

The JCR notes that:

- JCR committee members currently must submit a motion to get funds for anything they organise, apart from the Entz Presidents who have their own Entz Fund
- Currently, the JCR Treasurer gives committee members the necessary funds, and still requires the committee members to retrospectively ask for approval in a General Meeting
- Committee members like BAME, GSD or Sports Officers feel discouraged from organizing more events in the JCR because of the bureaucratic process of asking for funds and the fear of not getting reimbursed
- Motions asking for a reimbursement generally do not fail

The JCR believes that:

- Committee members should have more flexibility in organising the events they were elected to run
- The JCR Treasurer should establish a budget for each term with the committee
- The JCR Treasurer should be able to provide the committee with the necessary funds without needing a motion for every expense
- There should be two separate budgets, a 'Welfare Budget' and a 'Committee Budget'
- The Welfare budget should comprise £1,500 per term, and be used for expenses currently done by standing order (JCRT, snack and chat, 5th week blues...) and for any other committee expense deemed to fall under 'welfare'
- The Committee Budget should comprise of £2,500 annually
- The Committee Budget should be yearly rather than termly because the rest of the committee's expenses are generally not evenly spread out over the year
- Any expenses above the two budgets should be subject to a motion in a General Meeting, like in the previous system (this should not apply to reimbursements to JCR members for Welfare products)

The JCR resolves to:

- Hold a referendum to decide whether to amend the constitution in order to reflect the changes described above.

Schedule IV:

Remove 1.5, add:

1.5 The JCR President and Treasurer shall manage an annual Committee Budget of £2,500, which may be used by the JCR Committee; expenses surpassing this budget shall be subject to approval in a General Meeting.

1.6 The JCR President and Treasurer shall manage a termly Welfare Budget of £1,500, which may be used by the Welfare Officers; expenses surpassing this budget shall be subject to approval in a General Meeting unless they are needed to reimburse students for Welfare Products.

The JCR Treasurer:

Amend “Present accounts to the General Meeting at the start of each term and Finance Committee each year” to “Present accounts to the Finance Committee each year”

Add:

5. Manages the Committee Budget and the Welfare Budget in consultation with the President according to Schedule IV

6. Consults the JCR Committee at the start of each term to plan the allocation of the Welfare and Committee Budgets.

Remove 10.

The JCR Entz Presidents

Add:

7. Together with the President oversee and approve any spending made by Women*’s and Men*’s Officers.

Schedule IV – 3. Live JCR Accounts

3.1

The JCR Treasurer shall update and publicise the JCR Live Accounts spreadsheet on the JCR website, presenting the financial status of the JCR in terms of financial reserves and both categorised and itemised expenditure.

3.3

The spreadsheet shall include the following information:

1. The level of funds available in each account (i.e. the Charity Fund, the Entz Fund etc.).
2. The net change in each account from the previous term’s Live Accounts.
3. The transactions which have taken place on each account including:
 - a) The date of the transaction.
 - b) The amount of the transaction.
 - c) A description of the transaction (i.e. the purpose for which the money was sent e.g. Quiz Night/Careers networking evening).

- d) The name of the recipient, unless when reporting welfare transactions which shall remain anonymous or when, exceptionally, the Treasurer in concurrence with the JCR President views it as necessary to redact this.
- e) Where a “block grant” is given to an officer/s or JCR member (e.g. for a purpose such as 5th week blues events) of £500 or more:
 - i. A broad description of how the funds were spent (i.e. £ X for massages, £ X for 5th week JCRT).
 - ii. Unless, exceptionally, the Treasurer in concurrence with the JCR President views this as inappropriate or unpractical.

3.4

Application for reimbursement or other funding by members of the JCR will constitute consent to the publication of details of this transaction in the Live Accounts.