

St Hugh's JCR - TT19 Meeting 2 - Minutes

Sunday 19th May 2019, 8pm, 4th Week TT19, 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
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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

Entz Reps - Kavana Crossley and Aluet Nyuon

LGBTQ+ Rep - Katya Turchin

International Students' Rep - Aman Modi

Charities & Communities Rep - Laura Bishop

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.

The JCR Treasurer duly read out the balance of the term's motion budget, and the money spent at the first JCR meeting on term. There were no objections or questions.

3. Late motions for admission

Late Motion A - Travel Grants Procedure Reform

THE JCR NOTES

- The JCR Travel Procedure is laid out in full in Appendix F to the Constitution
- The JCR has expressed disagreement during two recent meetings as to how to reform this procedure. One plan by two ex-Secretaries to alter word counts on the application form was passed by one meeting, but rejected at the next. Travel Grant reform has since not featured at any subsequent JCR meetings.
- The passage of an entirely new JCR Constitution is due at the start of Hilary 2020, which will require consultation as to changes with the entire JCR.
- The Secretary has held a series of meetings with interested members regarding desired changes to the Travel Grant procedure and Appendix F
- The debate hinges between the desire for JCR members to fully see what their money will be spent on via longer and detailed application forms, while also looking to ensure the brevity of, and facilitation of debate at, Travel Grants meetings.
- This is the final opportunity to present constitutional reform such that it will be completed by the Trinity 2019 Travel Grant process.

THE JCR BELIEVES

- That we can reduce the onerous and laborious nature of the JCR Travel Grants meeting while not compromising on the information available to JCR members when voting to allocate money.
- That we would like to wait until a full JCR wide consultation at the passage of the new Constitution in early 2020 codify more permanently any wider changes to this procedure, due to clear divergences in viewpoint across the JCR.
- That the Travel Grants procedure will be conducted as follows in the meantime: the Secretary will publish via email the sections of applications laid out in Appendix F of the Constitution before the last full JCR meeting of term such that all members are informed about all projects in advance of that Travel Grants meeting. To reduce the reading out of applications at JCR meetings to simply their title, during the meeting, members can raise objects to projects, and debate can then be had. If one member wishes to strike out an application, this must be

seconded by another member not on the JCR committee, and must receive a majority in a subsequent vote. An online ballot will be held afterwards.

- That there should be no changes to the confidentiality of the Travel Grants process, and the Secretary's role in protecting this.

THE JCR RESOLVES

- To mandate the Secretary to update Appendix F accordingly, and make no further changes to this Appendix which act beyond the scope of this motion.
- To mandate the Secretary to publish this amendment in their first communication regard the Trinity term 2019 Travel Grants process.

Proposed: Oscar Baker (Secretary)

Seconded: Emma O'Callaghan (President)

Short factual points / points of debate:

A. Winter asked for clarifications regarding the proposed changes, and expressed reservations about both the length of the motion and the need to make changes. The Secretary detailed their reasoning.

H. Engler stressed that it was worth making the above reform, but that he would like to see it amended to include more accountability and transparency in the process once money had been allocated. To this end, he proposed that those in receipt of money should provide a short report to the JCR after it has been sent, as well as receipts as far as is reasonably practical. This was accepted as a friendly amendment by the Secretary.

Vote

33 votes for, 0 against and 0 abstentions

AMENDED MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE

4. Action motions for debate asking for funding.

Motion A: Clare Sports Day BBQ - Cricket Club Reimbursement

THE JCR NOTES:

- The Clare College Sports Day was a massive success, where JCR members far and wide had a great time and got involved in playing and watching multiple sports.
- During the afternoon, the Cricket Club hosted a BBQ, which was enjoyed by the same variety and number of people from across the College and its sports teams.
- From the St. Hugh's end, the BBQ was paid for solely via Cricket Club amalgamated funding

- Since this BBQ was originally conceived as supporting the cricket fixture, the funding used to cater for this number of people was substantially higher than could be foreseen.
- Over 25% of our annual amalgamated funding was spent on just one day, with nearly £200 spent. The funding sought in this motion is just over a quarter of this total money spent, accounting very conservatively for additional and unforeseen expenditure to protect the JCR motion budget for other uses.
- Clare College JCR supported their travelling students with £500 to spend on refreshments. Unless otherwise noted, the only St. Hugh's society which met costs for refreshments publicly available at the Sports Ground was the Cricket Club.
- As a result of high levels of expenditure, the Cricket Club now risks not being able to meet its plans and expectations for this year's amalgamated funding.
- A motion was passed at the last JCR meeting, offering assistance to societies with small costs associated with the Sports Day. This motion does the same.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

- It would always have been right to include everyone in the BBQ. This is not being challenged.
- The Clare Sports Day was made more sociable and enjoyable with the addition of a Sports Day-wide BBQ
- It is wholly fair to reimburse the Cricket Club for expenditure spent which could not be foreseen and was for the express benefit of all JCR members, as oppose to members of the Cricket Club.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

- To spend £60 of its remaining motion budget, reimbursing the Cricket Club for the unforeseen high level of spending at the Sports Day.

Proposed: Oscar Baker (JCR Secretary)

Seconded: Matt D'Aloisio

Short factual points:

There were none.

Points of debate:

There were none.

Vote:

33 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions

MOTION PASSES

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

None submitted

6. Statement motions for debate.

None submitted

7. Items for discussion.

None declared

8. Elections taking place in the JCR

There were none.

9. Any other business.

There was none.

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