**St Hugh’s JCR Meeting 2 Minutes**

Sunday 4th February 2018, 4th Week HT18, JCR

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee
2. Late motions for admission
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 - Alex Yeandle**

* Met with Bursar about potential financing of speakers (will be elaborated upon later during Joe’s motion) and also about rent negs, college security and yearbook payments
* Had follow up meeting with Karen Peake about speakers issue, again will elaborate later as makes more sense. Arranged more detailed examination of JCR funding, specifically with respect to prescriptions motion (Ella/Ryan will discuss further) with college (i.e. we’re gonna try and get more money)
* Attended Finance Committee with the Treasurer
* Rent negotiations workshop at SU
* SU council. Emergency council called - UCU strike issue - will be in touch over the coming days to get people’s thoughts on this.
* Met with Josh Bull from MCR about funk gig
* Been working with Kav Crossley to set up joint JCR-Arts Soc 5th week blues gig
* Been in touch with MCR re welfare deans strategy - Ella/Ryan will elaborate
* Been in touch with MCR Social Sec to arrange joint JCR-MCR social event, esp aimed at those looking to do masters degree
* College beer tasting
* Designed poster outlining JCR Committee’s work this term - expect to see up in college over the coming week.

**Vice President - Roxy Orloff**

* Got WEQ results and sent them to Arjun to distribute - the new voting platform seems to be working really well
* Went to Oxford SU meeting with Alex Y - made friends woohoo - Love to hear it <3 Hobnobs get you far in life
* Sorted Half Way Hall ticket selling, spoke to Josh from MCR to get some extra tickets and started the ‘most likely to…’ nominations, will be sending out a voting page tomorrow morning
* Requested meeting with Andrew to discuss the comments on Hall survey, seeing him this week
* Requested meeting with Rahele to discuss more JCR only formal halls, there will be one where you can buy multiple guest tickets and therefore maybe have subject dinners with friends from other colleges etc?
* Requested meeting with Magdalena about heating problems in Wolfson and water problems in MTB, please drop me a message if these extend to your rooms too as any extra voices are always useful! Will hopefully also start talking about the room ballot so stay tuned for more :)

**Secretary - Alex Buchanan**

* Finalised minutes for JCR Ordinary Meeting following online vote on Private School motion
* Sorted out changes to be made to the Policy Book online, following votes in the last Ordinary Meeting
* Organised, set a date and designed poster for CommitTEA, an opportunity to come and eat snacks, drink tea and mingle with your new JCR Committee! - posters will be up shortly

**Treasurer - Aditya Badaya**

* Attended Finance Committee with the President.
* Kept two meetings with society president and captains to explain the amalgamated funding procedure and application.
* Working with Karen Peake on the amalgamated funding applications.
* Currently drafting a forecast on future expenses and will shortly meet Ms. Peake to discuss if college could give the JCR a greater amount to spend termly.

**AccAff - Jessy McCabe**

* Got volunteers for 2 school tours.
* Sent emails about access events and the College Academic Feedback Form.
* Requested a meeting with Luke about private schools motion.
* Attended College Academic Committee.

**Welfare Reps - Ella Heinz & Ryan Simpson**

* Speedfriending event
* Still trying to organise a meeting with the college counsellor
* Met with MCR welfare reps to strategise about junior dean issue
* Pidged stuff
* Sent email out introducing welfare resources
* Finished provisional prescriptions application document (not to be released yet)

**Entz Reps - Silvia Mills & Joe Higton Durrant**

* Film night
* Looked into speaker costs etc
* Fully set up and launched the event for the catz vs hughs megabop at fever which will be perfect

**LGBTQ Rep - Ro Green**

* Have confirmed with college that Robin White’s talk will be taking place in the Mordan Hall and we are allowed to serve our own alcohol after the event for a drinks reception.
* Ordered materials for welfare week pride flag painting.
* Emailed the JCR publicising the “LGBTQ and friends at St Hugh’s” facebook page, Juno Dawson’s event at Blackwells and Robin White’s talk in Hugh’s.

**International Rep - Afrah Shibu**

* Arranged Chinese NY event - lanterns above you!
* Met with Robert (Head Porter) and Magdalena (Accommodation Manager) about storage - exciting progress, further updates to come!
* Made FB event for the BaklavaGram, hoping to see orders come in ASAP!

**Charities and Communities Rep - Naomi Hirst**

* Held comedy night and raised £51 for MIND
* Advertising jailbreak
* Coordinating with MCR charities rep/Anna to sort out gatehouse project things
* Advertising RAG vote

**E&E Rep - Anna Pathak**

* Emailed suggesting paper straws instead of plastic straws in the bar
* Publicised introduction to Gathouse Homeless charity. Hopefully make this a biweekly Hugh’s tute

**Sports & Socs & Socks Rep - Sheng Ho**

* Helping Sports/Socs with any queries regarding amalgamated funding with Aditya

**Careers Officer - Quentin Dercon**

* Pathways doc should be up in the next few days

**DoDO - Jack Miller**

* Helped make the committee billboard
* Updated the website with remaining minutes + policy updates from last meeting
* Began updating Clubs / Socs pages (please contact me if you want to update in order to be eligible for funding!)
* Updated the pathways doc on the website with password

**Freshers Rep - Matt Clark**

* Met with Thea Crapper to sort out the academic events timetable and find out more about the matriculation photos
* Met with LMH Freshers rep and Varsity events club rep to finalise club bookings so I’ll buy club tickets this week
* Collected names+subjects for everyone possible on the college parents spreadsheet (remind those there to tell friends to add themselves)
* Freshers guide articles are beginning to be submitted
* Refreshers event will be sorted Sunday night
* Got the design man to start on tshirt designs

## 2. Late motions for admission

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**Motion A: Freshers Week Workshops – WITHDRAWN**

**Motion B: Black Pudding**

The JCR notes:

1. Black pudding is a traditional foodstuff, having graced breakfast plates across the nation for centuries.
2. Generally made of pork fat, pork blood, and oatmeal, the production of black pudding makes use of parts of the animal which would otherwise likely go to waste.
3. Black pudding is a good source of protein, low in carbohydrate and high in zinc and iron. Indeed, website ‘Muscle Foods’ has called it a ‘superfood’, amongst the ranks of kale and spinach.

The JCR believes:

1. The student body of St Hugh’s would benefit greatly from the inclusion of black pudding as a breakfast item, thanks to its fantastic flavour and nutritious qualities.
2. There is a patriotic case for the inclusion of black pudding as a breakfast item, since it has been an integral component of the ‘full english’ for many, many years.

The JCR resolves:

1. To petition college kitchen staff to add black pudding to the weekly breakfast and brunch menu.

Proposed by: Robbie Whittaker

Seconded by: Josh Cowland

Harrison Engler: What’s the veggie alternative?

Josh Cowland: Don’t eat it!

Robbie Whittaker: Acquired taste – not everyone loves it, but it would be an opportunity to taste!

Roxy Orloff: Are you going to demand White Pudding too? I saw it on Fry-Up Police! It’s the same but does not include blood… Are we going to amend the motion to add avocado too?

Robbie: Nope, stick to Black Pudding for now.

24 For

6 Against

9 Abstain

**PASSES**

**Motion C: Fixing the Standing Orders to make secret balloting better and easier**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. Standing Order 1.15 detailing Procedural Motions which may be moved on a Point of Order at any time and without notice;
2. At some point during 2016 a JCR motion was passed such that a move to vote by secret ballot (SO1.15.5) passes automatically, without need for a majority vote like most other procedural motions;
3. At the time the 2017 Secretary (Curtis Crowley) took office, the passage of such a motion had not been reflected in the official version of the Standing Orders;
4. The 2017 JCR Committee and Independent Chair proceeded as if it had been;
5. Changes to the Standing Orders require a simple majority vote on one occasion under the unaltered Standing Orders to pass, and may take effect immediately.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. This discrepancy should be rectified.
2. At the same time the original motion could be improved in two ways:
3. by giving the JCR the option to vote by secret ballot during the meeting (i.e. simply by everyone closing their eyes while the vote is made) and the option to vote by secret ballot by an online vote open to the whole JCR;
4. by specifying that any move to vote by secret ballot must be both proposed and seconded (by any two members of the JCR, including Committee, RO or Chair).
5. The proposal under 2a) is worthwhile because enabling secret ballots during meetings is more efficient than having to deal with online votes, and further to that by making secret ballots easier more people might feel able to vote as they truly wish (i.e. to vote for/vote against without judgement, and not feel compelled to abstain from voting from fear of going against the majority), which would be essentially a good thing for JCR democracy and engagement.
6. Voting with eyes closed is the best option for conducting a secret ballot in the meeting, as paper voting would be too time-consuming.
7. The proposal under 2b) is worthwhile as a safeguard, to ensure that moves to secret ballot only pass when there is genuine demand for them, and not because say for example an individual simply wished to slow down JCR democracy by always moving to secret ballot on everything (which in itself is no bad thing, if the individual’s motives are pure).

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To update the Standing Orders as follows:
2. To replace SO 1.15.5. with ‘That a vote be undertaken by secret ballot online such that the whole JCR may vote’
3. To add SO 1.15.6 ‘That a vote be undertaken by secret ballot during the JCR Meeting’
4. To add a further SO ‘Votes undertaken by secret ballot during a JCR Meeting shall be held in the following way. The Chair shall ask those present to close their eyes during the vote, and raise their hands at the appropriate moment to vote for, against, or abstain. The Independent Chair, Secretary and Returning Officer shall keep their eyes open in order to count and verify the vote, and shall keep confidential the voting of individuals. During such a vote photography within the JCR shall be prohibited. If the Chair is unable to conduct a vote by secret ballot with good order, then they may make use of SO 1.15.5.’
5. To amend SO 1.17 such that it reads ‘Procedural Motions shall all be subject to an Ordinary Vote, save Standing Orders 1.15.5 and 1.15.6 which shall simply require any two members of the JCR (including the Independent Chair, Returning Officer or Member of the JCR Committee) to propose and second it for the move to secret ballot to pass without recourse to a vote, and save where a report being accepted under SO 1.15.14 seeks to determine JCR Policy, in which case it shall be subject to a Supermajority Vote. Procedural Motions moved under SO 1.15.13 may be accepted as friendly by the Motion’s Proposer and Seconder, and shall not then require a vote.’
6. To adjust the numberings of any SOs that need to be adjusted accordingly.

Proposed: Curtis Crowley (previous Secretary and RO)

Seconded: Naomi Heffer

Curtis Crowley: Essentially just a cleaning up; we’re thinking of the bureaucracy burdens on the Exec Committee to sort out online ballots every time!

Matt Clark: How would you ensure that eyes are closed?

Curtis Crowley: We are all adults and mature – if the issue is particularly sensitive and controversial, people should have enough respect

Naomi Heffer: Just to clarify, this is the addition of another option – not taking away anything

Unanimous - **PASSES**

**Motion D: Blues Fund (2)**

The JCR notes:

1. The constitution states that any member of the JCR may apply for a grant from the Blues fund if they are involved in a University Blue or Half-Blue sport. Specifically from Appendix G:

G1. Monies for these grants are to come from a separate JCR fund, within the main JCR account, devoted to supporting members of the JCR who are involved in any form of University Blue or Half-Blue sport.

The JCR believes:

1. University sports that are not classified as a Blues or Half-Blues sport, but do still have a Varsity match, can involve a large commitment in time and money
2. No member of the JCR should feel they cannot participate in a sport due to not being able to afford subs, kit or other related costs

The JCR resolves:

1. To change point G1 of the JCR constitution so that JCR members who participate in a Blue, Half-Blue or University level sport which has a varsity match and who train at least twice a week during their season can apply for funding from the Blues fund.

Proposer: Harriet Binny

Seconder: Lily Wood

31 for

1 against

4 abstain

**PASSES** – Constitution needs to be updated!

**Motion E: Entz Speakers**

The JCR notes:

1. We currently spend £175 per bop, or £1575 per year, on hiring speakers, lighting etc. for BOPs
2. We could purchase everything that we hire for a few hundred pounds more than this—having looked into the options available to us, we think that £1700 would be sufficient to buy appropriate speakers, lights, etc.
3. College has been fully informed of these plans and supports them wholeheartedly
4. BOPs are regularly held and will continue to be regularly held for the foreseeable future
5. If we had speakers and a mic and the like, we could use them more often for little nights like open-mic nights, or just to play some tunes in the bar

- THE JCR BELIEVES

1. If we bought our own speakers, lights etc they would pay for themselves in a year and we could save money thereafter
2. We could also make money by renting them out to college
3. We could also put on more music-based events

The JCR resolves:

1. To look further into buying speakers, lights etc, the best ones, what exactly we would need, and thereafter buy them, up to £1700\*.

Proposer: Joe Higton Durrant

Seconder: Silvia Mills

James Brown: With the redevelopment, how will this work?

Silvia Mills: We’ll make money back anyway and it will open the doors to new events

Roxy: Will new bar have speakers?

Silvia: It likely will, but this doesn’t cancel out the benefits in the interim

Curtis Crowley: How will you work around the £200 legitimate expenditure limit for the JCR?

Alex Yeandle: Friendly amendment, addition of the figure of £1700\*.

Naomi Heffer: Practicalities in setting up and maintaining?

Silvia Mills: Joe knows how to do this and will establish an Entz legacy

Alex Yeandle: Joe is very ill which is why he isn’t here to defend his motion, and also we would break even after a year when you compare the finances of renting vs buying

James Brown: Have you thought about insurance and storage?

Silvia Mills: Ervist says there are many places to store them

Alex Yeandle: Can’t foresee there to be any hassle, can be added to the college insurance

Harrison Engler: Would they actually be better?

Silvia Mills: This would significantly improve the bop experience, especially with new lights and the smoke machine.

Roxy Orloff: Want to vouch for the level of effort that has been put into this, and we have analysed all the potential issues in the Committee meetings.

Unanimous - **PASSES**

**Motion F: Rohingya Crisis Conference**

The JCR notes:

1. The severe humanitarian crisis in Burma\*, especially in the state of Rakhine that has left hundreds of thousands of innocent people murdered and forced more than **half a million people** to seek refuge in Bangladesh alone and thousands more in India, Thailand and elsewhere. This has been documented by the UN, HRW, AI and various other prominent international media outlets.
2. The UN has deemed the Rohingya as the ‘most persecuted minority’ and more recently the atrocities being inflicted upon the Rohingya as ‘a textbook example of ethnic cleansing’. The reports by the UNHCR on the number of Rohingya people fleeing their country are shockingly high.
3. Nobel Peace laureate, State Chancellor and the de facto leader of Burma\*, Aung Suu Kyi’s response to the crisis both in interviews with the international media and her recent address to the nation in English, following her absence at the UN General Assembly earlier in September.
4. The open letter written to Suu Kyi by 13 Nobel laureates and several eminent global citizens and activists including, Professor Muhmmad Yunus, Malala Yousafzai, Tawakkol Karman, Desmond Tutu, Sir Richard Branson and Sal Khan.
5. Oxford City Council stripped Aung San Suu Kyi of her ‘Freedom of Oxford’.
6. St Hugh’s JCR has voted to unname its common room which was previously named after San Suu Kyi
7. St Hugh’s JCR has also stripped Aung San Suu Kyi of her honorary JCR membership via a majority vote

The JCR believes:

1. **Violations of Human Rights** anywhere in the world are unambiguously and unapologetically unacceptable and condemnable.
2. Being students of St Hugh’s, the **human rights abuses and violence in Burma\*** - Aung San Suu Kyi’s country - is very relevant to us as St Hugh’s has given her the honour of the most notable alumnus of the college.

The JCR resolves

1. Advocate the holding of an in-depth discussion (conference/panel discussion) at St Hugh’s looking into the Rohingya crisis, the role of the Suu Kyi-led government, to what extent it is to be blamed and whether the Global community has failed to address this issue and what could be the ultimate solution to this humanitarian crisis. Panellists would include academics and activists with field work experience in Rakhine and the refugee camps in Bangladesh. The proposer shall take full responsibility of organising this event and the proposer requires college authority’s permission to hold it in St Hugh’s.

Proposed: Affnafee Rahman

Seconded: Grace Stoddart

Affnafee Rahman: This would happen on 22nd Feb – would have a panel of 3 speakers; they can all do this date.

Naomi Heffer: What’s the point of the motion?

Affnafee Rahman: JCR backing for support

Curtis Crowley: Who are the speakers?

Affnafee Rahman: There will be a panel of three distinguished speakers – I don’t wish to disclose exact details just yet so that there will be a grand unveiling

Harrison Engler: Who will chair?

Affnafee Rahman: I will

Kieran Thowe: Can we change it to Burma in light of the historical changes?

Affnafee Rahman: Yes – friendly amendment made\*.

38 for

0 against

2 abstain

**PASSES**

## Statement motions for debate.

## Items for discussion.

## 8. Any other business.

Hannah Taylor: get involved in the democracy by voting in the Oxford University SU

Curtis Crowley: Can you speak to college about the Canterbury road gate? It sometimes seems to be locked at the wrong time and is very heavy and impractical when trying to get bikes through.

Alex Yeandle: I believe college have a deal with the local residents that it would be locked late at night, and have corrected this recently.

Harrison Engler: But it’s faulty a lot of the time so just give it a push!

Naomi Heffer: Talk to college about not doing renovations during term time – college should prioritise doing them during vacations

Diana Trokowska: No available fridge where I live either…

Roxy Orloff: Just drop any of these into an email and I’ll be sure to discuss them with Magdalena!