN BAR

14. CHARITIES REPORT

-DODGEBALL: SUN 3RD (TEAMS OF 6)
-FIREWALKING...GET SPONSORED?
-STEVENS GARDEN PARTY, SAT 6TH. BBQ, DRINKS, ICE CREAM

15. GREEN REPORT

-COMPOST ARRIVED AT BARTS (BEHIND LAUNDRY ROOM)

16. BAR AND FOOD REPORT

-Open Mic Night on Thurs

17. IT REPORT

-Website exists!! Send Dave content.
-JCR Computers sorted

18. QUESTIONING

19. MCR GUEST NIGHT

This JCR notes:

- i) MCR
- ii) Guest Night
- iii) Formal Formal



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- iv) Thursday 9TH June (6th Week)
- v) JCR

This JCR further notes:

- vi) That the i) wish to hold a ii) in iii) on iv)
- vii) That though the v) have got rid of their ii) the i) would like to continue with their own ii), to subsidise meals and make it cheaper to bring people
- vii) That the i) would appreciate it if v) members agreed not to sign up for iii) on iv)

This JCR therefore proposes:

To request that members of the v) do not sign up to iii) on iv)

Proposed: Benjamin Winter
Seconded: Yoon Hur

For: Majority
Against: -
Abstentions:-

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

20. TABLE TENNIS TABLE

This JCR Notes:

- i) Game of Table tennis
- ii) Table tennis table
- iii) College

- iv) £300
- v) £35
- vi) Bats and Balls

This JCR Further notes:

- vii) Many members of the JCR would enjoy a relaxing i).
- viii) The current location of the ii) outside of iii) makes it inconvenient for many to have a i).

This JCR therefore Proposes:

ix) To spend iv) on buying a second ii) for the JCR to keep in iii), as well as v) for vi) that would allow all members of the JCR to enjoy a convenient and relaxing i)

Proposed: Christian Shepherd
Seconded: Jonathon Greenway

For: Majority
Against: 6
Abstentions: 12

MOTION PASSES

21. SPEEDOS (OH GOD PLEASE NO)

This JCR notes:

- (i) The Jesus College Tanning Team
- (ii) Green speedos
- (iii) a sum up to £100

- (iv) Busy Finalists
- (v) The JCR Sports Rep
- (vi) the JCR photo and sports photos which will be taking place this coming thursday.

This JCR further notes:

- (vii) That the (i) lack (ii).
- (viii) that a vast majority of (i) are (iv)

This JCR therefore proposes:

To provide the (v) with (iii) to purchase (ii) for the (i) so that the (i) will look proper sexy for (vi). As a result of this action, (v) will be provided with an honorary entry into (i).

Proposed: Sir Tanalot the Hairy
Seconded: Tanethor, Steward of the Glistening Ab.

Amendment:

- ii) Green speedos or green speedo bikini equivalents

AMENDMENT VOTE:

For: 40
Against: 3
Abstentions: 1

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AMENDED MOTION VOTE:

For: 16
Against: Majority
Abstentions: 12

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22. LEAF BLOWERS

This JCR Notes:

- i) Young People
- ii) Body Clocks
- iii) Jesus College Gardeners and Maintenance Staff
- iv) Lawn Mowers and Leaf Blowers.
- v) 11 o'clock in the morning
- vi) Very Annoying.

This JCR Further Notes

- vii) That it is scientifically documented that
 - i) have ii) that work in funny ways, causing a substantial proportion of i) to wish to sleep very often until about v)
- viii) The vast majority of JCR members are
 - i)
- ix) That iii) have an in built desire to use iv) outside the windows of flats at Barts and Stevens well before v), which is vi).

This JCR Proposes:

- x) That the JCR President should ask the Home Bursar to stop iii) using iv) before 5.

Proposed: Bobby Sharp
Seconded: Sara Reguilon

Neither proposer present:

Proposal taken up by: Katie Millican
Seconded by: Haydn Thomas

For: 17
Against: 27
Abstentions: 16

MOTION FAILS

23. OPT-OUT SYSTEM

This JCR notes:

- (i) The current opt-out system
- (ii) An online opt-out system

This JCR further notes:

- (iii) That the JCR charities fund donation, Entz levy, Punts levy, and various other charges are coordinated using
 - (i)
- (iv) (i) is not very good. It puts people off expressing their

- (v) true wishes, is indiscreet, unreliable, and often doesn't happen at all
 - (ii) would be much better; in particular a system incorporating pages on the college intranet, termly reminder emails, security (using the Oxford SSO login), anonymity (from jesu##### usernames and handling by a minimal number of people) and an inability for any JCR member to view the choices of others.

This JCR therefore proposes:

- (vi) To request college to instate an online opt-out system as described in (v)

Proposed: Katie Millican
Seconded: Ross Evans

For: Majority
Against: 7
Abstentions: 9

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23. GAZA SCHOLARSHIP BATTELS SYSTEM



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This JCR notes:

- i) The Gaza Scholarship
- ii) Opt Out
- iii) Members of the JCR
- iv) Forgetful
- v) Opt in
- vi) Opting in

This JCR further notes:

- vii) That i), which has been voted in by iii) is currently due to take the form of an ii) system
- viii) That many iii) are iv) and may be unaware of how to ii) and so may end up being charged for a fund they do not wish to pay
- ix) That next year's incoming freshers will not have been given a choice, and may feel intimidated about opting out
- x) That many iii) *do* wish to contribute to i), and will therefore v) when given the chance
- xi) That this would ensure that those who are vi) are only those iii) who *do* wish to contribute and therefore that i) truly does represent the views of iii)

It therefore proposes:

- xii) To implement an v) system for i) rather than an ii) system, so that College is enriched with the presence of many iii) vi), and no iii) end up paying for something they do not wish to contribute to

Proposed: Alina Blain
Seconded: Clarissa McMaster

SECRET BALLOT?

Secret Ballot now: 7
Secret Ballot with whole JCR/MCR later:
Public Ballot now: Majority

For: 53
Against: 103
Abstentions: 6

MOTION FAILS

Issues:

ALINA:
-Forgetfulness: Resentment on finding payments on battels you weren't aware of paying for.
Likely to target majority of neutral/indifferent JCR members to issue

-Opting-in: shows CONSCIOUS decision.
Opting-out would account more for forgetful people. Better for scholarship to have conscious, willing support behind it. Majority of JCR members seem to support cause, shouldn't realistically fail.

EMILY:
-Terms of initiative, including opt-out scheme explicitly detailed in the discussions of the original meeting

-Opt-in and opt-out systems have very different take up rates- research show schemes eg pensions get far lower take-ups in opt-in > opt-out systems

-Opt-out system agreed on in November not suffering potential problems - excluding unwilling freshers?
Eg Teddy Hall- document in freshers' packs, can decide whether to opt-in/opt-out

-Anonymous opting-out, especially in light of new motion for online opt-out system

-'Forgetfulness': reminders sent out

-Not binding agreement- can refund if paid mistakenly. Flexibility for opting-out, entire scheme won't collapse from a few opt-outs.

-About different nature of way people respond to opt-in and opt-out: weak standpoint when taken to Governing Body, proposal going in on terms agreed in the original motion (was strong with original motion vote, undermines credibility)

-MCR PRESIDENT:
-Opt-out: standard procedure for charities etc.
-Likely to fail due to uncertainties in numbers of JCR/MCR members getting involved within an opt-in system.
-MCR votes: 24 for, 4 against, 6 abstentions.
Majority- would be disappointing to have this voice and 6 months of work (since passing of original motion) undermined by possible implications of amendment



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OPEN FLOOR:

-Governing Body originally raised arguments about the opt-out system in regards to the JCR Fresher Meetings with the Welfare Officer; to try change this motion to opt-in send bad message, seems to retract equally applicable arguments made for changing opt-in -> opt-out for Welfare Meetings.

- £2.75 refundable, not huge contribution...

-Opt-in system much more effort- Opt-out assumes majority want it (as shown by original JCR motion). Adhering to JCR voice, making it easier.

-Emphasis on amount of work already put in should be irrelevant to implementation of actual payment system. Separate issue (though obviously it affects).

-MCR: 24/260 members passed. Majority, but apathetic nature adds to 'forgetfulness' argument. Especially evident in MCR. Opt-in would give much better representation of actual MCR voice. Many reminders etc sent, yet still > 10% votes. Not fully representative. Opt-in would show more accurate view. Governing body aware of general mood of apathy.

-Assuming scholarship still passes through with opt-in system- atmosphere for scholar himself? Awareness his stay relies on support of just a few people? Uncomfortable, unnecessary.

-Assumption of forgetfulness questions JCR ability to respond to simple procedures eg reminders.

-Governing Body etc aware of general apathy: opt-in system should take into account less people ARE likely to make the extra effort when general indifference has been shown before (eg generally low JCR Meeting attendance, specific MCR meeting example when original motion was passed)

-Issue of opt-in vs opt-out already voted on before regarding Freshers' welfare meeting provisions. Take away specificity of Gaza Scholarship, and issue has already been discussed by JCR with reflective consensus.

-Opt-out much more reflective of actual JCR view- takes extra effort. Really dealing with those on the fence > those for or against.

-Can 52% really warrant vast majority? Estimating 80% of students to opt-in to make scheme financially successful. Minimum student contribution NEEDED – sponsor funding dependent no guarantee. Can figures really correlate?

-Gaza Committee already found sponsor. Main issue not about money but about showing genuine support. Implications of motion – college needs to show it is a genuine consensus. Money link makes opt-in system the only real indicator of genuine support.

-Do we really get reminders about opting-out? Already very busy. Genuine apathy not accurate enough system for an issue with such political implications.

-Opt-out more suitable for JCR functions/systems, more likely to benefit wider body. POLITICAL ISSUE.

-Need funding to continue over longer period, new freshers etc not present in current debates, more removed from issue. Not about the £2.75

-FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE: ABOUT OPT-IN AND OPT-OUT. (Well done Harry.)

-Consistency of systems? Should make all JCR systems opt-in OR opt-out for equality? BUT punts/entz etc of completely different nature...

26.	ANNOUNCEMENTS PERIOD
27.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
28.	NEXT MEETING

Yoon Hur
JCR Secretary, 11/5/11