**St Hugh’s JCR Meeting 3 Minutes**

Sunday 18th February 2018, 6th 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**

* Governing Body - interesting content in reserved business
* Bursar meeting x2 -> clarity re strike action / rent negotiations
* SU council (mainly focused on grad issues so nothing of particular interest)
* 5th week blues -> big shout out to ArtsSoc/Kav
* Dean meeting (nothing of particular interest, just general + welfare deans stuff)
* Liaised with MCR Pres about Welfare Dean issues (specifically, meeting agenda) - Meeting happening next week.
* Produced and distributed ‘midterm update’ posters
* £300 from SU -> alpacas, MCR subsidising
* Funk Gig Weds 8th week
* (on behalf of the RO) Reminder about elections for IC and RO in NEXT meeting (i.e. t+2 weeks from now)

**VP - Roxy Orloff**

* Attended Extraordinary Oxford Uni SU Council (angry reacts only)
* Half Way Hall was fabbo, as was Vally Day formal
* Literally hunting Magdalena down to sort all the accommodation problems but she doesn’t really reply to emails and often isn’t in her office so it’s a difficult one
	+ MTB water - sent on to estates, no response, have been asking continually
	+ RTB noise - apologises, being looked into
	+ MGA kitchens - she said you were warned so did not take the criticism well
	+ Wolfson heat - said we had her support for the infrastructure committee in 6th week when we will bring this up again
	+ Music room floor - has apparently been secured and should be being fixed soon)
	+ Rats in gym - Should be getting meshing on windows but she reminds us to close the windows and not leave food waste lying about
* Spoke to Andrew about portion sizes - hopefully sizing up on chicken in particular, and got black pudding in hall yay
* Will be making a suggestions doc for food in hall at some point this week

**Sec - Alex Buchanan**

* Finalised last week’s minutes
* Saw through change to constitution subsequent to the passing of the Blues Funds motion (with thanks to Jack!)
* Sent out email and google poll to gauge opinions of the JCR with regard to the UCU Strikes, which may affect teaching of students at Hugh’s
* Attended Extraordinary Oxford Uni SU Council (joy)
* Bought goods for CommitTEA
* Very lively and successful CommitTEA happened earlier - we hope to put another one on next term!

**Treasurer - Aditya Badaya**

* Helped people with amalgamated funding, and extended the deadline to tomorrow.
* Blues Funds deadline is Thursday- currently creating the formula.
* Meeting Karen this week- excellent spending job by the committee so far
* Prepared expenditure forecast

**AccAff - Jessy McCabe**

* Sent out Collections survey and forwarded to Thea.
* Sent out survey about student involvement in outreach work.
* Met with Luke to discuss the private schools motion and the results of the outreach survey. Wrote and submitted the paper about private school visits for Academic Committee this Wednesday.
* Organising volunteers for two tours next week (volunteers for both still needed!). Tuesday, 11:45am and Wednesday, 2:15pm
* Discussed student involvement in outbound outreach work with Luke and sent out email getting student volunteers for a HE Fair in Kent in 9th Week (please volunteer!).
* Attended WEQ Committee meeting and sent minutes.

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

* Finalised prescriptions application and have sent that out. If you are incurring large prescriptions costs and have financial difficulties, apply by next sunday.
* Met with the new and amazing weq committee
* Had welfare tea and welfare week with tremendous support from WEQ committee (in particular thanks to Jhanna, Charlotte, Maddy, Ro, Afrah and Alex)
* Ordered in new stock for female hygiene, condoms, lube, panic alarms
* Updated form to now include range of pads/tampons available
* Pidged more stuff
* Met with the college counsellor
* Arranging meeting with the MCR welfare reps and junior deans to discuss junior dean training

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

* Had bop - wat a success welldone us
* Sent in lots of booking forms
* Need to start speaker buying process - will call on Tuesday

**LGBTQ Rep - Ro Green**

* Emailed college to get the pride flag flying for LGBT history month, they did it straight away very good.
* Advertised painting and Robin White’s “Trans in transition” talk.
* Ran painting and it was a HUGE success! Looking to do another painting activity next term.
* Put up all the painted flags in the JCR.
* Attended WEQ committee meeting.
* Attended college LGBT reps meeting with the Oxford LGBTQ campaign.
* Posted in the “st hughs lgbtq and friends” about my LGBT anthems article in the Oxford Student #selfpromo
* IT’S LESS THAN A WEEK TILL ROBIN WHITE COMES TO COLLEGE

**International Rep - Afrah Shibu**

* Storage update: We can use the room next to the bar for Easter vac! Trial run, so very important to clear out in Trinity, will send out more information about how this will work soon.
* Took orders for candygram, made the grams and pidged them (please check pidges!) £176 profits.
* Attended WEQ committee meeting, hosting G&D’s and Ted Talks on Saturday
* Publicized event hosted by Affnafee for International Mother Language Day.

**Charities Rep - Naomi Hirst**

* Sent out email with relevant charities stuff for this week
* Set up charity elections for later along with VP (stick around for hustings)

**E&E Rep - Anna Pathak**

* Met with Colin Bailey (head of estates) and head gardener in charge of recycling
	+ Trial food waste bins in kitchens of 76 (SCR), 82 (JCR) and 87 (MCR) Woodstock road in Trinity term
		- Only raw food can go to compost
		- Cooked food has to go to a plant to be made into electricity in clear plastic bags and sealed bin
		- Coffee grounds from kitchen already go to compost in college
		- Now have to pay for food waste disposal
* Cardboard boxes potentially stored during term for students packing at the end of term
* Set up clothing collection point in the JCR and have asked about one in the MCR

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

* helping any sports/socs with example constitutions

**Careers Officer - Quentin Dercon**

* got email from careers service offering a ‘pop-up’ workshop to raise awareness - made poll to gauge interest/when would be best - will send out tomorrow

**DoDO - Jack Miller**

* General website updates for Socs - most recently, chemistry, netball, cricket, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, basketball, and arts soc! If you still need an update contact me!

**Freshers Rep - Matt Clark**

* Organised a Refreshers event (subject to dean approval) for this Friday
* Starting to get in Freshers’ guide articles
* Nearly closed club deal with Varsity (if they would email me but not annoyingly)
* Inquired about a matriculation picture to be hung up in college

## 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.

£774 remaining

## 3. Late motions for admission

**Motion E: Mattress Motion**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. That the air mattress has popped and deflates throughout the night, and the other two mattresses the JCR owns are thin and springy.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. That guests visiting college and staying with JCR members deserve to have a comfortable night’s sleep.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To spend up to £150 on 2, good quality mattresses for the JCR.

Proposer: Roxy Orloff

Seconder: Alex Buchanan

Factual Points

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Points of Debate

RO: Should replace the air bed with a proper mattress, as the airbed isn’t that old but hasn’t lasted very long

Violine: Against the motion because of my experience of my air-bed, which has several chambers and is a lot cheaper
RO: I looked up cheap IKEA mattress, so the estimate is based on that – it’s clear that these normal mattresses are durable and comfortable

Nathan: What about carrying?
RO: Guest will have to help, it won’t be me!

Tristan: I know someone from the Army who recommended military grade air-beds…

Votes

PASSES

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

**Motion C: Support Vulture Sessions Video Team**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. The independent music scene in Oxford is varied and thriving
2. There aren’t many forums for musicians to organize gigs and publicise their music.
3. Musicians struggle to be paid for gigs and live performances in Oxford, Vulture Sessions pays all performers for gigs, and provides them with videos and publicity for free.
4. Vulture Sessions was very successful in its first two years of running, but has been stagnant for a year due to lack of funding and leadership.
5. Support for teams of new student filmmakers is crucial because the cost of producing a film is high: lighting and camera equipment, insurance, etc.
6. Vulture Sessions aims to minimize costs as much as possible, and has already invested in sound and other equipment.
7. Vulture Sessions has been involved with musicians from the college, and has members from the college on the production team.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. St Hugh’s College should support Vulture Sessions in its ambitious venture to reignite the music scene in Oxford.
2. St Hugh’s College should support and encourage its members and others in pursuing projects related to film.

THE JCR RESOLVES

1. Donate £50 to ‘Vulture Sessions’, to support the production of their weekly music videos.

Proposer: Molly Carlin

Seconder: Hannah Kessler

Factual Points

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Points for Debate

Molly: £40 from another JCR, but otherwise not much else, so this funding really is crucial

RO: could the money come from ArtsSoc?
Molly: last time we asked ArtsSoc they could not contribute due to lack of amalgamated funding – but next term, obviously will!

Votes

PASSES

**Motion B(i): Motion Fund to Blues Fund Reallocation (Part I)**

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. Particularly, however the constitution prevents more than £1500 being allocated to the "Blues Fund" each term. The JCR also notes that there has already been a motion to change this clause in the constitution.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. The JCR should increase the amount of money allocated to blues funding due to the increased number of potential applicants.
2. Particularly, the JCR should meet the need for additional funding for this term's sports funding round.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. The JCR resolves to reserve £500 from this term's motions budget for the next term's blues funding, to be applied retroactively next term to meet this term's sports costs pending approval of the constitutional amendment. This money will be provided next term to applicants for this term's blues funding in addition to any blues funding that will be made this term. The formula for the allocation of this funding next term will be the same as the formula for allocating the blues funding this term.

Proposer: Tristan Wang

Seconder: Vincent Tang

Factual Points

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Points for Debate

CC: Why not just from JCR budget?
Tristan: would be a good use of JCR funds

Harrison Engler: Setting a precedent: unused money towards Blues Funding – there are lots of other motions we could use this money on, or even charities… If you think it’s necessary for larger Blues Funding, this is a separate debate

Dan: Half of the entire motions budget just for sport seems questionable and excessive… maybe instead put the money left over towards it?

Naomi: Have you looked into other ways to get this kind of money into the Blues Fund? If you were to look into a way to create a society, you could create it that way
Tristan: Previous motion was the creation of a ‘Sports Fund’ which is effectively the same as the Blues Fund – this was declared unconstitutional by the Independent Chair

Adi: When previous ‘Blues Fund’ motion passed – remember the essence of that motion, which was to provide more opportunity for funding but less funds on an individual basis

Votes

DOES NOT PASS

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

**Motion B(ii): Motion Fund to Blues Fund Reallocation (Part II)**

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

Marcel: Where will the money come from?
Adi: I have the power to reallocate so don’t worry about that

Naomi: Blues Funding: is it not the case that people get all the money they ask for?

Adi: Yeah you’re right – but we don’t know the full effect of the previous motion just yet

CC: Will the same procedure apply?
Kav: Yes, it’s just a change of figures

Points of Debate

Tristan: Lists the costs, showing how important it is

Marcel: Makes sense to inflate the fund in order to allow for Blues players to receive the same funds that they were receiving before

Votes

PASSES – must pass again in the next consecutive meeting

**Motion D: WEQ Transgender/Minority Gender Representative Constitutional Change**

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

Points of Debate

Matt: Is it worth opening up the opportunity for other positions?

Kav: Nah, would have to be a separate motion

Diana Trokowska: Can you hold more than one WEQ position?
Alex Buchanan: Would be against the spirit of the whole motion, which is to encourage LGBTQ participation and representation

Ella: Wanted to emphasise that Welfare Reps are behind this: nothing will change other than increased participation and representation for the LGBTQ community

Nathan and CC: Friendly amend to include the removal of the JCR LGBTQ role from the WEQ Committee over this period - accepted

Votes

PASSES - must pass again in the next consecutive meeting

**Motion A: Irons and Ironing Boards**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. The undergraduate handbook states that clothes irons and ironing boards in the laundry rooms are among the facilities that the college is responsible for providing to students. Currently, these are not provided.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. The JCR should remind the college that it has currently failed to meet its promise to provide clothes irons and ironing boards in the laundry rooms on college.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. The JCR resolves to remind the college that it has currently failed to meet its promise to provide clothes irons and ironing boards in the laundry rooms on college and lobby the college for their provision as soon as possible.

Proposer: Tristan Wang

Seconder: Violine Silier

Factual Points

Marcel: Irons are about, we found one in Kenyon

Points for Debate

Ryan Power: College have irons in the Porters’ Lodge – at least there were in First Year

Joe: One stained my shirt and I had to throw it away

RO: They’re still likely to say they have irons though, no matter how dodgy
Alex Buchanan: They’re not irons if they can’t even be properly used! The definition of an iron necessitates that they aren’t broken

Votes

PASSES

6. Statement motions for debate.

## 7. Items for discussion.

## Any other business.

**Charities Election**

SANE – Rebecca Shotton

Macmillan Cancer Support – Dan de Wijze

Teenage Cancer Trust – Harrison Engler

Forest Schools – Sydney Vennin

KEEN Oxford – Stephanie Gover

Educations Partnership Africa – Georgie Kelsey

Voting will be open after the meeting – Roxy Orloff: a link will be emailed, open from 9:30pm tonight to midday Thursday