



AGENDA

of the 3rd ordinary JCR meeting of Trinity Term 2014

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There were no issues with the minutes from the last meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leo has spoken to the Development office about leaving gifts. He has taken everyone's feedback on board, summarised it and presented it to them. It was concluded by the Development Office that they do not want to implement the charge this year as people were generally not in favour of the idea. Leo adds how lots of hall surveys have been done and that he will compile the results and take them to college.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alex has been working on a newspaper survey and has had a few responses which will help save the JCR a lot of money. Lots of smaller magazines have been narrowed down and if there is anything particularly that you'd like to keep, email Alex. He further encourages the JCR to keep sending in ideas for the Enrichment Fund.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Matt explains that the JCR photo was well attended and that there were 160 orders. Sign-ups for elections close at 5pm on Tuesday.

6. OUSU REPORT

Tim reports that the NUS referendum was voided and Tom Rutland will bring a motion to OUSU council next week.

7. SOCIAL REPORT

Cat encourages finalists who are finishing to come to the bar to buy tickets from her.

8. WELFARE REPORT

Nothing to report from Sam or Flossie.

9. ACCESS REPORT

Rebecca is continuing to work on the Alternative Prospectus. She reports that college have appointed their first 'Access Fellow'.

10. ACADEMIC REPORT

There is a 'Women in Science' day on Saturday of 8th.

11. EQUAL OPPS REPORT

Four people from Lincoln and four people from Jesus came to the film screening. It seems that everything is reconciled with Lincoln.



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12. ARTS REPORT

Nothing to report from Lydia.

13. SPORTS REPORT

Lucy was not in attendance.

14. CHARITIES REPORT

Jess states how the Garden Party will take place in Steven's on Saturday of 7th. There will be cake and pimmis. If anyone wants to perform, or has any suggestions - speak to Jess.

15. GREEN REPORT

Beth reports that Jesus came 5th in the Student Switch Off campaign and that she has a motion coming later in the meeting.

16. BAR AND FOOD REPORT

Daf asks if anyone will take the bar shift tonight.

17. IT REPORT

Laura has spoken to Matthew Melson about the JCR computers and reports that all the cables should work. If there are any problems, please email Laura.

18. QUESTIONING PERIOD

There were no questions.

19. WORLD CUP

This JCR notes:

- i. That the FIFA World Cup happens every four years.
- ii. That everyone loves the World Cup
- iii. That the month-long competition starts on Thursday 12th June at 7pm with an opening ceremony.
- iv. That the first match (Brazil v Croatia starts at 9pm)
- v. That this would be great to watch in the JCR.

It therefore proposes:

To give Matt £50 for beer and snacks.

Proposed: Matt Knight

Seconded: Rob Fordham



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Matt says that it is hopefully a popular event and that people will be keen. Elena asks if £50 can be increased if more people are keen. Joel Nelson asks if cider can be bought as well, Matt says yes.

Motion passes (2 abstentions, 2 against)

20. DANCESPORT CUPPERS FUNDING

This JCR notes:

- i. Jesus did incredibly well in Dancesport cuppers.
- ii. Cuppers cost £8 per person to enter.

It therefore proposes:

That if Amalgamated Clubs will not provide the funding for the team, Christoph Weis will be provided with £128 to pay the entry fee for the participants.

Proposed: Alex Proudfoot

Seconded: Christoph Weis

Alex adds how Jesus did really well, every other JCR pays for their teams and that it is something that has always happened.

Motion passes unanimously

21. DART BOARD FOR THE BAR

This JCR notes:

- (i) It would be good to have a darts board in the bar.

It therefore proposes:

To provide Daf and Jonny with up to £65 to get all the darts kit.

Proposed: Dafydd Roberts-Harry

Seconded: Jonny Turnbull

Patrick Cavanagh asks where it will go - Daf says by the sofas, at the back of the bar. Leo asks if Daf has assessed the room, he replies that he hopes it will work. Sam Skillcorn asks what is wrong with the one in the JCR, and asks if we could bring it down, Daf says he could but Leo adds that it is very used.

Motion passes unanimously.

22. FIFA ISSUES

This JCR notes:



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i. That the FIFA controllers are broken and not fully functional

It therefore proposes:

To give the sports rep £60 to buy two new wired xbox controllers

Proposed: Chris Smith

Seconded: Chris Mansfield

Chris Smith adds that the controllers do not work very well, they keep breaking and that they need new ones that plug in. Hannah Coates asks how long they last for each time, Chris thinks these new ones should last for a year. Chris Smith believes they actually cost £50. Ideas are brought up about getting an XBOX one or a PS4 to which Alex states that these are good ideas for the Enrichment Fund.

Motion passes unanimously.

23. KNOCKOUT CROQUET COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY

This JCR notes:

- (i) That the first annual Jesus College Knockout Croquet Competition is currently underway.
- (ii) That 40 members of the JCR split across 32 teams (11 at Stevens and 21 at Barts) are competing for the JCACC Trinity Term Trophy.
- (iii) That the grand final will be played between the winner at Barts and the winner at Stevens at the Leavers Barbecue on Saturday of 8th and it would only be fitting for such a tournament to have a glorious trophy and prize for the victor.

It therefore proposes:

To provide the JCACC committee with up to £50 to cover the costs of the engraved trophy and prizes for the winner of the Jesus College Knockout Croquet Competition.

Proposed: Patrick Cavanagh

Seconded: Joel Cawte

Patrick adds that the prize is a Pimms kit and that there is a £16 metal trophy. He further adds that people should start playing games so there isn't a backlog in eighth week.

Motion passes (1 abstention)

24. DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGN

This JCR notes:

- 1. In September 2013 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported that in order to stay below a one-third probability of a devastating global temperature rise of 2°C, cumulative carbon emissions cannot exceed a “budget” of about 800 gigatons. Over-shooting this by just 5% increases the chance of exceeding 2°C to 50%. Over 500 gigatons has already been emitted. [IPCC]



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2. Current fossil fuel reserves amount to nearly **four times** the remaining carbon budget. Therefore around 80% of reserves must stay in the ground. *[CarbonTracker.org]*
3. Despite this, the top 200 coal, oil and gas companies spent almost \$700billion in the last 12 months finding and developing even more reserves. *[CarbonTracker.org]*
4. It's estimated that UK Universities invest around £2k per student in fossil fuel companies. Oxford hasn't released a detailed breakdown but has no specific policy on fossil fuel investment so it is likely to be around the UK average. *[350.org]*
5. There is a growing international campaign for fossil fuel divestment, which has spread to the UK, notably through the Fossil Free UK campaign. There are currently student-led divestment campaigns in 20 UK universities, including Cambridge where in November 2013 the student union passed a motion calling on the university to divest from fossil fuels.
6. Oxford University has the second largest endowment of any UK university (3.6 billion).
7. Oxford University's Socially Responsible Investment Review Committee is meant to enforce the Policy on SRI, stating that the university aims to:
 - negatively or positively screen investments on ethical grounds, where this does not reduce the financial return on investment, but with the proviso that, if the activities of a company are, on ethical grounds, inconsistent with the educational and/or research objectives of the University, then the University may choose not to invest even though this may reduce returns. *[University Policy on SRI 1.b]*
6. OUSU's student-led Environment & Ethics Campaign is now campaigning in favour of divestment. It is planning to request that the University:
 - a. apply a negative screening process to fossil fuel investments;
 - b. divulge, on request, information relating to past or present investments in fossil fuels.

This JCR believes that:

1. The actions of companies that search for new fossil fuel reserves is unethical.
2. Investment made by the University into such companies is socially irresponsible and inconsistent with the educational objectives of the University.
3. Divestment is an effective means of protest against unethical corporate behaviour.
4. Actions taken by Oxford University can attract substantial national media coverage. Divestment would encourage other UK universities to divest.

It therefore proposes:

1. Support the OUSU Environment & Ethics Campaign, by mandating the CR President to email eande.secretary@ousu.org with the subject line "[College Name] [J/M]CR supports the OUSU E&E Divestment Campaign"
2. Mandate the CR President to raise the beliefs above at an appropriate college forum and request divestment of college investments from fossil fuel companies.

Proposed: Beth Jones

Seconded: Matt Knight

Beth adds that this motion has passed in 24 common rooms and is a nationwide thing not just at Oxford. As a university, we invest money into companies which are detrimental to planet. Beth says how there is sufficient evidence that people should re-think investment.

Alex wonders what Beth's opinion is on what responsibilities corporations actually have to which Beth replies that they are trying to take money out of the system.

Beth responds to questions and states how Oxford is not releasing figures.

Matt Blundell questions how this is targeting companies that actually are looking for renewable sources. Beth believes that this is just a short term step.

Beth says that the only St Catz have rejected the motion.

Beth responds to questions by stating that they are not targeting companies but just divesting from companies which are unethical - however there were questions about this.



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Jon Hubbart asks who decides which companies are divested from and Beth replies that it is the company from the motion.

Jessy PH, if they don't have something to hide, they would tell us the figures.

It is reiterated several times that it is a financial abstention and that this will provoke an investigation into companies. .

Andy Everall asks that if the results come through, can the JCR receive them, Beth says yes.

Matt Blundell adds that BP, for example, fund a green lab in Oxford.

Diego agrees that doing this will send a message and other universities will follow.

Sam Skillcorn reiterates that this is just a first step.

Beth adds that per student, £2000 is invested in these companies.

37 for 4 against 4 abstentions

25. SHIP STREET BLINDS

The JCR notes:

- i. The blinds in Ship Street are of insufficient thickness to keep rooms darkened for the purposes of sleeping.
- ii. There has recently been a report linking risk of obesity to sleeping in rooms with too much light.

The JCR therefore proposes:

To make college buy blackout blinds and put them in as soon as possible.

Proposed: Joel Nelson

Seconded: Matt Knight

Joel adds how the sun comes in during the morning as the blinds are transparent: this being a risk to health. Leo reminds the JCR that one cannot make college do anything but we can inquire. Lydia reminds everyone how there is only two weeks left of term so wonders whether it should wait until next year. Sam Skillcorn (medic) reiterates problems with too much life.

Charley S asks if we could look at general light situation in college as her room is too dark.

Leo tells how he will talk to college about issue.

Chris Yarrow wonders whether specific individuals could go to college with issues, Leo says new Accommodations Manager, Tanya is very nice.

Joel resolves to go to college personally and if there is an issue it shall be brought back to the JCR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS PERIOD

Hattie will do bar shift.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

27. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be **Sunday of 8th** at Welfare tea.