

## **St Hugh's JCR Meeting 3 Minutes**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> Week TT18, 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**

- Ball Committee sorted
- Met with Bursar
- Prescom
- Governing body
- Sorted returning officer situation

#### **Vice President - Roxy Orloff**

- Just general discussions with Magdalena and hall about everything
- RAG formal hall surfing with Naomi
- Ball committee

#### **Secretary - Alex Buchanan**

- Minutes
- Constitutional Updates
- OUSU Student Council
- Overseeing several motions regarding constitutional change

#### **Treasurer - Aditya Badaya**

- General account keeping, payments
- Blues funds process is being overhauled. Should be easier to file for the applicants, and easier for the treasurers to go through
- Ball committee

#### **Access and Academic Affairs - Jessy McCabe**

- Went to Governing Body - the private schools paper was re-worded, but passed!
- Did collections survey and sent to Thea.

- Got volunteers for tours.
- Got reply for Luke now saying no to paper alt pros, yes to videos but no to outside people helping.
- Continuing to try get hoodies sorted...
- Ball Committee.

#### **Welfare Reps - Ella Heinz (WTI) & Ryan Simpson (MMG)**

- Welfare week
- Trying to sort out weq byelections: They will hopefully be next week!!! RUN!!!

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

- Fever BOP w/LMH
- Entz ban...
- Prep for Freshers Bop in MT
- Charity Cricket Event coming up soon

#### **LGBTQ Rep - Ro Green**

- Organising for LGBT 101 workshop training to be held in Hugh's in 7th week
- Ran painting event in welfare week as WEQ trans rep
- Ran picnic in 4th week and created advice booklet which is on the JCR page as a PDF

#### **International Students Rep - Afrah Shibu**

- Nothing to report

#### **Charities Rep - Naomi Hirst**

- Chosen RAG ball committee and organised first meeting as well as meeting with college
- Organised charities elections (extended deadline) which will be held at the end of this meeting

#### **E&E Rep - Anna Pathak**

- Nothing to report

#### **Sports & Societies Rep - Sheng Ho**

- Nothing to report

#### **Careers Officer - Quentin Dercon**

- Nothing to report

#### **Director of Digital Operations - Jack Miller**

- Updated the Constitution Appendices to be more visually appealing
- Posted past committee minutes on website

#### **Freshers Rep - Matt Clark**

- Continued talking to walters about deal for sub fusc
- Saw Thea to catch up on scheduling and going in in the vac
- Freshers guide is a day away from being ready

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. Late motions for admission

4. Action motions for debate asking for funding.

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

### **Motion A'' – Travel Grants Constitutional Reform**

#### THE JCR NOTES

1. The existing provisions for the allocation of Travel Grants, under Appendix F of the JCR Constitution, are extremely problematic – riddled with ambiguities, inconsistencies, and an overarching lack of clear guidance in the layout, structure and content
2. The Travel Grants Meeting takes place at the end of the last JCR Meeting of term, and, as it is a lengthy, confusing and often bureaucratic affair as a result of the problems associated with Appendix F, can serve to alienate JCR members, leading to a reduced potential to reach quorum
3. The JCR should constantly strive to improve its clarity and efficiency in order to promote accessibility
4. The incumbent JCR Secretary and his esteemed predecessor have worked hard in scrutinising and picking apart Appendix F, and suggesting a number of changes and additions
5. Changes and additions to Appendices may only be made after the passage of a motion explicitly stating the changes through two consecutive JCR meetings

#### THE JCR BELIEVES

1. The ambiguities, inconsistencies and lack of clear guidance within Appendix F should be rectified
2. A number of features should be clarified:

- a) the specific eligibility of JCR members to apply for a Travel Grant, accounting for all possible circumstances
  - b) the minimum amount of funding to be set aside by the JCR Treasurer for the Travel Grants each term
  - c) the timing and procedure of the Travel Grants Meeting
  - d) the structure of the Travel Grants application form
3. A number of features should be added:
- a) a clause stating that applications must be accompanied by evidence of the estimated total cost of the project
  - b) a clause stating that the Applicant must, where possible, provide evidence of unsuccessful previous attempts to acquire funding from their subject department, the college, or the university
  - c) a clause preventing numerous successive Travel Grant applications from JCR members who have already successfully applied for and received a Travel Grant that academic year (to come into effect from Michaelmas Term 2018)
  - d) a clause mandating the JCR Secretary to keep a log of successful past applications for Travel Grants, to ensure that the above clause is met
  - e) a clause preventing JCR members from applying for more than one Travel Grant in any one term
  - f) a clause specifying how several JCR Members who wish to apply for Travel Grants for the same project may go about doing so
  - g) a clause clarifying the eligibility of JCR Members in their final year of study to apply for a Travel Grant
  - h) a clause clarifying what costs the Travel Grant funding may be used to cover, in order to prevent charitable and third party donations under the guise of a Travel Grant
  - i) clauses specifying the roles of the JCR Secretary, Independent Chair, Returning Officer and Vice President in relation to the Travel Grant procedure
  - j) clauses specifying the procedure of the Travel Grants Meeting
  - k) clauses specifying the procedure of the online secret ballot that follows the Travel Grants Meeting

#### THE JCR RESOLVES

1. To amend Appendix F to include the changes as follows, highlighted in red:  
(NB – the order has been reshuffled and reformatted under subtitles for the purposes of clarity)

### **Appendix F**

#### *Travel Grants*

F1. Monies for Travel Grants are to come from a separate JCR fund, within the main JCR account, devoted to worthwhile vacation projects undertaken by JCR Members **between**

matriculation and graduation. The JCR Treasurer shall set aside a minimum of £500 for Travel Grants in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms, and a minimum of £1000 in Trinity Term.

F2. The allocation of Travel Grants shall be decided by a vote, subsequent to the Travel Grants Meeting. The Travel Grants Meeting shall directly follow the fourth Ordinary JCR Meeting of Term, and shall be chaired by the Independent Chair.

### **Applications**

F3. No Applicant may apply for more than £200, or 30% of their costs – whichever is smaller.

F4. All applications must have a Proposer and a Secunder, neither of which may be the Applicant, **and both of which must be Members of the JCR**. The names of the Applicant, Proposer and Secunder shall be kept confidential until after the vote is made.

F5. Each Applicant shall submit:

- a) the title of their project (up to 10 words);
- b) the estimated total cost of their project;
- c) the amount sought from the JCR;
- d) a short description of the project (up to 100 words);
- e) a short explanation as to why the JCR should fund the project (up to 200 words); and
- f) a short declaration of any other sources of funding they have obtained for the project, and the respective amount(s).

This shall be set out in a Travel Grants application form, distributed by the JCR Secretary at least a week before the submission deadline for applications.

F6. Applications for funds must be accompanied by evidence of the estimated total cost of the project, such as letters from the organisers, proof of bookings, receipts, screenshots of costs for flights or hotels not yet booked.

F7. All applications must be submitted to the JCR Secretary **by email** no less than 48 hours before the Travel Grants Meeting is due to commence. Any applications submitted after this deadline will be immediately rejected by the JCR Secretary.

## Eligibility

F8. The Applicant must not be obtaining funding from their subject department, and the project must not be part of their compulsory degree course. Projects that are supplementary to a degree course, such as voluntarily visiting an area in order to aid understanding of a topic of study or thesis, are eligible for funding. The Applicant must, where possible, provide evidence of unsuccessful previous attempts to acquire funding from their subject department, the college, or the university.

F9. No JCR Member who has successfully applied for and received a JCR Travel Grant during any one academic year may apply for a second JCR Travel Grant during the same academic year, even if it is for a different project. This clause will come into effect from Michaelmas Term 2018.

F10. The JCR Secretary shall keep a log of successful past applications for Travel Grants, in order to ensure that clause F9 is met.

F11. A JCR Member may not apply for more than one Travel Grant in any one term.

F12. It is permitted for candidates to apply for a Travel Grant for a project not taking place in the vacation immediately following the term in which the election is being held, and for candidates to re-apply following one failed nomination if the project is still upcoming. No monies will be refunded retrospectively for projects already completed that did not receive Travel Grant funding prior to the trip.

F13. In cases where more than one JCR Member wishes to apply for funding for the same project (whether to be undertaken jointly or separately), they may apply for separate Travel Grants, but may not apply jointly for one Travel Grant.

F14. JCR Members in their final year of study are permitted to apply for a Travel Grant for a project undertaken during the vacation immediately following the Trinity Term of their final year, but may not apply for a Travel Grant for any projects due to be undertaken thereafter.

F15. The Travel Grant must be used exclusively as a contribution towards the costs of travel and accommodation. A project that involves the use of the funding as a contribution towards a charity or related third party is not eligible.

F16. A Travel Grant application does not affect the rights of JCR Members to apply for funding for other unrelated purposes through an Action Motion for Debate asking for funding.

### **Travel Grants Meeting**

F17. The JCR Secretary shall notify the JCR of the opportunity to apply for Travel Grants at least a week before the submission deadline for applications, and shall alert the JCR to the regulations for doing so, as set out in this Appendix.

F18. The JCR Secretary, with the oversight and support of the JCR Returning Officer, shall check that the applications meet all of the criteria set out in this Appendix. Any applications that do not meet all of the criteria will be immediately rejected by the JCR Secretary.

F19. All applications which meet the criteria set out in this Appendix will be provided to the Independent Chair at the Travel Grants meeting. The Independent Chair will read out:

- a) the title of the project;
- b) the amount of funding sought from the JCR;
- c) the short description of the project
- d) the explanation as to why the JCR should fund the project
- e) any other sources of funding secured, and their respective amounts

The names of the Applicants, Proposers and Seconders will not be disclosed.

F20. After each application is read out, those present in the Travel Grants Meeting will vote on whether or not that specific application should be vetoed. If a majority of those present in the Travel Grants Meeting choose to veto the application, the application will be rejected and will not appear in the online vote.

F21. Once all of the applications have been heard, voting shall commence by an online secret ballot, open to the whole of the JCR, in the form of the Alternative Vote [Electoral Reform Society]. The vote shall open in the 24 hours following the Travel Grants Meeting, and shall close at least 48 hours after having opened.

F22. The online vote will include the information read out by the Independent Chair at the

Travel Grants Meeting, as set out in F19. The names of the Applicants, Proposers and Seconders will not be disclosed.

F23. No JCR Member is permitted to campaign in support of any Travel Grant. If any such campaigning is discovered, the JCR Committee has the right to remove that Travel Grant application from the election.

F24. The setting up and running of the online voting system shall be administered by the JCR Returning Officer, with the support and oversight of the JCR Vice President.

F25. The JCR Returning Officer shall publish the results of the vote within two days of the vote.

F26. In the event of there being more money asked for than is available, the preferential list shall determine the rank order for the distribution of monies.

Proposer: Alex Buchanan

Secunder: Curtis Crowley

**PASSES FOR THE SECOND TIME**

### **Motion B'': Access Officer Motion**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. Under Appendix A, in points A9 a), the JCR President has a duty to ensure that JCR Committee work is conducted in a co-ordinated manner, that maximise the interests of the JCR.
2. Under the current constitution, the JCR Access and Academic Affairs Officer (from hereon 'AccAff') and the JCR Careers Officer are two separate positions on the JCR Committee, as defined in Appendix A A9 (e) and (p) respectively.
3. It is common in other Oxford and Cambridge Colleges to have a JCR 'Access Officer' in isolation, since this is an area which requires a great deal of work.



4. The current 'Careers Officer' role used to, in effect, be a part of the AccAff position. This means there is a precedent for Academic Affairs and Careers policy briefs being part of the same JCR Committee position.
5. The JCR President has discussed the below proposed changes, and the impact they would have upon workload, with both the current AccAff and Careers Officer. Both officers have expressed their support for the proposed changes.

#### THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. In the longer term, structural access reform within Oxford Colleges has the potential to increase opportunities for many deserving young people, alongside improving the Oxford experience for those currently studying at the University. It is therefore one of the most important areas of work that the JCR can involve itself with.
2. Engaging with the JCR, College and other University-wide organisations to further reform within St Hugh's is therefore an incredibly large responsibility which, to be done thoroughly, would require undertaking a relatively heavy workload.
3. 'Access' and 'Academic Affairs' are both areas of deep importance, but with the limited time Oxford Students have to conduct JCR work it is unreasonable to expect both these strands to be given maximum possible attention.
4. The position of 'Access Officer' would therefore allow the office holder greater time and freedom to undertake access-related work, and to engage in more time consuming, longer term projects.
5. The importance and depth of this role, as well as clear definitions of the words 'access', 'widening participation', 'recruitment', and 'outreach' should be reflected in the role's constitutional description.
6. The position of an 'Academic Affairs and Careers Officer' would represent a logical, precedented pairing of policy briefs, and would represent a reasonable workload for a JCR committee member.
7. The proposed 'Access Officer' position should be filled by the current 'Access and Academic Affairs Officer'.
8. The proposed 'Academic Affairs and Careers' position should be filled by the current 'Careers Officer'.
9. The proposed changes should take effect Sunday of 9th Week, Trinity Term 2018. This allows both officers time over the summer vacation and Michaelmas term to plan and conduct their work. It also means the officers can speak with experience about what each role entails to prospective candidates for the roles in the Michaelmas Term 2018 JCR elections. It also allows the JCR President time to update college about the changes, and the JCR Secretary time to prepare and update references to the old positions in the JCR Constitution.

#### THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To replace the current JCR Access and Academic Affairs Officer position with a new 'Access Officer' position. This will be done by amending the JCR Constitution, **Appendix A, point A9 e)** to the following:

*e. The JCR Access Officer shall:*

- i. Liaise with the College Office to advocate, establish, and assist with the implementation of schemes aiming to improve access to the College and University and widen participation to higher education for students from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds. Such schemes could include, but are not limited to: day and residential visits from target schools or specific groups of underrepresented students; roadshows to target schools or specific groups of underrepresented students; and digital outreach.
  - a. 'Access activity' is defined by the Office for Fair Access as 'any activity that involves raising aspirations and attainment among potential applicants from under-represented groups and encouraging them to apply to and enter higher education. This includes activity directed at young or mature students aspiring to full- or part-time study. We particularly encourage sustained, co-ordinated activities that work with pupils and other potential applicants over a number of years.';
  - b. 'Widening participation' is defined by the Office for Fair Access as 'Removing the barriers to higher education, including financial barriers, that students from lower income and other under-represented backgrounds face.'

N.B. In colloquial Oxford usage of terms, 'access' refers to encouraging more students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds to apply to the University; whereas, colloquially, widening participation is referred to as encouraging students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds to consider higher education in general, not specifically (although it may include) Oxford. These terms are both separate from 'recruitment' which does not account for potential applicants' backgrounds and therefore does not fall into the Access Officer's remit. In colloquial Oxford usage of terms, 'outreach' encompasses access, widening participation, and recruitment; the Access Officer must use their discretion to determine whether an 'outreach' event has an access and widening participation focus and thus whether such an event falls inside or outside of their remit.
- ii. Assist with JCR input into Open Days, College inbound and outbound access & widening participation visits, Interviews, and all access and widening participation – as defined in (i(a) and (b)) above - initiatives in Oxford;
- iii. Work with the JCR Secretary to produce and/or update the Alternative Prospectus, which should be produced no later than 5th week of Trinity Term each even year;
- iv. Act as Secretary of the JCR Welfare and Equal Opportunities Sub-Committee;
- v. Attend the College's Academic Committee as a JCR representative, ensuring to represent current and future students from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds and advocate for initiatives that aim to improve access to the College and University and widen participation to higher education, as defined in (i(a) and (b)) above.

- 2. To replace the current JCR Careers Officer position with a new 'Academic Affairs and Careers Officer' position. This will be done by amending the JCR Constitution, Appendix A, point A9 p) to the following:

- p. The JCR Academic Affairs and Careers Officer shall:
  - i. Advise JCR Members of the academic support services available to them;
  - ii. Keep a record of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) Representatives in College;
  - iii. Seek to represent JCR academic interests at all relevant forums in College;
  - iv. Represent individual Members of the JCR in academic matters, when reasonably requested to do so by the Member concerned;

- v. *When requested to do so, make enquiries about Collections unreturned by Monday of 4th Week of every Full Term.*
- vi. *Advise JCR Members of the career support services and opportunities available to them. This includes the responsibility to provide careers information to the JCR (not advisory) via email and/or via notice boards and the JCR website, including information on: Graduate Studies, Internship opportunities, Volunteering opportunities, Opportunities to work with the university and the Careers Service's services.*
- vii. *Seek to represent JCR career concerns and interests at all relevant forums in College;*
- viii. *Work with the College Development Office to produce a prospectus of alumni destinations and organise q&a sessions with alumni of interest to the JCR;*
- ix. *Liaise with the College Development Office to organise at least two careers events during their time in office;*

3. That the 'Access Officer' position created in point (a) should be filled by the current 'Access and Academic Affairs Officer', Jessica McCabe, whose mandate will run until the end of Michaelmas Term 2018. The successor will be elected in the Michaelmas Term 2018 JCR Committee wide elections.
4. That the 'Academic Affairs and Careers' position created in point (b) should be filled by the current 'Careers Officer', Quentin Dercon, whose mandate will run until the end of Michaelmas Term 2018. The successor will be elected in the Michaelmas Term 2018 JCR Committee wide elections.
5. That, if approved by two consecutive full JCR meetings, these changes will take effect on Sunday of 9th Week, Trinity Term 2018.
6. That the JCR President is mandated to inform college of these changes, and outline the reasons behind them.
7. That the JCR Secretary is mandated to use their discretion to replace references to 'Access and Academic Affairs Officer' and 'Careers Officer' with the relevant new title within the JCR Constitution and its appendices.

Proposed by: Jessica McCabe

Seconded by: Alexander Yeandle

## **PASSES FOR THE SECOND TIME**

### **Motion C: Motion to clarify the role of the Returning Officer**

#### **THE JCR NOTES:**

1. Currently, the role of overseeing the administration of JCR elections using the Alternative Vote (AV) (Electoral Reform Society 1997) system falls upon the JCR Vice

President due to lack of clarity in the constitutional role of the Returning Officer under Appendix E;

2. According to Appendix A, section A9(b), the Vice President is not currently obligated to oversee the administration of JCR elections;
3. The role of the Returning Officer, according to Appendix E, is “the administration of elections”;
4. Appendix E should therefore be amended in order to clarify the Returning Officer’s constitutional role.
5. In order to encourage people to run for the position and to enable consistency in the administration of elections, the post tenure should be elongated and granted a room ballot privilege.

#### THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. The constitutional role of the Returning Officer should be clarified in order to prevent the overburdening of the JCR Vice President, and ensure that the Returning Officer sufficiently undertakes their job.
2. The Returning Officer should be a year-long position, enabling consistency and the exercise of amalgamated expertise in the use of the AV online voting system.
3. The Returning Officer role should be incentivised with room ballot privileges.
4. The toughest part of the RO job is the JCR Committee Election at the end of Michaelmas Term...

In order to prevent ROs simply resigning before they have to do this, the room ballot reward must be contingent on their completion of 3 Full Terms in the post, and they must be prevented from standing in the Committee Election (and getting out of overseeing the administration for it!). The administration of the JCR Committee Election must be a mandatory part of the role.

5. The RO Appendix should be simplified to include the following:
  1. an exact description and list of the responsibilities
  2. when and how the RO is elected, and the duration of that tenure
  3. what happens in the instance that the RO wishes to run in one of the elections which they are overseeing
  4. a simpler process to appoint an Acting Returning Officer from the Exec Committee in the instance that the RO has to miss attending one JCR Meeting
  5. a room ballot incentive to encourage people to run

#### THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To redraft Appendix E to the following:

### **Appendix E**

#### *The JCR Returning Officer*

#### *The Election of the JCR Returning Officer*

##### *E1*

*The JCR Returning Officer shall be elected in the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Trinity Term. Elections will be held by Alternative Vote (AV) (Electoral Reform Society 1997), administered by the current*

*Returning Officer. The JCR Returning Officer shall hold this position for the next three Full Terms.*

*E2*

*In the instance that no candidates run for the position of JCR Returning Officer, the position passes to the Vice President as Acting Returning Officer as per E10, until the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the following term, when a further election for the position of JCR Returning Officer will take place.*

*E3*

*The JCR Returning Officer may not also be the JCR Independent Chair or the JCR President.*

### *The Role of the JCR Returning Officer*

*E4*

*The JCR Returning Officer shall oversee the administration of all JCR elections. This involves explaining the procedure for, and giving adequate notice of, all upcoming elections via email, as well as being the primary overseer of the use of the Alternative Vote (AV) (Electoral Reform Society 1997) online voting system.*

*The relevant elections overseen by the Returning Officer include:*

- a. JCR Committee Elections (The JCR Constitution, s.7);*
- b. WEQ elections and by-elections (B2(d));*
- c. Vote subsequent to the Charities Meeting (H8);*
- d. Travel Grants votes (F24);*
- e. Motions put to online secret ballot (Standing Orders, 1.15.5);*
- f. JCR Returning Officer elections (E3);*
- g. JCR Independent Chair elections.*

*E5*

*The Executive Committee must nominate one of its members to oversee the reading of election results alongside the Returning Officer, and the Independent Chair must also be in attendance.*

*E6*

*The JCR Returning Officer shall attend all JCR Meetings during their three terms of office. If they must miss a JCR Meeting, they should appoint an Acting Returning Officer from the JCR Executive Committee for that JCR Meeting. The JCR Returning Officer must inform the Independent Chair of such an appointment prior to the JCR Meeting.*

*E7*

*The JCR Returning Officer may not stand in any election during the year for which they hold the post. If they wish to stand, they must temporarily vacate the post prior to opening nominations, with the exception of the JCR Committee Election (E5). The JCR Returning Officer will return to their post subsequent to the reading of the election results.*

E8

*The JCR Returning Officer may not stand in the JCR Committee Election occurring in the year for which they hold the post, and may not temporarily or permanently vacate the role in order to do so. Overseeing the administration of the JCR Committee Election is a mandatory role of the JCR Returning Officer.*

E9

*In the instance that the position of JCR Returning Officer becomes temporarily vacant, as per E4, the JCR Vice-President shall be appointed as Acting Returning Officer, and assume the powers and responsibilities of the JCR Returning Officer. Should the JCR Vice-President resign from this position, the Executive Committee shall nominate one of their number to become Acting Returning Officer.*

E10

*The JCR Returning Officer shall be granted a room ballot score immediately beneath the lowest position of the JCR Committee, contingent on their completion of all three Full Terms in the post, including the mandatory oversight of the administration of the JCR Committee Election.*

E11

*In the instance that the JCR Returning Officer permanently resigns, the JCR Vice-President shall be appointed as Acting Returning Officer, and assume the powers and responsibilities of the JCR Returning Officer until at the very latest the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the term of resignation, when there will be another JCR Returning Officer election, as per E3. The JCR Returning Officer will then hold this position for the next 3 Full Terms.*

*In the instance of the JCR Returning Officer's permanent resignation, the JCR Committee has the discretion as to when to hold the next election – the very latest being the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the term of resignation.*

*Should the JCR Vice-President resign from the position of Acting Returning Officer in the interim, the Executive Committee shall nominate one of their number to become Acting Returning Officer.*

Proposer: Alex Buchanan

Seconder: Alex Yeandle

Harrison Engler:

Isn't this already the RO's job, and isn't 'oversight of administration of elections' a bit vague?

Roxy Orloff:

You'd be surprised: the holes in the Constitution have made it very easy for the RO to dump all their responsibilities on Exec Committee Members.

Alex Buchanan:

We are essentially filling the holes in the existing constitution, clarifying the RO's exact role. Shouldn't be any material difference, aside from making it a year-long position and adding the perk of the room ballot in order to add longevity and consistency, and make it a more attractive position.

Harrison Engler:

Why is the language of the motion aimed at the Returning Officer who has just resigned? (picking out the word 'snaking')

Robbie Whittaker:

Friendly amend?

Alex Buchanan:

The word was NOT used with reference to Arjun, but instead, as is clearly the case by looking at the context, is meant in reference to the potential for ROs to come in, swipe up the room ballot and then leave without undertaking the key role in their job. If you read it in context this is clear, but the word will be friendly amended out of the motion.

Paddy Byfield:

As it now has room ballot privilege, will you need permission from your tutor to run for it?

Alex Buchanan:

Nope, because it isn't a role on the JCR committee.

## **PASSES FOR THE FIRST TIME**

## **6. Statement motions for debate.**

### **Motion E: Motion to sever JCR association with and support for 'Gold of Fuck'**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. In the first JCR meeting of TT18, a motion passed allowing a £200 contribution towards the printing and launch event of the magazine 'Gold of Fuck'.
2. Earlier this week, it was highlighted to executive members of the JCR committee that 'Gold of Fuck' graffiti has appeared – specifically in two places along the perimeter fence of the Oxford University Sports Centre on Iffley Road, one of which is directly opposite the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies.

3. The document with photos can be found below; it was submitted to the JCR Executive Committee by pidge anonymously, and has been scanned.
4. A name as unusual as 'Gold of Fuck' can be rationally connected to the magazine and its associated group, known to sell art and poetry in the area.
5. A simple Google of the words 'gold of fuck jcr' brings up the minutes for the first JCR meeting of TT18; a direct public view of the St Hugh's JCR's decision to fund the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine.
6. Graffiti on private property is a form of criminal damage, under the Criminal Damage Act 1971.
7. The JCR is unable to ask for the £200 back.

#### THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. Graffiti, especially of a profanity, on private property that is visible to the public is antisocial behaviour, as well as criminal damage.
2. The JCR is not a court and is not in a position to conduct an investigation, or to definitively declare whether or not the 'Gold of Fuck' collective are responsible; however, the clear line of association between the criminal damage and the name of the publication is adequate grounds for condemnation.
3. No matter the cause, the JCR should not associate itself with or be seen to support criminal or antisocial behaviour.
4. In order to prevent such an association, the motion to fund 'Gold of Fuck' must be countered with a further motion condemning the associated criminal and antisocial behaviour, withdrawing JCR backing for the publication.
5. This motion is supported unanimously by the JCR Executive Committee.

#### THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To condemn the criminal and antisocial behaviour associated with the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine collective.
2. To withdraw support for and sever JCR ties with the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine.
3. To automatically refuse any further motions asking for JCR funding or support for the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine collective as a matter of policy.

Proposed by: Alex Yeandle

Seconded by: Alex Buchanan

*(on behalf of the JCR Executive Committee)*





2 places along Perimeter Fence of Oxford Sports Centre, Iffley Road

Alex Buchanan:

As stated in the motion, this is not about ascribing blame to individuals. It is simply about ensuring that the motions supported by the JCR align with our ethical and legal standpoint.

Marcel Shopen:

I get your point, but it hasn't been proven and so seems a little unfair. Would it be more appropriate to have that information first before making such a bold statement?

Lewis Hunt:

As a member of the Gold of Fuck collective, I actually disagree with you there, Marcel. I just want to express support for the JCR. The graffiti is nothing but exasperating, especially given that it is in a residential area; I condemn it outright, for all the reasons listed in the agenda. I also think that a lot of the members of the collective are exasperated that this is there. I first heard the news on Wednesday, and having seen the photos in the agenda, it is clearly going to have to be removed. The labour to remove it is annoying. The collective is about a group of people who come together to create art, and on behalf of the members I would like to say that this is an immense disappointment to see the community vandalised near the centre of Oxford. The graffiti does not speak for us. By association, the JCR is correct in cutting ties. It can in no stretch condone any illegal activity.

Megan Black:

I did not give consent to and was not aware of this graffiti cropping up. I agree with this motion, also as a member of the Gold of Fuck collective.

Harrison Engler:

Presumably the policy vote will be separate?

Kavana Crossley:

We will vote on it separately.

Joe Higton-Durrant:

Perhaps a vote to formally condemn may give it more attention than it deserves!

Paddy Byfield:

The point of policy must fail. We are democratic; we all have the ability to make and unmake any rule. Whether or not we choose to endorse 'Gold of Fuck' or not should not be enshrined in policy; it seems to be flippant and undemocratic to throw away opportunity to make decisions to endorse it in the future.

Alex Yeandle:

This is simply incorrect. You are right in saying that the democratic vote can make and unmake any rule.

Harrison Engler:

Is there any precedent for the policy point?

Kavana Crossley:

Not specifically, but the way policy works is that it forges a path to which the JCR should adhere in its passing of motions, for example Ethical Investment.

Matt Clark:

Move to secret vote: closed-eyes.

Lewis Hunt:

To clarify, there is no real central impetus to the 'Gold of Fuck' collective. Everyone within the collective would like to rescind their names from this graffiti on these walls. Specifically about funding and about drawing publicity to something about which we are immensely embarrassed. Obviously it wouldn't affect individuals coming to the JCR for funding, but if we were to change the name and come back as a group of people wanting to do a zine... how would this work? It was a surprise to a lot of the people involved – we don't want to have our funding rights affected in future.

Kavana Crossley:

The motion refers specifically to 'Gold of Fuck'. Realistically a different collective with a different name is okay.

Kapil Tyagi:

It says in the motion that the JCR has no opinion as to the guilt of the individuals involved, and simply wishes to distance itself from this particular act, so it would be unfair to refuse to fund anything that the individuals are involved with in the future. Otherwise you *are* ascribing blame to the individuals.

Kavana Crossley:

This is correct; if the name is changed and it is still the same collective, they are not precluded from gaining funding under the policy motion. The motion is purely aimed at the 'Gold of Fuck' publication.

Alex Yeandle:

Matters of policy can be changed. Paddy said that it constrains your personal liberty to choose; that is simply not true. Any JCR member has the right to propose and second a motion; you are not consigned to a policy for eternity.

Roxy Orloff:

Move to online vote.

## **Results (as per email from Acting RO, 30/5/18)**

### **Motion E1**

1. To condemn the criminal and antisocial behaviour associated with the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine collective, and
2. To withdraw support for and sever JCR ties with the Gold of Fuck magazine

**Votes cast: 77**

**For: 53**

**Against: 21**

**Abstentions: 3**

**PASSES**

### **Motion E2**

1. To automatically refuse any further motions asking for JCR funding or support for the 'Gold of Fuck' magazine collective as a matter of policy

**Votes cast: 76**

**For: 38**

**Against: 33**

**Abstentions: 5**

**DOES NOT PASS**

## 7. Items for discussion.

## 8. Any other business.

Robbie Whittaker:

Apply for Ball Committee! Details can be found in the email and on the Facebook JCR Page

### **Charities Elections**

#### 1. Kidney Care UK

**Name:** Rosie Tabor

**Charity:** Kidney Care UK

**Brief description of charity:**

Many people are unaware of the difficulties surrounding kidney disease. Kidney Care UK, a small charity, is also the UK's leading kidney patient support charity. They target much of our help on kidney patients in financial hardship, specifically those undergoing dialysis or who have had a kidney transplant but are struggling to cope by making small grants including for holidays. They provide services and advocate for patients especially over the many challenges of obtaining benefits, and provide counselling support. They campaign to improve the lot of kidney patients and raise awareness of the disease, funding posts in kidney units not funded by the system.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

The JCR's donation would help them help those suffering from a life-threatening and incurable disease whose lives can be extremely difficult. Often unable to work, surviving on a gruelling regime of dialysis for a minimum of four hours three times every week, and suffering from emotional problems, many kidney patients have a very low quality of life. Their mission is to improve their quality of life including for family members who often bear the brunt and who act as carers every day. Any donation of whatever size would make a real difference to those who need this help.

#### 2. Macmillan Cancer Support

**Name:** Daniel de Wijze

**Charity:** Macmillan Cancer Support

**Brief description of charity:**

From their website: "No one should face cancer alone. So when you need someone to turn

to, we're here. Right from the moment you're diagnosed, through your treatment and beyond, we're a constant source of support, giving you the energy and inspiration to help you take back control of your life, and feel more like yourself again." Macmillan provides specialist care, financial support and information to cancer patients and their families. It also helps people deal with the many emotional impacts of cancer.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

It has been estimated that one in three people will develop cancer at some point in their lifetime. This statistic raises to roughly one in two for people in our generation. It is an awful disease that affects people regardless of class, race, wealth or walk of life. It is easy to avoid thinking about something like cancer until the moment it affects you or someone you love - when it does, it is vital to have good support systems in place, and Macmillan provides this. They raise money and provide help for those who need it most - they are also active in the Oxford area.

### 3. Teenage Cancer Trust

**Name:** Harrison Engler

**Charity:** Teenage Cancer Trust

**Brief description of charity:**

7 people aged between 13-24 are diagnosed with cancer every day in the UK. When we were at school studying, and now while we're at university partying, people like us are suffering from cancer, and TCT is the only charity dedicated to them. They support thousands of young people a year with specialist services, advice, care, and social events. They have specialist units across the UK, and fund dozens of specialist nurses, amongst many other things.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

My sister Jessica lost a close friend to cancer a number of years ago, and in April she ran the London Marathon in her memory to raise money for TCT, raising £4,000. The experience of her friend, as well a friend of mine recently, and I'm sure of many other people connected to our JCR, shows how much difference a charity like TCT can make to a person's cancer care and experience of it. We all hope that no one in the JCR has to go through something like cancer, but if the worst happens we should hope that a charity like TCT has the funds to support people our age through cancer.

### 4. Free to Be

**Name:** Curtis Crowley

**Charity:** Free to Be

**Brief description of charity:**

Free to be is a wonderful volunteer-led charity established to support children & young people who are struggling with social or emotional difficulties, and to help create lasting change for vulnerable children's emotional health. Free to be works with disadvantaged children across London to rebuild self-esteem, boost resilience and to help explore challenging emotions and ways of managing, and it does this mainly through a range of therapeutic adventures & countryside based respite residentials, in all seasons. Free to be's aim is to open up a sense of adventure, freedom and possibility for children who are struggling, whatever life's circumstances. Free to be's ethos is that every child deserves to feel wanted, special and valued and to experience joy and adventure within their childhood.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

Free to be would really benefit from the support of St Hugh's JCR, with which it has strong links as several JCR members (including Curtis Crowley and Naomi Hirst) have had the pleasure of volunteering with Free to be, and seen first-hand the amazing difference it makes to some wonderful kids who've had a bit of a tough time of it one way or another. Free to be is a small charity, so anything the JCR can give would make a really big impact

## 5. Diabetes UK

**Name:** Chris Uren

**Charity:** Diabetes UK

**Brief description of charity:**

Diabetes UK is a wonderful charity that supports people with all forms of diabetes in many ways, and provides funding for important research. Their care and support program includes running the UK's only dedicated diabetes helpline, which is so helpful for diabetics as it's often difficult to make appointments to see diabetic consultants on the NHS. They also make information about living with diabetes easily available, and run hundreds of local support groups. Diabetes UK is one of the largest funders of diabetes research in the UK. Diabetes UK also campaigns for change in diabetes treatment from the NHS and advises the government, to improve the quality of diabetes care.

**Why the JCR should support Diabetes UK:**

Complications from inadequate diabetes treatment are devastating. For example, there are over 25 amputations every day due to diabetes, 20 of which could have been prevented with better diabetes treatment. Life expectancy for diabetics is estimated to be 10 years less than the UK average, but with poor blood sugar control this can be up to 20 years less. Diabetes UK provides people with the support and information they need to avoid these terrible outcomes, and I believe the JCR should support this charity which helps over 4.5 million diabetics in the UK. As a type 1 diabetic this is very important to me, and I hope that the JCR will help support the incredible work this charity does.

## 6. Sane

**Name:** Rebecca Shotton

**Charity:** Sane

**Brief description of charity:**

Sane is a leading UK mental health charity that works to improve the quality of life for anyone affected by mental illness. Its main aims are to raise awareness and combat stigmas through education, campaigning to improve mental health services, providing care and support for people with mental health problems and their families/carers, and to initiate research into the causes and treatments of serious mental illness. The charity runs a Caller Care helpline service led by professional staff who can provide support to get people through difficult times, and has an online forum aimed at informing and helping young sufferers.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

The JCR should support this charity because it does great work all over the country, but also specifically has an Oxford branch of volunteers that was set up by a current student, which runs educational workshops and money raising events across the university. It is thought

that 1 in 4 people will suffer from a mental illness each year, yet only £8 is spent on research per person affected by mental illness in the UK (compared to approximately £178 per person affected by cancer). This is an issue close to my heart and one most JCR members can relate to.

## 7. KEEN Oxford

**Name:** Charlotte Acheson

**Charity:** KEEN Oxford

**Brief description of charity:**

KEEN provides sporting, social and recreational activities for children and young adults with special needs. They run four different sessions every week during term time, as well as one-off special activities and daytrips. There are currently about 200 people attending KEEN sessions, with many more on the waiting list. A diverse range of disabilities is catered for and all who wish to are able to get involved. The charity is dependent on volunteers to run these sessions and charitable donations to keep providing this service.

**Why should the JCR support this charity:**

KEEN is an amazing charity that is fun for both the athletes (the affected individuals who take part) and the volunteers. It gives the athletes a chance to try new activities while socialising with others. Having volunteered at many sessions it is clear to see the positive impact it has on the athletes' lives. Funding from the JCR would help to ensure that these sessions can continue to be run and help fund new activities.