

St Hugh's JCR - TT19 Meeting 3 - Agenda

Sunday 2nd June 2019, 8pm, 6th 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
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. Elections taking place in the JCR
9. Any other business

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee.

President - Emma O'Callaghan

Vice President - Alice Worsley

Secretary - Oscar Baker (absent)

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.

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3. Late motions for admission

4. Action motions for debate asking for funding.

Motion A: Ruskin Degree Show TT19

THE JCR NOTES:

- The Ruskin Degree Show is an annual event that third year Fine Art students exhibit their work in.
- The Ruskin Degree Show includes a Private View on the Friday of 8th week (21st June). This includes music, drinks and is a public celebration of the artist's work.
- The Show and Private View can be attended by any student at Hugh's, across the university, the Oxford community and the wider public.
- As part of this year's Degree Show Programme, we are also inviting school students, from the Oxfordshire area, in for student-led workshops.
- Members of Hugh's are Fine Artists.
- The Ruskin Degree Show is funded from various fundraising sources including the successful Ruskin Drawing Sales but most importantly, financial contributions from fine artist's college JCR's.

THE JCR BELIEVES:

- The Ruskin Degree Show is an important opportunity for exposing the talent of young artists and gaining recognition within the arts.
- The introduction of workshops and tours in the programme is essential in providing access to the arts for a wide range of communities (school and university students, the public)
- It is important to support the creative work of Hugh's students and the creative work of school students that will be produced within workshops.
- The Private View will be a great opportunity for Hugh's students to engage and connect with the art school that is located on Bullingdon Road in Cowley.

THE JCR RESOLVES:

- To give £200 to contribute to the Ruskin Degree Show in TT19 in return for acknowledgement of support in the Ruskin Degree Show catalogue.

Proposed: Molly Foulkes

Seconded: Charlotte Acheson

Short factual points / points of debate:

- *C Acheson pointed out that artists aren't just asking for money but are also putting in significant time and effort to other fundraising activities.*
- *HE asked what the total budget is for the event. M Foulkes noted that this was around £12000.*

No points of debate:

There were none.

24 for, 0 against, 6 abstentions.

MOTION PASSES.

Motion B: Green Trashing Supply Procurement TT19

THE JCR NOTES:

- Its current policies regarding ethical and environmental matters renewed on 21st Jan 2018,
- The recent appeal and need amongst its members regarding supply of environmentally-friendly trashing products (i.e. green trashing products),
- The ongoing student project Green Trashing Campaign at the Oxford SU, as well as document Guide to Green Trashing on its website; and further,
- The Oxford Pride Parade that took place on 1st Jun 2019, and that,
- Oxford Friend LGBTQ+ Support is a charity that offers free counselling and information to members of the LGBTQ community;

THE JCR BELIEVES:

- It is important and good for trashing to be carried out in a manner that is considerate and protective towards the environment,
- Support should be provided that green trashing products are more readily available to its members; and
- That it is important and good for it to offer support to the LGBTQ community at Oxford in celebration of diversity, inclusiveness and equality;

THE JCR RESOLVES:

- To create a fund of £200 in total, consisting of £100 from the JCR Budget and £100 from the JCR Committee Budget, for procurement of environmentally-friendly trashing products,

- To mandate its Committee to use said fund in the immediate future, for • procurement of environmentally-friendly trashing products,
 - specifically including biodegradable confettis, biodegradable glitters and holipowders, with,
 - with spending divided estimatively equal amongst the products and respective of necessity,
- To make all procured products accessible and available to its members in the JCR (room) after its arrival; and further,
- To place a charity box next to the (to-be) procured environmentally-friendly trashing products for gathering of donations towards Oxford Friend LGBTQ+ Support,
- And to encourage all members to donate to said charity in support of the LGBTQ community at Oxford;

AND THE JCR RESOLVES AS A MATTER OF POLICY

- That it supports Green Trashing and encourages its members to use environmentally-friendly products during trashing.

Proposed: Jiaqi Li (JCR Environment and Ethics Rep)

Seconded: Emma O'Callaghan (JCR President)

Short factual points / points of debate:

- *It was noted that a matter of policy requires a different voting mechanism than a vote for funding. As such, a friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to remove the matter of policy.*
- *There were no further points of debate.*
- *Vote on amended motion – 27 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions*

Motion C: Lighthouse Journal

This JCR Notes:

- That the Lighthouse is an International Relations journal that is contributed to by various students at St Hugh's College and across the university.
- That the Lighthouse's theme for Trinity Term 2019 is Hierarchy and is of great pertinence to all students in the aftermath of the 2019 European Parliament elections.

This JCR believes:

- That the Lighthouse encourages student journalism and engages students with important global problems and human rights issues.
- That the Lighthouse will be a decent read for students who want to better familiarise themselves with global politics in the upcoming summer vacation.
- That without college financial backing, student publications such as the Lighthouse would cease to exist.

This JCR resolves:

- To give £50 to fund the Lighthouse for TT19 in return for ~15 copies to be placed in the JCR.
- To buy such a subscription at the price of £50 a term for subsequent issues in MT19 and HT20.
- To reconsider in HT20 whether the JCR should continue its subscription to the Lighthouse for the following year.

Proposed: Jiaxu Yao

Seconded: Haersh Nilesh Sahita

Short factual points / points of debate:

- *HE pointed out that the JCR cannot preemptively give money from future motions budgets. As the proposer and seconder were not present, and thus a friendly amendment was not possible, HE proposed an unfriendly amendment to be voted on, to remove the references to MT19 and HT20. This passed on the following basis:*
 - *19 in favour, 1 against, 7 abstentions.*
 - *Maddie Mann asked how much money in the motion budget would be left after the previous two motions have passed. The Treasurer noted this would be £207*
 - *Vote: 10 for, 14 abstain, 4 against.*
 - ***MOTION PASSES IN AMENDED FORM***
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5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding.

Motion A: Travel Grants 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 increased transparency and accountability in the process, and as such a short written report and some evidence of travel should be provided after travel is completed, by way of receipts, invoices or other appropriate measures that are reasonably practical (amendment accepted as friendly during TT19 Meeting 3)*
- 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 (JCR Secretary)

Seconded: Emma O'Callaghan (JCR President)

Short factual points / points of debate:

- *J. Uhlar asked whether, if receipts must be provided, money will not be provided until travel has taken place. He queries whether people are actually being held to account.*
- *There followed a short discussion regarding post-travel submission of receipts. The Careers and Academic Affairs Rep put forward his understanding that the JCR had mandated the Secretary in the previous meeting to come up with a suitable procedure in this instance. The President pointed out that people currently receive money without providing receipts, and even post-travel submission of receipts would be a step in the right direction.*
- *Vote – 23 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions.*
- *MOTION PASSES.*

6. Statement motions for debate.

None submitted

7. Items for discussion.

None declared

8. Elections taking place in the JCR

9. Any other business.

none proposed.

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