

**Start time: 19:30**

**Number: 46 – quorum achieved**

**Order of business:**

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  3. Motions
    - a. Funding sanitary products in Teddy
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**1. Matters arising**

**Brit (President):** Yeah, I want to issue an apology. Hector skipworth informed me that I messed up my rugby reference in my email. Yeah. Second of all, ming situation, we're not happy with it. It's too expensive. I want to let you know that we're going to take it to college. 9 pounds is too much for ming. Third of all, my BeReal, I haven't done it yet. And last of all, everyone welcome to the first JCR meeting of the term and the year!

**Verity (Welfare officer):** More on the ming thing, I've already sent an email to Melody so it should be getting sorted in the next couple of weeks. Also another welfare issue, it's World Mental Health Day so be nice to everyone and Jake and I are always here to chat.

**Adam (VP):** Just really quickly, just a reminder on ming. I put it on the JCR page. Go at the start if you're a finalist, 10 minutes in if you're a second year. If you're a fresher, please don't be in the queue until 20 minutes has lapsed since the beginning of ming. There are reasons for this and you'll come to appreciate it even more when you're a finalist and stressed out and worried about stuff. And also if the coffee machine needs filling message me or Rose.

**Sophie (Entz):** Big thing we've got our first book of the year coming up on Saturday, it's in college, which means we have to go by college times not like normal nightlife times. So it starts at nine but that shouldn't be an issue for any of the freshers because you will be drunk by like, one 1pm.

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**3. Motions**

**a. Funding sanitary products in Teddy**

*The JCR notes that:*

- Some people get periods.
- Periods can be not fun.
- Having an expensive period is even more not fun.
- Sanitary products (even though they are an essential product) are expensive.
- Period poverty is a widespread issue:

- 1 in 10 girls between ages 14-21 were found to have been unable to afford sanitary products at some point (Plan International UK, 2017).
- 1 in 5 girls have changed to “less suitable” sanitary products due to cost (Plan International UK, 2017).
- Teddy Hall previously only provided sanitary products in the welfare room (dealt with by the women and minority gender identity officers) and the library bathroom (dealt with by the librarians).
- The sanitary products Teddy Hall have previously provided have been through Grace & Green, a sustainable business which produces quality, natural products and which we have previously got a discount from.
- The previous Women and minority gender identity officers asked the JCR for a £100 a term to spend at Grace and Green
  - This money went to the products in the welfare room which people could pick up
- We have contacted college (via Brit) to ask for the money out of the domestic fund
  - This has not yet been approved

*The JCR believes that:*

- Everyone should have access to sanitary products easily and affordably
- Sanitary products are an essential, yet sometimes unaffordable monthly expense for many students
- The sanitary products we provide should be eco-friendly
- The sanitary products we provide should be easily accessible around the whole college site

- It should not necessarily be the JCR’s responsibility to provide them around the college site, as everyone has access to them

*The JCR resolves to:*

- Provide £220 to the Women and minority gender identity officers to purchase sanitary products from Grace & Green in preparation for Michaelmas term
  - Will provide 20 regular pads and tampons for every bathroom stall
  - 10 of every other product (light, regular, heavy) for the welfare room stock
- Make these products available in all public bathroom stalls across college (Male, Female, and gender-neutral bathrooms)
- Have a sufficient supply in the welfare room
- Ask Brit to talk to college again and sort out this expense coming out of the domestic fund in the future
- Monitor usage and come back in Hilary term with a revised budget to supply the perfect amounts

**Proposer:** Sarah Woodford

**Secunder:** Luke Drago

P: Okay, so JCR notes some people get periods periods are not fun, have an expensive period is even more not fun, sanitary products even though they are essential products are expensive. There's some shocking stats, such as one in five girls changing to less sustainable sanitary products due to the cost. Previously, we only provided sanitary products in the welfare room. And what Sarah is proposing is that everyone should have access to free sanitary products, with these being eco friendly and placed in all toilets in college. So the JCR

resolves to provide 220 pounds for the women and minority gender identity officers to purchase sanitary products from Grace and Green. That's 20 Regular pads and tampons for every bathroom stall, and 10 of every other product, such as like regular and heavy flow for the welfare room stock. These are going to be available in all bathrooms. There should be a sufficient supply in the welfare room and ask Brit to talk to college and sought out this expense coming out the domestic fund in the future and then monitor usage and come back in Hillary with a revised budget to supply the perfect amount.

Q: Is this going to be a one-off cost?

A: no it's not going to be a one off so it's going to be a regular payment but this is a one off cost of purchase before monitoring to see how much we will actually need. And in future I think the plan is for it to go out the college fund.

For: 40

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

**Motion passes**

## **b. Funding play “Conversations”**

*The JCR notes that:*

- A student production of a new play, ‘Conversations’ is to be staged in Oxford at the Burton Taylor Studio in 3rd week.
- The production company, Orange Script Productions, was founded by Teddy Hall students.

- The play is written by Will Heath, last year’s Teddy Creative Writing co-pres, and explores LGBTQ narratives, relationships and relatable university life experiences, so should appeal to a student audience!
- The play’s crew consists largely of Teddy Hall students, including its director, co-producers, associate producer and the lighting designer.

*The JCR believes that:*

- Funding the play would greatly help in allowing an outlet for Teddy Hall students to explore their passions for theatre and drama and ensure such an opportunity goes ahead.
- Teddy Hall has a strong track record of supporting the arts, such as granting £250 to 2nd May, 1997 in MT21 (another Teddy Hall-led student drama project), to Persephone, £300 to Tick, Tick... Boom in TT22, and £300 to Orange Script’s last production, ‘Checking Out’ in TT21.
- The college should strive to keep their active presence in the student drama scene, continuing to offer diverse, all-round opportunities at the Hall through the arts, and have a reputation for supporting students across all extracurricular activities.
- The Oxford Drama Society mainly functions on JCRs across Oxford giving financial backings to plays. This funding covers fixed costs such as venue hire of the Burton Taylor Studio.

*The JCR resolves to:*

- Donate £300 to the production, which would allow the crew to pay the hire costs for set, pay for marketing materials, as well as providing funds for costume, make-up and props.

**Proposer:** Will Heath

**Secunder:** Emily Falconer

P: Basically, I have a play on in third week at the BT studio. You should all go and get your tickets now. I wrote it, I'm directing it, I'm co-producing it. The majority of our production team are Teddy people, co-producer, director, lighting designer Luke Drago (*POI: Luke got a concussion so it's someone else now*). We love that. I'm asking that you can give me 300 pounds please because otherwise the play can't go ahead and I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

Q: Have you gone to college already?

POI: Most student productions are funded by JCRs across Oxford.

Q: How much are the tickets?

A: It's a fiver each.

Q: Can I hear the opening line of the play?

A: It's something like "what's love for you?" And they're like "Pizza".

Q: Can you tell us a bit about the plot?

A: So you've got a gay man in a chair. He's like, "Okay, what is love?" And he's like, "I don't know what does everyone else say?" And they're like, "Shut up. Please tell me about your life" and it goes from like baby to old man.

For: 35

Against: 2

Abstain: 9

**Motion passes**

**c. Pizza budget for JCR meetings**

*The JCR notes that:*

- The cost of living crisis is reaching unprecedented levels.
- The price at dominos and other food outlets is reaching unprecedented levels
- Turnout at JCR meetings is reaching unprecedented levels

*The JCR believes that:*

Food provision at JCR meetings should continue at least at precedent levels

*The JCR resolves to:*

Increase the weekly JCR budget for food for meetings to £120

**Proposer:** Saul Manasse

**Secunder:** Mauricio Alencar

P: This is just a quick one for me. We have a huge turnout here. Monstrous 46 on counting and more since the meeting started. And what we can't do in this day and age is reduce our pizza consumption in JCR meetings. But however, it's been a tough tough summer for

cost of living, Domino's is no exception. So I'm asking to raise the price budget for food for JCR meetings from 100 quid to 120 quid.

Q: What's your favourite flavour of pizza?

A: If it's from Domino's, I would have to say either the meaty or the absolute banger. Both very solid pizza toppings.

Q: I think 20 pounds is quite a measly increase in the budget, and we should have far more money.

A: I think 20 pounds is a generous addition that will allow me to actually get an extra pizza, as opposed to the number that we normally have. It might not be a large, but it will be an extra pizza. And given the turnout, I think that's a sensible increase. I wouldn't want to go too crazy at this stage.

Q: Friendly amendment, could we change it to up to 150 or up to 140. So it doesn't have to be like a static 120. And if you know that, like one particular meeting is likely to maybe have a bigger turnout, then you can go a bit higher.

A: Yeah, I would take a friendly amendment to bump that up to 140. But up to 140.

Q: Could there be like a friendly amendment to look into potential other pizza places that might be less than 20 quid a pizza? Maybe like the White Rabbit?

A: So just as clarification the existing food budget isn't constitutionally necessitated to be spent on Domino's. It can be spent on any food outlet and I am open to suggestions. It doesn't even have to be pizza, although it is kind of a timeless classic. But we're not paying 20 quid a pizza because it's half price because we spend like a ridiculous amount of money. So it's probably like 11 ish quid for most large pizzas and half that for the small gluten free ones.

Q: Do you think Truss has had a role to play in the cost of living crisis?

A: I absolutely do. I'm no economist, but I just think anyone who's done a GCSE economics class can tell you that proposing to lower taxes in the face of the highest inflation the country's seen for 20 years is actually just completely ridiculous. So yeah, I absolutely do. Thankfully that change has been reversed, otherwise, I might have accepted the friendly amendment for 150 instead of 140.

Q: Do you have a GCSE in economics?

A: No. But I do have an A level in economics.

Q: Do you have a GCSE in Latin and ancient Greek?

A: No, I have two separate GCSEs, one in Latin and one in ancient Greek.

For: 45

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

**Motion passes**

#### **d. College puffer for Robert Wilkins**

##### *The JCR notes that:*

- Dr Robert Wilkins has been working at the university since the new freshers were born (est.2004)
- He is the Senior Tutor in college and many of us are lucky enough to have him as a medical science tutor
- He was also a very big help at the Teddy Hall Ball so his efforts deserve to be recognised
- He was very excited to hear that he could get a puffer jacket in trinity last term but sadly he missed the order

##### *The JCR believes that:*

- Dr Robert Wilkins deserves a college puffer jacket with the initials RW so that everybody knows he belongs to the best college in oxford
- He would look very stylish in a puffer jacket (please see figure 1 and imagine Robert in it)
- A puffer jacket would keep him warm on his cycle to and from college, which is especially important as winter is coming
- Buying Robert a puffer would be a great surprise and gift for him that would arrive just in time for Christmas.

##### *The JCR resolves to:*

Reimburse Poppy £39.99 (the price of a puffer jacket) for buying Robert a puffer when the RedBird order is live

**Proposer:** Poppy Buckley

**Secunder:** Brittany Perera



### St Edmund Hall Oxford Mens Puffer Jacket

£39.99

Our most popular piece in the collection. Wear it in the winter, wear it in the autumn, wear it in bed - you can't go wrong with this stash staple. The puffer jacket has the embroidered crest on the left chest and option to put initials on the opposite chest when you add to cart.

Featuring showerproof padded insulation, a soft touch inner collar, two front zip pockets and an inner pocket.

**Size:** S M L XL XXL

**Chest (to fit):** 38 41 44 47 50

Figure 1

P: My motion is about buying Robert Wilkins a college puffer. For those of you that don't know him, he is pretty great guy, bigwig around the university and in college, he's been working at the uni since a lot of you were born. He also was a big help to the Teddy Hall ball. So we think his efforts need to be recognised for that. In all his

time here in college, he's never got any stash. And he was very sad when he heard he could have had a puffer jacket but no one has ever offered him one before. And sadly he missed the last Redbird order in Trinity term. So my motion is to reimburse me to buy him one when the Redbird odour becomes live on Friday. Because I think he'll look great in a puffer jacket it'll keep him warm on his cycle to and from college and we want everyone to know that he belongs to Teddy.

Q: What's your all time favourite Rob Wilkins moment?

A: Um, very tough question. Probably some of his drunk comments at tutor drinks and thing. I can't remember what his exact wording was to Tia at one point but it was quite funny when he's talking about her boyfriend as a linking...

Q: On the puffer, are you going to have it say RW or prof RW?

A: Well, I wasn't sure because I don't know because he is also doctor and prof. It's gonna be a surprise. So we don't want to ask him. He told me he doesn't have a middle name.

Q: If the puffer jacket is a gift, how do you know his measurements?

Brit: Oh I know his measurements.

Q: Can we make the name on it Wobert?

A: I'm gonna reject that because we want him to actually wear it and not be a waste. I'm also not sure that they take that many letters.

Q: Are you going to get it in black or blue?

A: I think black.

For: 39

Against: 2

Abstain: 5

**Motion passes**

## **f. Drums for the Teddy sports scene**

*The JCR notes that:*

- Teddy Hall is the most successful sports college in the whole of Oxford
- The JCR loves being successful
- Teddy Hall's sexy sporting success in rugby, football, swimming, hockey, darts, netball, polo, rowing and chess is largely down to the sheer numbers of JCR supporters cheering, boozing and laughing on the sidelines.
- Teddy Hall is buzzing with musical talents far and wide that have skills to showcase.
- The JCR loves making noise.

- Alex Whitmarsh can be a bit too loud on the touch line and therefore needs another sound to cancel him.
- Teddy Hall JCR's choral acoustics are always marvellous on the sidelines, but would greatly benefit from a background beat.
- The various songs on Teddy Hall's hymn sheet would benefit from the use of drums.
- Percussion is a largely undervalued section of your typical orchestra.

*The JCR believes that:*

- With drums, you can create a carnivalesque atmosphere that will ensure victory for all of Teddy Hall's esteemed athletes
- With drums, you can cancel out Alexander Whitmarsh's loud voice.
- with drums, you can create more noise.
- with drums, you can frustrate the opposition.
- with drums, the JCR will be able to further showcase its wide-ranging musical talent.
- with drums, you give value to a largely undervalued section of your typical orchestra.
- with drums, you increase fun.

*The JCR resolves to:*

Buy drums. Up to £60– maybe more than one drum?

**Proposer:** Maurício Alencar

**Secunder:** Alex Whitmarsh

P: To all that don't know Teddy Hall always wins games and we always win because there's always spectators on the side boozing,

cheering them on. So we normally have a megaphone. And then we also normally have a flag, but we don't have drums and Whitmarsh's Scottish accent can get really annoying. So we need drums to cancel him out. That's the motion. It's 60 quid for one, maybe two drums. But we want a big drum, you know. So, there you go.

Q: Can we make sure it has a strap? So someone can wear it on the front? And then like bang it with a thing on either side?

A: Yes.

Q: I don't know if this is point of information or friendly amendment, but I think the megaphones are working. So could we also look into getting that fixed? And paying potentially for a new one? So can I suggest the budget increases?

Friendly amendment accepted to increase the budget to get a megaphone as well.

Q: Will there be an appointed drum player or is it just whoever grabs the drum first?

A: If we have percussion skills among the JCR which I'm sure we do, they will have fast dibs on those drums but otherwise the most fanatic supporter on the side line will get to touch the sticks and drum away.

Q: Can I make a friendly amendment that he doesn't go anywhere near the drums.

POI: "He" refers to Alex Whitmarsh.

A: Friendly Amendment accepted.



Q: Can we slash have we looked at getting the Teddy Hillcrest on the drum?

A: Yeah. I'll talk to Jack Sun our treasurer. I'll talk to him about if there's extra cost on printing and design for those drums. But yes, so it looks like more of a flexible budget now with the megaphone and potentially designed drums.

POI: If the proposer wish to spend more money than the original motion, they have to submit another motion for the next JCR meeting, to get the extra bit reimbursed.

Q: Who will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of said drums and what are the arrangements?

A: So Teddy Hall students like looking after hall equipments. Unfortunately, the megaphone broke probably because there was maybe beer too close to the megaphone. So the expectation is that the whole community looks after it. And they get stored in the sports cupboard.

For: 36

Against: 4

Abstain: 5

**Motion passes**

### **g. Drink covers TW drink spiking**

*The JCR notes that:*

- Drink spiking is a serious and dangerous issue

- It should not have to be on you to ensure this does not happen
- "Girls night in" occurred last year but meaningful action does not appear to have followed
- We cannot remain unsafe in this way until the wider actions and social change that are needed to ensure safety are taken
- Cup covers are a useful tool to ensure that you feel safe on a night out
- 100 drinks covers with my cup condom will be around £162
- 100 drinks covers with DrinkSafe will be around £30

*The JCR believes that:*

- Everyone should feel safe on a night out
- The JCR should support its students in feeling safe
- Cup covers should be freely available
- Everyone should feel safe getting a drink and not be worried it has been tampered with
- Drinks covers should be made available, free of charge and of easy access, to all students at Teddy Hall
- If it is appropriate, we might be able to find sustainable drinks covers

*The JCR resolves to:*

- Give the women and minority gender identity officers £x to spend with either my cup condom or DrinkSafe to put in an initial order of drinks covers
- Talk to Hayley to make these available in the bar

- Talk to the porters so they are available at the porters lodge
- Place them in the welfare room
- Put them in pidges (upon request)
- Revisit this issue when we see how quickly they get used to discuss potentially making this a repeat order
- With support, email Bridge, Atik, Glamorous and any other venues we can think of to ask why they do not provide them and recommend this changes immediately

Proposer: Sarah Woodford

Secunder: Harriet Eyles

P: Drink spiking is a serious and dangerous issue. It should not have to be on you to ensure this does not happen. Girls Night In occurred last year, but meaningful action does not appear to have followed. We cannot remain unsafe in this way until wider action and social changes that are needed to ensure safety are taken. Cup covers are a useful tool to ensure that you feel safe on a night out 100 drink cup covers with My Cup Condom will be around 162 pounds and 100 drink covers with Drink Safe will be around 30 pounds. JCR results to give the women and minority gender identity officers X pound to spend with either My Cup Condom or Drink Safe to put an initial order of drink covers. They want to talk to Haley about how to make these available in the bar. Talk to Porter so they're available at the plodge, put them in pidges upon request, put them in the welfare room and revisit the issue when we see how quickly they get used to discuss potentially making this a repeat order. They also want to email bridge, atik,

glamorous and any other venues we can think of to ask why they do not provide them and recommend that this changes immediately.

Q: Can I asked whether this is like out of the JCR budget or for Brit to talk to big committee about?

A: We can assume it's the same as the motion for sanitary products.

Q: I thought we had drinks covers already, or have they run out?

POI: A roll of 500 was purchased for freshers week, there are about 150 left. These are the sticker ones (Drink Safe). We are also thinking about more sustainable options, such as the My Cup Condom ones.

Friendly amendment accepted to put the order for drink covers mostly towards the more sustainable option.

Q: Are there more than 100 women in the hall? Should we get enough for everyone? Or is this something that like one person has and then they keep it or like you have it and then you give it back?

A: So I think it's an initial order to see how many people want to use them. And then if there is an excess or increase in demand I think that will be sorted out.

POI: The reusable ones would be one per person and so you would get one and hopefully not lose it on a night out. But the stickers are cheaper but slightly less sustainable, but that's why we've got more

than 100 of them so you can grab them in the welfare room, they're by all the other sexual health stuff on the windowsill and outside the welfare room.

For: 40

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

**Motion passes**

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#### **4. Any other business**

A new Jigglysnuff is being bought, as we cannot find the old one so will unfortunately have to replace it.

Jake Elliott is the vice president for SEHFC.