



AGENDA

of the 4th ordinary JCR meeting of Hilary Term 2014

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- None

2. MATTERS ARISING

- None

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Tomorrow night - Leo is going to a session to learn about the facilities that suspended students have access to and therefore being able to bring this issue to college. Leo wants to fight for the right for rusticated students to use college facilities.
- Leo has academic committee this week.
- OUSU council is happening this week. A point of discussion for today's meeting: the NUS referendum. Last time OUSU affiliated with NUS, it was agreed that there would be a referendum every year. There is a suggestion about whether it is easier to have a referendum or to discuss the matters in JCRs. Some people believe referendums would not have a good turnout.
 - Sam F - The JCR is not representative. People are more likely to click on a vote on the internet.
 - Andrew R - Turnout was less than 1% last year. Turnouts is horrendous either way.
 - Leo G - referendum would be a big effort for people involved.
 - Alex P - whatever we do, we should discuss it in the JCR anyway.
 - Chris Y - how expensive is the online referendum?
 - Andrew R - The cost is not the issue but a referendum would take a lot of time and effort. A lot of the sabbatical officers we pay would be wasting their time.
 - Leo G conducts a poll:
 - 23 for
 - 0 against
 - Therefore, Leo will go to OUSU council and state that Jesus JCR are against the referendum and that the JCR would rather discuss the affiliation with NUS in JCR meetings.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Alex P has an update on Sky: He has been in contact with Sky. He is considering a complete re-wiring. He states that the JCR have a savings account and that an engineer coming out on Wednesday. Hopefully the JCR can avoid re-wiring costs. This would be worthwhile, and preferable to short-term fixes. If anyone disagrees, let Alex know.
 - Emilia B - asks if there is any way for Sky to reimburse the college for costs that have been paid while Sky has been broken?
 - Alex P - he will look into it.
- He is in the process of sorting out punting schemes and if anyone want to opt out, charges will be taken off battels.
- Newspaper subscriptions coming out soon and will be looking to see people's opinions on papers.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Nominations for Social Sec, Entz Rep and Charities ballot open. The deadline for applications is Monday at 5pm.

6. OUSU REPORT

- OUSU Council is taking place on Wednesday at St Peters College. At the meeting, there'll be a motion about Exeter Hall Boycott.

7. SOCIAL REPORT



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- Sam F - Cockdance is on Tuesday. Sign up is live now. £20 a ticket. Starts at Varsity at 8pm. Prosecco and Canopé reception. Four cocktails. 3/4 DJs. All move en masse from 11:30pm with free entry to Camera.
 - Diego - Is there free queue jump/entry to camera?
 - Free entry to Camera as well as queue jump.
 - Sam F - Sign up by Friday. Black tie. On Battels.
- Millie B - Entz rep won't get commission. (To be brought up in a motion later on.) She has booked Freshers Week tickets. Provisionally got tickets for all the nights. Want to know opinions on how many tickets she will need.

8. WELFARE REPORT

- Flossie - Wel-fairy has started. With regards to requests, she asks for people to try to keep one per person as she has received a large quantity of requests already.
- Flossie - Celebration of Women's week this week. At Phoenix Picture house this week, there'll be some films shown.
- Sam - Sign ups for Adopt a Finalist. Midnight on Saturday is the deadline. Will allocate people to 'Finalists' i.e. people doing last exams at Jesus. Any four year course and for example, third year chemists. But not e.g. second year medics etc.

9. ACCESS REPORT.

- Sue Morris wants helpers to talk to students visiting.
- Organising Alternative Prospectuses. Theo Jones is helping her with formatting and editing. Will be done by Michaelmas 2014.
- Asked college for funding. Becca wants to know whether the JCR would be willing to pay for the prospectuses.
 - Leo - how much?
 - Becca - approx. £300.
 - JCR responds positively.

10. ACADEMIC REPORT

- Running the Academic Feedback sessions in the JCR conservatory this week.
- Sent an email about a women's open day at All Souls, Friday at 5pm. Want more applications from women, specifically, Jesus women. Will be good to get application numbers up.

11. EQUAL OPPS REPORT

- Equal Opps week went well. Look out for more equal opps emails from Dougie.

12. ARTS REPORT

- Nothing to report from Lydia.

13. SPORTS REPORT

- Lucy unable to attend.
- Organising a sports day in the summer, perhaps joint with the MCR. Sack races etc. when the weather is good.

14. CHARITIES REPORT

- Nothing to report. Did not attend.

15. GREEN REPORT

- Nothing to report. Did not attend.



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16. BAR AND FOOD REPORT

- Thursday - maybe a table football competition.
- Motion coming in about a jukebox.

17. IT REPORT

- Thanks for wifi responses. They've gone to the IT department who are going to start working on them.

18. QUESTIONING PERIOD

- Joel N - development with putting up posters in rooms?
 - Leo G - Still a no. Going to bring up at next accommodations committee. Until then, boards should be used only. Will try to debate a bit more.

19. JCR ENRICHMENT

This JCR notes:

- (i) That the JCR should be a fun, engaging, and supportive environment that students feel comfortable with.
- (ii) That JCR members can often feel as though the JCR is not working for them when motions requesting large sums of money are rejected.
- (iii) That it is important that the JCR works to ensure all members of the college are brought together for certain causes and events to maintain our reputation as a friendly college.
- (iv) That it is also important that the JCR is prudent with the funds it has available and should not pass all financial motions.

It therefore proposes:

To provide the JCR Vice-President with the sum of £1000 to set aside for interesting proposals that all JCR members can enjoy. Across Trinity Term any JCR members who have a proposal for how this £1000 should be spent should submit this to the Vice-President, these proposals will be read out at JCR Meetings. At the end of Trinity Term, the JCR will vote on which proposal (if any) the £1000 should be allocated to.

Proposed: Alex Proudfoot

Seconded: Jessie Tucker

- Alex P: Something that was in his manifesto. Enliven college. People past small, funny motions. When motions come in asking for big money, it is rejected as it is too much. Would be better to put money aside. People would feel happier that motions asking for big money could be accepted. People would put forward ideas, at the meetings, people could explain what they would put the money towards. At the end of term (or start of MT), all of the JCR can vote on what they want the money to go towards. We can fund this, as we do have money. In having such a big motion, we'd save a lot of money on smaller motions that get passed. Would draw in more members of all ages of college. We can amend it etc.
 - Sam F - Wider issue of how much money the JCR have? There isn't really a knowledge how much money we have.
 - Alex P - Our annual budget is 24k but obscured by other costs. If people want to know general budget, he can send it out again. Don't want to be sending out accounts every week. £1000 is something we can do, if we are saving on the smaller motions.
 - Sam F - Any reason why we'd wait until MT?
 - Alex P - So new Freshers can get involved, but then 3rd years can get involved. Up for debate.



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- Chris Y - Reduce smaller motions? There is no bar on smaller motions? (Alex - no).
 - Alex P - We do spend money on engaging things, less keen to pass smaller motions which seem a bit silly. Want people to know that the JCR is trying to be fun and interesting
- Sam F - Worry that people's motions will be delayed until MT?
 - Leo G - Vote at the end of term.
 - Alex P - It doesn't bar smaller motions, if it's a good way to spend money - can do that as well. If there are no options for the £1000, then the money can go somewhere else, such as bops.
- Charley S - Could it be split between two things? e.g. £500 each.
 - Alex P - open for debate. £1000 = something really big. Good attention. £500 = fun event, but £1000 has potential to do something really exciting.

Vote:

29 for

0 against

2 abstentions

Motion passes

20. LAUNDRY CONGESTION

This JCR notes:

- (i) That despite abundance of machines, queues build up when loads are not shifted promptly
- (ii) That this results in complication of time-management and general frustration
- (iii) That less patient Jesubites' current resort (namely: remove clean clothes to dirty surface i.e. top of machines) is unsanitary, expensive for those who feel the need to re-wash, risks the loss of items and is generally uncondusive to good-will.
- (iv) That it is unrealistic to expect everyone to care/remember about being prompt

This JCR further notes:

- (i) That six white boxes cost £33.65 on Amazon
- (ii) That with box of whiteboard pens £40 should suffice
- (iii) That Hannah and Georgina volunteer to order/organize.
- (iv) That really there should be one of those soap-dispenser thingamies by the laundry sink to augment this quest for cleanliness, but this seems too complicated.

It therefore proposes:

To provide Hannah Baron up to £40 to purchase six largish clear plastic stacking boxes and some washable white-board pens. These to be kept on laundry room window-sill/above the machines (out of the way) and finished loads to be removed to boxes – labelled with appropriate number – and stored therein by all who wish not to queue whilst remaining respectful.

Proposed: Hannah Baron

Seconded: Georgina Thurlby

- Hannah B - has nothing further to add.



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- Emilia B - what about Stevens and Barts?
 - Leo G - could trial it there.
- Charley S - Local hardware store where you could get them cheaper?
- Diego - Why is boxes cleaner?
 - Hannah - Keeps laundry separate.
- Andrew R - How to stop people from taking them back to their rooms.
 - Hannah - No idea.
- Dougie - Make sure you let scouts know.
- Tim Bell has found 6 30L boxes for £15 from Argos.
 - Hannah - That is fine.
 - Leo G - So this will go to Stevens also.
- The JCR members present agree to give 6 boxes and pens/whiteboard to both Stevens and college to trial this.

Vote:

28 for

2 abstentions

0 against

Motion passes

21. JUKEBOX

This JCR notes:

- (i) That the Jukebox is old, and people want new tracks.

It therefore proposes:

To spend up to £200/term to cover the extra cost of a new digital jukebox, with 10,000 tracks, and 400 new tracks every 2 weeks, which we can choose.

Proposed: Dafydd Roberts-Harry

Seconded: Katie Weekes

- Daf - Found one which is 5,000 songs, 100 every month, would be a lot less, JCR would not pay anything. 30,000 or is 5,000 enough? Depends if we are willing to find money for better jukebox.
 - Leo G - 5,000 sounds good amount.
 - Alex P - Ability to update is good.
 - Chris Y - renting?
 - Daf - Renting it at the moment, so if we break it, it can be fixed. 200 quid more per term for a fancier one. Or the 5,000 song one, which is the same price as what we are paying now which college would pay.
- Elena - Who picks the new tracks?
 - Daf - do a survey
- Eddie - Do we have an indication of what 5,000 songs are?
 - Daf - Top 40s. Will speak to the necessary people more.
- Poll:
 - 5,000 songs one better:
 - Majority.

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously



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22. EXETER-JESUS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: SOME CULINARY SUCCOUR

This JCR notes:

- (i) That Exeter College is our sworn enemy
- (ii) That Exeter College is not going to be a very good sworn enemy if they are paying over 4 times as much for college food than Jesus College - Exeter is the most expensive college in Oxford in this respect. (They pay £840 per year as overhead – ours is £180 if you're living in college.)
- (iii) That Exeter College students are currently holding a Hall boycott.
- (iv) That Exeter College authorities have not been at all cooperative in negotiating changes to hall charges.
- (v) That conflict with an enemy that is underfed is an unfair conflict.
- (vi) That aiding our sworn enemy in this particular circumstance would be an honourable thing to do because their current predicament is appalling.

It therefore proposes:

To send a 'welfare tea- style' hamper* to Exeter College up to the price of a normal welfare tea at Jesus as a symbol of Jesus' support for Exeter's hall boycott. This small show of support is obviously not intended to/nor shall solve Exeter's food problems, rather, the act should resonate throughout the University, working to highlight the unfair costs some students face; this will make it clear that Jesus strongly opposes such extortionate charges.

To reassure Exeter, by accompanying letter, the following:-

- (1) That the hamper is not poisoned
- (2) That they remain our sworn enemy, despite our sympathetic concern for their financial troubles.

* 'hamper' is synonymous with 'a number of Tesco's shopping bags' in this instance.

Proposed: Douglas Cameron-Hobbs

Seconded: Andrew Rogers

At the meeting, this motion was preceded by the following motion as it was deemed more logical

- Doug - Follow up motion to other motion, more light-hearted. Show we are feeling for them. Fun idea that shows that we really do care.
 - Flossie - £40 is normal welfare tea price. Perhaps more than that?
 - Eddie S - Where would it go? Leave it outside?
- Becca C - When would we give it to them?
 - Doug - Their welfare tea is Sunday also so mid-week?
 - Flossie H - we could email welfare reps.
- Laura N - Perhaps fund the mass dinners that they are making?
- Hugo Markland - give bread and fish, keep to namesake tradition.
 - Emilia B - would be a snarky/sly gesture.
 - Becca - Make £40 worth of tuna sandwiches.
- Leo G - Tesco value pitta and tuna. Would go a long way.
 - Emilia - what about vegans?
- Elena - Would defy the point.
- Leo G - not serious. Would be nice to give them goodies, raise morale.
- Andrew R - They have a sign, what would Jesus College do? This shows that we are a good example to follow.
- "Jesus, feeding the 500"
- Leo G - Go into college first with bread and fish and then bring actual food?

Vote:



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23. SUPPORT FOR EXETER

This JCR notes:

- (i) Exeter is ranked bottom in Oxford for living costs and is the most expensive undergraduate College in Oxford, with annual living-in battels totalling over £4000: 20% higher than the median.
- (ii) As a way of raising awareness of their dissatisfaction amongst the SCR, and to state their opposition to the high cost of living, Exeter students have been boycotting Hall and staging regular protests for the past fortnight.
- (iii) High living costs have a considerable effect on Access success, and Exeter receives one of the lowest numbers of state school applications – Exeter Access helpers claim that Exeter's battels put off prospective students.
- (iv) Reduced hall turnout need not lead to staff cuts, as their pay is guaranteed by the catering charge which College levies on all Exonians regardless of hall use.

This JCR believes:

- (v) The £840 p.a catering charge for students living in is obscenely high. Students living out (that is, half of the JCR and almost all of the MCR) pay approximately £370 p.a and may never once use Hall.
- (vi) College did not negotiate properly on rent last year and have been completely intransigent on the catering charge issue. Further discussion with College is futile until they start listening.
- (vii) Rising living costs affect all students.

This JCR resolves:

To express support of Exeter's student common rooms in their struggle.

To call on Exeter College to shoulder more of the burden for Hall running costs.

To investigate opportunities for Exeter students to eat in Jesus' hall for the duration of their strike

Proposed: Joel Nelson

Seconded: Nick Cooke

- Joel N - Show solidarity with Exeter and try to support them in their struggle. Would send a positive message
 - Leo G - Serious issue that colleges are paying such high costs.
- Eva S - Point (iv) - the cutting of the hall charge is essentially firing people.
- Sam F - Shouldn't pay money for jobs that aren't needed.
- Sam S - Last point of motion about them coming to Jesus hall?
 - Joel - Want to ask college to let Exeter use hall after 12:30.
 - Leo G - Joel and Leo will work together on this issue.
- Chris Y - In first year, his battels were over £4000. We should support them, but would look into how expensive it is to live in Jesus still. For Access reasons, it can put people off. We should look in Jesus situation.
 - Leo G - Every college has different ways of dealing with things, but it seems that Exeter is so far above every other college.
 - Eddie S - Exeter - bottom college, how close are they to the second bottom college? Is this a more widespread issue in Oxford?
 - Leo G - difficult to rank colleges. Will try and look into it.
 - Dougie CH - If colleges are similar to Exeter - start off with one, ripple effect. Change for lots of other colleges.
- Sam F - What is the average meal cost at Exeter?
 - Leo G - with hall charge, about 7/8 quid.



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- Sam F - meals are expensive at Jesus but low charges in hall.
 - Charlie H - Big difference for people who do not eat in hall.
- Emilia D - How will this implicate Jesus when they come to eat in our hall?
 - Joel N - will speak to people who run hall.
 - Sam F - perhaps a hall sign up system.
 - Eddie - Get a list - have people from Jesus to put it on their battels. Would solve the co-ordination problem.

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously

24. ENTZ REP COMMISSION

This JCR notes:

- (i) That there has never been a clear designation for the commission made from Entz rep- sold tickets.
- (ii) That the Entz rep is a JCR elected position, and therefore the use of this commission should directly benefit JCR members.
- (iii) That the most popular option amongst JCR members was to sell tickets at their face value price, without commission.

It therefore proposes:

That from now on, the elected Entz Rep sells tickets at their price without commission, saving money for JCR members going on nights out.

Proposed: Emilia Belli

Seconded: Jessica Rodger

- Lydia - will the Entz rep next term have to do this?
 - Leo G - Make it official at next constitutional meeting of next term.
- Sam F - £3.50 a ticket?
 - Emilia - Essentially yes, unless prices rise.
- Becca - what happened before?
 - Emilia - unsure.

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously

COCKDANCE

This JCR notes:

- (i) That Cockdance is a fun event that every JCR member can attend.
- (ii) That £500 would supplement tickets for JCR members
- (iii) That Cockdance will be fun

This JCR proposes:

To give Sam Flahive up to £500 to go towards the running of Cockdane next week.

Proposed: Sam Flahive

Seconded: Matt Knight



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- Sam F - Sounds like £500 towards Cockdance. Need people to buy tickets. Lots of college go to it. £500 seems fair. Hall sign up is now live.
 - Becca - Not everyone does sign up - then we would have to spend the money?
 - Sam F - If less than 200 people come then we would pay. But this seems unlikely. Motion is for just in case more than 200 people do not come.

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS PERIOD

- None

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Eddie - Can we change change photo on the last slide?
 - Matt K - Will look into a different picture.

27. NEXT MEETING

- 2nd week - even weeks in Trinity.
- First meeting of Trinity = Constitutional.