

# **St Hugh's JCR - HT19 Meeting 2 - Minutes**

Sunday 3rd February 2019, 8pm, 4th Week HT19, 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 this 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

*The meeting opened with speeches from two of the three candidates for President of Oxford SU. No questions were asked.*

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

**President - Emma O'Callaghan**

**Vice President - Alice Worsley**

**Secretary - Oscar Baker**

**Treasurer - Vaibhav Chandak**

**Access - Maddie Mann**

**Welfare and Equal Opportunities - Lana Firth, Joseph Uhlar, and Rita Kimijima-Dennemeyer**

**Careers and Academic Affairs Rep - Harrison Engler (*absent*)**

**Entz Reps - Kavana Crossley and Aluet Nyuon**

**LGBTQ+ Rep - Katya Turchin**

**International Students' Rep - Aman Modi**

**Charities & Communities Rep - Laura Bishop (*absent*)**

**Environment & Ethics Rep - Jiaqi Li**

**Sports and Societies Rep - Viv Leong**

**DoDO - Leon Sui**

**Freshers' Rep - Morayo Adesina**

## 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.

£350

## 3. Late motions for admission

### Motion A: Homelessness in Oxford during extreme weather

#### THE JCR NOTES:

- The last week has seen extremely cold weather, to the point that some entrepreneurial members of the JCR managed to construct a 7-man igloo.
- The next week is unlikely to see the weather reach anything above 10 degrees Celsius. As many of you know, Oxford has a large homeless community.
- Last winter, 77 homeless people in the U.K. died due to extreme weather conditions such as those we have recently experienced. (For reference: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/apr/23/at-least-78-homeless-people-died-in-uk-over-winter-figures-reveal>)

#### THE JCR BELIEVES:

- Member of St Hugh's JCR ought to supply aid to the homeless community in Oxford, especially during extreme weather conditions.
- We have the resources, community, and infrastructure to do so. If we can happily supply Dominos Pizza's at every meeting, we ought to aid those in need that are on our doorsteps in times of crisis.
- Handwarmers provide 7 hours of instant relief, while a blanket could make all the difference in this bitter weather.

#### THE JCR RESOLVES:

- To spend £134.15 of its motion budget on 10 fleece throw blankets [priced at £11.99 = £119.90 ] and 12 handwarmer twin packs [priced at 4 twin packs for £4.75 = £14.25] (For reference: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bedsure-Flannel-Fleece-Blankets-Silver/dp/B0157T1ZK2/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_201\\_3?\\_encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=B0157T1ZK2&pd\\_rd\\_r=7d8469d2-27be-11e9-a57c-f1bff9bd2b48&pd\\_rd\\_w=nD001&pd\\_rd\\_wg=S3daa&pf\\_rd\\_p=18edf98b-139a-41ee-bb40-d725dd59d1d3&pf\\_rd\\_r=FZTRTYT59JC1E1PJSFEX&psc=1&refRID=FZTRTYT59JC1E1PJSFEX](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bedsure-Flannel-Fleece-Blankets-Silver/dp/B0157T1ZK2/ref=pd_sbs_201_3?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B0157T1ZK2&pd_rd_r=7d8469d2-27be-11e9-a57c-f1bff9bd2b48&pd_rd_w=nD001&pd_rd_wg=S3daa&pf_rd_p=18edf98b-139a-41ee-bb40-d725dd59d1d3&pf_rd_r=FZTRTYT59JC1E1PJSFEX&psc=1&refRID=FZTRTYT59JC1E1PJSFEX) and [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boyz-RY609-Winter-Essentials-Warmers/dp/B00J2VPYIG/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1549203554&sr=1-5&keywords=handwarmers](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boyz-RY609-Winter-Essentials-Warmers/dp/B00J2VPYIG/ref=sr_1_5?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1549203554&sr=1-5&keywords=handwarmers))

Proposed: Arjun Sharma (ex-Returning Officer)

Seconded: Laura Bishop (JCR Charities and Communities Rep)

Short factual points:

There were none

Points of debate:

L. Buckley-Harris asked how we would decide who to give them to. The Proposer noted that he would simply distribute them while walking round to the first people he comes across. There is not enough in the budget to help the whole community so this must be done as best as we possibly can.

Vote:

Motion passes

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

None submitted.

## **5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.**

### **Motion A: Improving Travel Grants Meeting**

THE JCR NOTES:

1. In the Travel Grants Meeting following the final JCR Meeting of each term, applications for Travel Grants are read out by the Chair, prior to an online vote

THE JCR BELIEVES:

1. Travel Grants meetings continue to drag, especially when there are lots of applications;
2. The main reason for this is that the word limits for the parts of the applications that are read out are way too generous;
3. Reducing the word limits would have the additional benefit of making it easier when voting to remember the different applications that have been heard.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

1. To amend paragraph 5 of Appendix F, and the Travel Grants application form, such that:
  1. The word limit for the short description of the project is reduced from 100 to 50 words, and
  2. The word limit for the short explanation as to why the JCR should fund the project is reduced from 200 to 75 words

Proposed: Curtis Crowley (he/him, ex-Secretary and ex-Independent Chair)

Seconded: Alex Buchanan (he/him, ex-Secretary)

Short factual points:

There were none.

Points of debate:

The Returning Officer proposes an amendment, proposing to limit the title. Those making the applications regularly tended to make their titles too long. The RO wanted a character limited.

Another amendment was filed instead, making sure that the need to limit characters was stressed.

A. Sharma stressed that if the word limit is pushed down then it is impossible to know fully what the JCR is fully funding. We should always work to know as much as we can about what the JCR is funding.

L. Buckley-Harris wants a short summary in meeting alongside a longer description perhaps online, as without this will not get full understanding.

The Secretary moved to vote on the amended motion. This was seconded by the Treasurer.

Vote:

18 in favour

7 against

5 abstentions

Motion passes, but will need to pass a second time.

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

None submitted

## **7. Items for discussion.**

None declared

## **8. Any other business.**

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*Any questions regarding the running of this meeting should be directed to the Independent Chair, Paddy Byfield.*