

## St Hugh's JCR Meeting Minutes

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> week MT17, The JCR

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee 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 3. Action motions for debate asking for funding 4. Action motions for debate not asking for funding. 5. Statement motions for debate 6. Items for discussion 7. Any other business

### 1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee.

President – Ana Pavlova:

- We have a new President, with whom I'll be working over the next few weeks for the handover;
- Organised Presidential hustings and 'Committee and Chill' event;
- Please come to Committee hustings this Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm in the bar;
- Went to Presidents Committee;
- Went to Governing Body, and informed college that we have unnamed the JCR. Now that's it's official, we can look at taking down the sign;
- Had further meetings with the Dean, Bursar and Archivist.

Vice-President – Ed Piggott:

- Ran the presidential election on mi-vote last week, and will do the same for the Committee election this week.

Secretary – Curtis Crowley:

- Completed minutes from last week;
- Occupied with Returning Officer duties;
- Will process the Committee nominations tonight;
- Still looking for more people to get involved in the Yearbook Committee.

Treasurer – James Brown:

- Sent out the Blues Funds forms, and have been talking to people about it. Any questions, get in touch. The deadline is this Thursday.

AccAff – Sophie Roche:

- Chased up some outstanding collections;
- Organised college tours;
- Took part in a Target Schools shadowing day.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities – Rosie Tabor and Cameron East:

- Ran our last ever Welfare Week. There were lots of ‘sick’ events, including the alpacas, the tie-dye event etc.
- Organising SANE workshops, with dates to be announced soon;
- Updating our welfare handover document.

International Students’ Rep – Tatjana Marks:

- Organised a G&Ds ice cream and Ted Talk event.

LGBTQ Rep – Elise Page:

- Organised an event at Wadham, for Queer Week, to which you are all welcome.

Entz Reps – James Atkey and Nathan Peters:

- Cupcake decorating event in 4<sup>th</sup> week;
- Pub quiz last night with 40+ turnout.

Charities & Communities Rep – Hannah Taylor:

- RAG Ball is sold out, it’s going to be ‘lit’;
- Charities elections tonight.

Environment & Ethics Rep – Ben Jones:

- #VeggiePledge2017 stuff;
- Spoke to Estates about food waste bins;
- Someone from the Council is coming in to talk about why recycling food waste is so important. This should be ‘the wildest’ event of the year;
- We’re second place at the moment in the #VeggiePledge2017 challenge.

Sports and Societies Rep – Harry Thomas:

- Nothing to report.

Careers Officer – Olayemi Eso:

- Having another meeting with the Bursar;
- Because of a new legal framework coming in next year, either we will need individual permission from each of the alumni to display information on their job on the Pathways database, or we will have to remove the column which says precisely what they do and could therefore lead to them being identified.

DODO – Hannah Choi:

- Fixed the printers.

Freshers’ Rep – Theo Davies-Lewis:

- Nothing to report.

2. Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term’s motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to this meeting.

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### 3. Action motions for debate asking for funding.

*N.B. As per the Standing Orders, having declared an interest in motion a), the Independent Chair Daniel de Wijze temporarily vacated his position, which was filled by the Returning Officer until both motions asking for funding had been voted on.*

Motion a) Shipping Books to the Gaza English Public Library (amended by the proposer and seconder in the meeting)

The JCR notes that:

1. In the Israeli-Gaza conflict in 2014, when in particular the Islamic University of Gaza was seriously damaged, a Palestinian English graduate decided to set up the first public English Library in Gaza City, merging his private collection of 400 books with donations from abroad, which currently amount to more than 200 books (including 3 from Noam Chomsky).
2. According to a 2016 survey conducted by the Palestinian Museum, of the 41 libraries that initially stood in Gaza, 21 have closed over the years and 7 were thoroughly destroyed in the Israeli-Gaza conflict in 2014.
3. The vast majority of books available in the Region are exclusively in Arabic, and the translation process takes around 3 years, so recent books cannot easily reach the area.
4. Books in .pdf are not a valid alternative due to the frequent and severe energy shortages that Gaza suffers from.
5. Shipping books to the Palestinian Territories costs £21 for 2 Kg or up to £44 for 5 Kg.

The JCR believes that:

1. Knowledge is worth spreading.
2. Reading books can be the best exercise of freedom, especially in war zones.

The JCR resolves:

1. To mandate the Charities Rep and the Proposer to collect books from the JCR members who want to make donations, get in touch with the "Edward Said" Public Library (which can be found on FB @bookshopforgaza), proceed to buy some additional books the library needs and ship them all to the library.
2. To cover the required costs with £150.

Proposer: Davide Leonessi

Seconder: Hannah Taylor

#### Short Factual Points:

Marcel: Who is this graduate? Was he from St Hugh's?

Davide: His name is Mosab Mostafa, a graduate of Islamic University of Gaza.

Kieran: Which books are you going to purchase?

Davide: They've requested works of literature, philosophy, science etc. I will ask JCR Members to suggest titles.

Khalil: How much do books cost, and weigh? What's the relative cost of buying books from here and sending them there, compared to just buying them in Gaza?

Davide: The average book weighs 150-300 grams, and costs £15-20. There's not much difference in cost. The idea is we'd collect more than we'd buy.

Asher: When will you collect the books? Most of the books I'd want to give are at home.

Davide: In that case we'd probably collect them and ship them early in Hilary term.

Points of debate:

Harrison: Could you please amend 'Israeli assault' to 'Israeli-Gaza conflict', since the conflict is two-sided, and there's no reputable source I can find that speaks of an Israeli assault.

Davide and Hannah: We're happy to do that.

*Move to vote.*

*Motion passes with: 37 votes in favour, 7 against, and 6 abstentions.*

Motion b) 100 hours film

The JCR notes:

1. Filmmaking is an expensive activity and support for teams of new student filmmakers is crucial because of the cost of lighting and camera equipment, costume design, set design and props, equipment transportation expenses, insurance, etc.
2. OUFF hasn't enough money to fully fund films and thus funding must come from those making the film or from JCR'S.
3. Without this extra funding, student films cannot be made.
4. St Hugh's members Ben Jones, Marine Lello and James Fowler are involved with the 100 hours film.
5. The last 100 hours film 'Where's Jonny' made was a finalist in the competition and won best cast ensemble.

The JCR Believes that:

1. Filmmaking shouldn't just be available for those who are rich enough to fund it themselves.
2. The 100 hours project is a fun and exciting project that can only be done once a year and thus can't be delayed for lack of funding.
3. It will also give experience crucial for those who wish to move into the film industry after University.
4. St Hugh's should support the production of the 100 hours film in order to encourage and support the growing student film industry in Oxford, and members of the JCR.

The JCR resolves:

1. For the treasurer to Donate £100 to the production of the 100 hours film.

Proposer: Ben Jones

Secunder: Marine Lello

Short factual points:

Kieran: What is the 100 hours film project, and how will the film be distributed?

Ben: It's an international competition. You have 100 hours to write, direct and shoot a short film in early December. It will be shown at special screenings in Oxford.

James: How much do you need in total, and how close are you to achieving it?

Ben: We have a budget of £500, and no money so far. We're asking for £100 from here, £300 from Exeter JCR, and £100 from OUFF.

James: How much to see the film?

Ben: £3.

#### Points of debate:

Jen: If you don't get the money from the JCRs will you be able to get it from OUFF?

Ben: Unlikely to get all the money we'd need from OUFF, so those involved would have to contribute.

Marcel: What happens if you don't get the money from Exeter but do from St Hugh's?

Ben: We'd not be able to go ahead, and the money would go back to the JCR.

Hannah: Art Soc should fund more things like this in the future, and needs to make sure it gets sufficient funding from college to do this.

James: Did you contact Art Soc?

Ben: Yes, but they only have £100 per term in total for projects. Exeter has £2000 to spend per term on film and drama.

Roxy: Why are you only asking Exeter for £300?

Ben: The students at Exeter who are involved in the film are not as important to its production, and there's a more booming film and drama scene at Exeter so a lot of competition for funding.

*Move to vote.*

*Motion passes with: 31 votes in favour, 5 against, and 15 abstentions.*

#### 4. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

##### Motion c) Fixing the constitution (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

The JCR notes:

1. Neither the JCR Constitution nor Appendix A of the JCR Constitution (Terms of Reference for the JCR Committee) specifies how many JCR Committee Meetings should be held per term, nor indeed that any JCR Committee Meeting need be held at all;
2. The only specification is that all JCR Committee Members shall attend all JCR Committee Meetings;

3. The JCR Secretary has looked through the above constitutional documents carefully and is certain that this is the case;
4. The precedent set by the current JCR Committee and previous St Hugh's JCR Committees has been to hold a JCR Committee Meeting once a week during term-time i.e. to hold eight meetings per term.

The JCR believes:

1. The JCR Committee should be expressly mandated to hold at least eight Committee Meetings per term;
2. This is essential for the JCR Committee to function as effectively as possible.

The JCR resolves:

1. To add the following clause to Appendix A of the JCR Constitution:

*'No fewer than eight JCR Committee Meetings shall be held during each Full Term (as defined by the University). Exactly when these meetings are held shall be at the discretion of the JCR President in consultation with the rest of the JCR Committee, although the JCR President should aim for JCR Committee Meetings to be held weekly.'*

Proposer: Curtis Crowley (JCR Secretary)

Seconder: Ana Pavlova (JCR President)

*No short factual points or points of debate.*

*Move to vote.*

*Motion passes with: 37 votes in favour, 4 against, and 1 abstention.*

#### Motion d) Earth, Wind and Fire

The JCR notes:

1. 'September' by 'Earth, Wind and Fire', released in late 1978, reached number three in the UK singles chart in January 1979 and has since enjoyed status as a boogilicious tune at the very pinnacle of the late '70s disco-funk scene.
2. There is strong appreciation for the aforementioned joyous ditty across Oxford, with a recent 'Oxfess' (#oxfess5493) – which lamented an apparent lack of appreciation for the song – gaining over 200 'likes' and 50 'comments' on popular social networking site, Facebook.
3. Disk jockeys sometimes succumb to the pressure of prioritising contemporary 'bangers' over their humble forebears and fail to consider requests for certain songs at college bops.

The JCR believes:

1. The student body of St Hugh's would benefit from rejoicing in the glorious melody at every bop held at the college bar.

The JCR resolves as a matter of policy:

1. To make 'September' by 'Earth, Wind and Fire' a compulsory track to be played in its entirety at every bop following this meeting.

Proposed by: Robbie Whittaker

Seconded by: Rosie Tabor

Short factual points:

Nathan: Clarify 'boogilicious'.

Rosie: 'It makes you wanna.'

James Atkey: Would the Entz Reps have a deadline to play it?

Rosie: Before Robbie leaves the bop.

Davide: Can we hear it now?

*Rosie plays 'September' by 'Earth, Wind and Fire'.*

Ana: Who is held to account for this?

Rosie: The Entz Reps would be held accountable.

Points of debate:

Rosie: It's such a lovely motion. Reading it the first time made me want to cry. It's such a lovely thing to suggest. It's only one song. It's only 3 minutes long.

*Move to vote.*

*Motion passes with: 41 votes in favour, 5 against, and 3 abstentions.*

*The Policy Book has been duly updated by the JCR Secretary.*

5. Statement motions for debate.

6. Items for discussion.

7. Any other business.