

MINUTES



of the 2nd ordinary JCR meeting of Hilary Term 2015

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Joel: Got 80 posters off Jesus to put up in the JCR for £20. Will continue to shop as no one else is putting in motions.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Debbie: What does the JCR want in Hall and the Hatch? Got some money to put towards Hall. Initial thoughts are to look at a coffee offer. Maybe take away a salad bar, and instead have a retail offer of sandwiches etc. There would be a fridge with juices and sandwiches and stuff instead of the salad bar. Where the till point currently is there would instead be an extension of the counter with a coffee machine and a juice machine.

Concerning the Hatch, currently not much is done with the Hatch. A new person is currently being recruited for the Hatch. Also is it worth doing a survey across college for the MCR and JCR to find out what is important to us.

Omar: Salad bar would be missed. Really good value and healthy.

Debbie: Would you be interested in box salads?

Kathy Page: If it was box salad wouldn't just add that to supplement a main meal.

Debbie: Coffee and drinks?

Rob Fordham: would this be instead of coffee on the tables in the morning?

Debbie: Yes. Could help yourself to it in the morning.

Alex Proudfoot: Have coffee machines etc in the Hatch instead rather than in the Hall.

Debbie: That sounds good. Having a hot option in Hall and then a snack e.g. sausage roll etc from the Hatch.

Laura Neilson: Paninis in the Hatch might not be a good idea. Lots of people really enjoy going to College. College food should be convenient or good value for money and Heroes is already both for people in College.

Debbie: The purpose would be to give JCR members the choice. Doesn't think the Hatch is doing a very good job of giving us what we want. We can do paninis etc cheaper than you can get in Pret.

Rob Fordham: Tesco is more expensive.

Debbie: We cannot compete with Tesco etc. They buy in millions, we buy in hundreds. We don't need to make money, just cover our costs in College. We don't want to put Heroes out of business.

Joel Nelson: Is there any option to review vegetarian food? Hall is not good for vegetarians. It is too expensive for what you get.

Jon Clingman: The price gap between vegetarian and meat meals used to be about 25% and now they are much closer in price. Has there been vegetarian inflation?

Debbie: Actually vegetarian food can be more expensive than meat items.

Jon: What caused the change over the year?

Debbie: Nothing in particular. There has been no definite change.



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Joel: Can we try and change prices according to what it is?

Debbie: Yes we are looking at trying to change that. The chefs don't currently cook to a recipe system, but we have no idea how much things will exactly cost. Instead we are looking into making a recipe database in order to show how much prices should be. But we aren't there yet, still looking into that.

Charley Samuelson: What happens with food waste?

Debbie: Throw it away unless it is something that hasn't been cooked and then if it is in a semi-raw state then we get rid of it.

Charley Samuelson: You could put old food e.g. meat shredded up in a salad box.

Dan Bright: How much roughly would the paninis cost?

Debbie: Try out some of these ones that we have brought with us. Paninis would probably cost upwards of £2.30. If we make them ourselves it would be less.

Jonny Turnbull: Thinks more people would continue going to Heroes. They are a family business and we would be putting them out of business. It is directly competing.

Laura: Most people would carry on going to Heroes for a panini. But in a couple of generations of students, paninis in the Hatch might become the dominant thing.

Charley: Is there any way that, as part of the Hatch, a microwave system could be used? There could be a JCR microwave in the Hatch.

Debbie: Could you not put one in here?

Charley: Not allowed.

Sam Skillcorn: This has always been an issue for the JCR. There have always been concerns in the way. Plus risk of undercutting Hall.

Debbie: Only issue could be health and safety.

Owen TM: Competition with Heroes, might not be the most important thing. It might be good to save money instead. Secondly the baguettes in Hall should stay.

Jessy: Should there be a survey?

General consensus.

Debbie: One last thing to add. There will be a suggestion box in the Hatch next week. If there are any ideas put them in that.

Leaves a bunch of sandwiches for the JCR to eat.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Casted something about Castle Mill. A Head of Development Committee meeting. Talked about finding a way to encourage them to give more money to College and then encourage us to give more money to college in the future.

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tried to sort out Sky TV but the signatory on the account has now left. Also the accountant who knew that JCR was meant to have money had left, so sorted that out. Also on newspaper front: The library have agreed for a trial period of putting newspapers in periodicals. This would eventually cut our costs. Plan is to take four or five daily newspapers to the Periodicals. There will be less newspapers in the JCR but they will just be in the Periodicals instead. The librarian will send an email round about that in the few days

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

6. OUSU REPORT

OUSU meeting with Luke Green and Omar, who has been elected onto the scrutiny committee. Big matter arising at the meeting was Marine Le Pen. We voted against the motion, to mandate OUSU Executive to write to the Union saying that OUSU wasn't happy about this. It passed 42 votes to 10.

Tom Roberts: Was it voted on in other Common Rooms?

David Cakebread: No. It was generally too short-term to be voted on. Keble did mandate their JCR to vote against the motion, but no others did.

Tom Roberts: It's annoying because it looks like Oxford University voted one way.

Jessy: That's just how the OUSU stuff works.

David: The majority of people in the College would have also voted against the motion.

Leo Gebbie: In can be tricky with the timing of motions at OUSU meetings. Maybe try and do a quick survey of people beforehand.

Ben Horton: Is there an electronic way of doing that survey? If we know in advance about a contentious issue, we can quickly do a survey. Doesn't rely on meetings of turn-out at meetings.

7. SOCIAL REPORT

Nothing to report.

8. WELFARE REPORT

Kathy: Welfare went well. Keep asking for welfare supplies. We've been doing drop-in sessions and no one has been coming. Would anyone be averse to us stopping them? An alternative would be an 'on-call' hour.

Leo: How far are you willing to travel?

Dan: Within college.

Kathy: Also had a meeting with Anthea the nurse, and Megan. There will be nicer posters in the nurse waiting room, and there will hopefully be a sofa, beanbags etc. Aim is for it to be a room for confidential talks as well. Peer support chats.

Dan: The Boobettes are coming next Friday to talk about boobs.

Kathy: They are a breast cancer charity. Anyone can come to hear what they have to say. They'll be talking about the signs of breast cancer, what to do, other dangers etc.



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9. ACCESS REPORT

If you want to be a student ambassador, it's not a huge commitment. If you want to do it, email Sam or Beth Mortimer in College so you have up to date information to tell people. The Alternative Prospectus is currently being re-done. Send anything to Sam that you want to be in the prospectus. Remember anything going in there will be checked by Alex Lumbers and Beth Mortimer.
10. ACADEMIC REPORT

There's a big push in the library to implement changes, importantly: there's not enough space in the library. If there are any ideas about how to make that better. e.g. how long can you leave stuff on desks when you're not in the library the whole day?
11. EQUAL OPPS REPORT

Nothing to report.
12. ARTS REPORT

Nothing to report.
13. SPORTS REPORT

No sport on Sunday.
14. CHARITIES REPORT

Setting up a living wage related group within College with the aim to help College accredit. If anyone wants to help let Jon know. Also, there may be joint-fundraising with Exeter and Lincoln: Exeter has already started arranging an open mic night during TSAF. We need to wait and see if they want to merge it or not.
15. GREEN REPORT

Student Switch Off Survey is starting pretty soon, or potentially has already started. Just sign up on Facebook and we get ice cream. There are also loads of good events about environment and ethics. This will be in an email.
16. BAR AND FOOD REPORT

Hugo Markland is current table football champion. Come and beat him. Also the rugby will be on in the Bar tonight.
17. IT REPORT

For Halfway Hall a voting system will be put in place for Halfway Hall.
18. QUESTIONING PERIOD

No questions.
19. ANNOUNCEMENTS PERIOD

Matt Roche: How's the briefcase for Tom?

Leo: Going well.
20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Bell: There will be an open mic night next week.
21. NEXT MEETING