**St Hugh’s JCR Meeting Minutes**

Sunday 4th March 2018, 8th Week HT18, 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. Late motions for admission
4. Action motions for debate asking for funding
5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding
6. Statement motions for debate
7. Items for discussion
8. Any other business

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

**President - Alex Yeandle**

* Prepared Rent Negotiation doc alongside VP/Treasurer/AccAff/EnE
* Worked with MCR Pres to produce combined rent paper
* Saw Bursar yesterday and agreed on 2% as rent increase figure. Loads of interesting info came out of meeting via responses to bits of our paper, not worth going through everything but bits and pieces will come in handy as issues arise over next two terms for sure.
* Met with Dean, nothing too interesting, should be full JD team by start of Trinity
* Met with Rahele, a few points:
* 1) Early hall: apology about last week and college will let us know in future if all rooms are going to be booked. Moving to Dicky P not feasible at this stage due to crossovers of chefs working on formal food.
* 2) ‘African’ Rogan Josh won’t happen again
* 3) Hand sanitisers to be installed outside hall (and hopefully Dicky P)
* 4) Much banter was had about simultaneous JCR requests for vegan meals and black pudding
* Got debriefed by Joe about speakers
* Attended joint MCR-JCR-Junior Dean meeting regarding welfare with Ryan
* Wrote piece for Freshers’ Guide.

**VP - Roxy Orloff**

* Rentymcrentface
* Infrastructure Committee (it’s a long one pls bare with) also known as Magdalenagate
  + Wolfson Heating - they kept the heat on overnight for the last week but are unlikely to now that temp is in positive numbers, but potentially raising the frost prevention temperature, so when the temp drops below x degrees, the heating will go on (also in Kenyon, because the boilers are linked!)
  + MTB hot water, they’re hoping to rejig the pipes so that there’s hot water properly circulating, but Magdalena is being super iffy about this
  + Environmental ‘tings’ - will let Anna talk about but there’s progress happening
  + Hall - might be being redecorated but I highly doubt it to be honest? Probably just patching bits up.
  + Music Room floor - being fixed as a priority apparently.
  + Lights are a no no
  + Office 365 is a go go
* Student support committee
  + Quite interesting but not a great deal to tell you really
* I got stroppy with hall, but on the bright side the formal that they oversold tickets for was charity formal so silver linings I guess?
* <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScojxkvGWxg8TXsvHAxbTcbjsrUHuNcqOmhtE4ppVrIcGKKNw/viewform?usp=sf_link> I have a lot of spare time lol

**Sec - Alex Buchanan**

* Attended OUSU Student Council
* Minutes, including Constitutional Changes (all emailed to Jack!)
* Email and FB post re Travel Grant Applications - have had them rollin’ in
* Spoke briefly to Rox and Arjun re RO and IC elections
* Travel Grant document

**Treasurer - Aditya Badaya**

* Amalgamated funding applications have been late, hence been working on those( so many hours on excel yay)
* Blues funds applications have also been late (even more excel!)
* Helped Alex Yeandle with some accounting wizardry for rent negotiations
* Gave Joe tons of money for dank bop rig
* Went to the Boat House and submitted the punting form for the college
* Attended finance committee where the rent proposal was agreed.

**AccAff - Jessy McCabe**

* Academic Committee: the Committee fully agreed with our proposals about private school visits (i.e. no inbound or outbound visits just for private schools)! Think Roy will take to Governing Body, but not sure of final conclusion since this discussion was moved to reserved business. Also, Principal asked to let JCR know that College have now instated a new policy prohibiting relationships between students and tutors.
* Wrote access, admissions, and outreach section of the rent negotiations.
* Organised helpers for 4 tours and the HE Fair in Kent - if anyone can help out on Tuesday please let me know, need 1 more volunteer at least.
* Spoke to Emma Jackson about potential residential idea for a school in Oldham and sent to Luke to chat through.

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

* 1 person applied to prescriptions funding
* Pidged stuff/ restocked boxes
* Met with junior deans and mcr reps
* Went to welfare committee
* Welfare tea today

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

* Everything for speakers has been bought
* BOP was YUGE success thanks for all ur love and support had a great time x x x x

**LGBTQ Rep - Ro Green**

* Hosted Robin White’s hugely successful talk!
* Gave receipt to treasurer for wine refund

**International Rep - Afrah Shibu**

* Sent out an email about storage updates
* Delegated International Freshers’ Guide articles, will receive by end of this week

**Charities Rep - Naomi Hirst**

* Did collection at charity formal

**E&E Rep - Anna Pathak**

* Attended college infrastructure meeting 20/02/18
  + Lighting will be an issue around college because of north oxford climate conservation area. Light pollution, bright LED.
  + Battery bins to be set up in JCR and MCR for taking to IT office
  + Approval from college for recycling trials in trinity
* Contributed to the rent negotiations documents
* Attended EnE rep meeting
  + Keep cup orders
  + Environmentally friendly trashing
  + Resources for divestment in college
* Got paper straws in the bar. :D Now a mixture of paper and plastic, to use up the last of the plastic stock.
* Asked college about getting branded keep cups

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

* nothing to report

**Careers Officer - Quentin Dercon**

* careers service drop in session sorted for weds 8th week 4-5:30

**DoDO - Jack Miller**

* Pages for Sports and Societies are DONE :D
* Began looking into library rights for game storage

**Freshers Rep - Matt Clark**

* Fiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiinally I’ve signed the contract for club tickets
* Refreshers event happened
* One tshirt design finished
* A good amount of articles have come through
* Organised a meeting with welfare reps to sort out workshops and welfare in freshers week

## 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.

£577.24

Travel Grants: £500

## 3. Late motions for admission

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

**Motion A: Pool Table Charge**

THE JCR NOTES

1. The pool table in the JCR is often in use, with pool seeing a resurgence in popularity this year
2. The pool table in the bar has a 20p charge you have to pay to use it
3. Nobody carries round 20ps in this day and age, in this so-called ‘cashless society’
4. Literally, who has 20ps?

THE JCR BELIEVES

1. A 20p charge is an amount low enough that the bar, or wherever the money goes, probably doesn’t make a significant amount
2. With the coming advent of Hugh’s Pool Society, we need all the felt space we can get in order to win competitions

THE JCR RESOLVES

1. To firstly ask the bar (or whoever controls the table) to remove the money payment procedure (as it is doable)
2. If this is unsuccessful for economic reasons, to haggle with the bar up to £50 to take it off

Proposer: Joe Higton

Seconder: Will Donlan

Factual Points

Motion clarified

RO: does this mean that the £50 will have to go to whoever owns it?

Joe: yes

Points for Debate

RO: MCR are under the impression that this is their pool table, as we already have one here in the JCR?

AY: I can still speak to the MCR and work this out

Votes

**PASSES** unanimously

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

**Motion B: Entz Weekly Events**

THE JCR NOTES

* 1. Currently, the constitution mandates that the entz reps must organise “social events each Full Term, with at least one each week”
  2. Many entz are poorly attended
  3. Other colleges have much fewer than eight events a term, often as low as four
  4. It is difficult to organise eight quality events a term

THE JCR BELIEVES

1. One event a week leads to a ‘quantity not quality’ approach to Entz wherein the reps must generate events for the sake of it without time to properly make them good
2. People do not want to attend a Hugh’s event every single week
3. The JCR would benefit more from a lesser amount of events, of a higher quality, which would be better attended

THE JCR RESOLVES

1. To change the constitution from one event every week, to five across the entire term

Proposer: Joe Higton

Seconder: Will Donlan

Points for Debate

Arjun Sharma: Definitely worth bearing in mind events that do not include alcohol

Curtis: Could simply change it to 8 over the course of the term if the worry is being able to always fit one into a week? This is a 2-person job for a reason

Joe: The point is that we will be able to do fewer events *better*, and won’t have to waste time and resources on those that are unsuccessful, e.g. our recent film night which had 0 attendees

Votes

**PASSES**

**Motion C: Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. There has been snow this week.
2. There is not usually snow.
3. The snow was of overall poor quality and was not in sufficient quantity to play with and have a merry time.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. Snow is fun.
2. Oxford is stressful; snow helps to relieve stress by providing a fun outlet for energy, a wholesome series of snow-based activities, and numerous opportunities for fun snow instas.
3. We should have more snow.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To petition college to provide snow to students regularly, particularly during Trinity term, when snow would be particularly fun in the sun, and particularly useful in the run up to exams.
2. To ensure that college provides a sufficient quantity of good-quality snow (heavy snowflakes not the weird dry stuff we've had this week), the JCR shall elect a snow representative, a snowmaster if you will, to provide oversight on this issue, and coordinate a series of snow-based wholesome activities in conjunction with the Welfare reps.
3. The common term 'snowman' shall henceforth be known as a snow-hugh-man.

Proposer: Harrison Engler

Seconder: James Walton

Motion removed in interests of time

**Motion B(ii)’’: Motion Fund to Blues Fund Reallocation (Part II) – to pass for the 2nd time**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. The JCR has now expanded eligibility for blues funding to include all university level sports which have a Varsity match, and train twice a week during their season.
2. As a result, there are more potential applicants for blues funding than in previous years.
3. The current constitution reads, in appendix G:

*G2: The maximum amount of money available for Blues Funds in any given term shall be at the JCR Treasurer’s discretion, but shall not exceed £1500.*

*G6: Alongside the JCR Sports and Societies Representative, the JCR Treasurer will use the information provided to work out the amount given to each applicant, using a Formula agreed by the JCR Committee. Should the total amount awarded to all applicants exceed £1500, then the amount granted to each applicant shall be proportionally scaled down until the sum is equal to £1500.*

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. The JCR should increase the amount of money allocated to blues funding due to the increased number of potential applicants.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. The JCR resolves to increase the maximum budget for blues funds to £2000 a term, amending the constitution to change the values of £1500 to £2000 in the above clauses.

Proposer: Tristan Wang

Seconder: Dan Phillips

Factual Points

AY: It’s about increasing the cap

Paddy Byfield: is the current Blues Funding stretched?

AY: it is

Votes

**PASSES**

**Motion D’’: WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative Constitutional Change – to pass for the 2nd time**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. Appendix B2(a)(v) of the JCR constitution mandates that the JCR LGBTQ Representative must sit on the WEQ committee in their position as JCR LGBTQ Representative.
2. JCR committee are unable to stand for positions on the WEQ committee according to Appendix B2(d)
3. There is currently a specific constitutional job description for every WEQ committee member besides the WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. Presence of a WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative on the WEQ committee makes a big difference to the image of the JCR’s commitment to transgender/minority gender welfare and may help prospective students feel more confident in coming to St Hugh’s College
2. Currently if no one runs for WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative then this role is left unfilled for the year
3. By allowing the JCR LGBTQ Representative to sit as WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative if they so choose and opening up the position of WEQ LGBTQ Representative for elections in years when there are no suitable candidates for WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative, we will increase the likelihood of this position being filled

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To add point B2(d)(iv) to Appendix B stating that “In years when no suitable candidate applies for WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative, the JCR LGBTQ rep may choose to take up this role.”
2. To create the new position of a WEQ LGBTQ rep by adding point B2(d)(v) to Appendix B, stating WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative, as under B2(d)(iv), their role, as designated by B2(h)(v), may be filled by a ‘WEQ LGBTQ Representative’. This new position will only be elected by the procedure set out in B2(d) in the aforementioned circumstances, and there will not be the position of JCR LGBTQ Representative [B2(a)(v)] present on the WEQ Committee for the duration of this period.”
3. To add point B2(h)(xi) to Appendix B stating that “The Transgender/Minority Gender Representative shall: 1. Be defined as a Communities Representative, and have duties as described above, with responsibility for the transgender/minority gender students in college. 2. Consult with the JCR LGBTQ Representative on use of the transition fund when necessary.”

Proposer: Ro Green  
Seconder: Roxy Orloff

Votes

**PASSES** – Constitution must be changed

6. Statement motions for debate.

## 7. Items for discussion.

## 8. Any other business.

**IC Elections**

* 1. Curtis Crowley
  2. Kavana Crossley
  3. Patrick Byfield

Goes to an online vote

**RO Elections**

1. Arjun Sharma

Arjun is re-elected

**Travel Grant Elections**

1. Study of Ancient Greek – 1 veto
2. Research for C20 Optional Extended Essay on East German Artists
3. EP Africa Summer 2018 with Rural Kenyan / Ugandan Secondary Schools – 18 vetos
4. The 50 Strangers Project
5. 10-Week Placement at a Harvard Cardiology Lab
6. Tropical Forest Ecology in Borneo – 1 veto
7. Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro
8. Post-Soviet Travels in the Caucasus
9. JunHe Summer Internship (Beijing)