

JCR Meeting Agenda

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3. Motions

a. Subscription to Oxymoron

The JCR notes that:

- The JCR does not have a subscription to the Oxymoron (satirical paper). We think they used to have one in the past.

The JCR believes that:

- The JCR should get a subscription to the Oxymoron for £40.

The JCR resolves to:

- Get a subscription to the Oxymoron for £40.

Proposer: Sophia Bursey

Secunder: James O'Neill

b. Disaster relief for Turkey

The JCR notes that:

- The Kahramanmaraş Earthquake has caused immense devastation in Turkey and Syria, the death toll having risen to 19388 people as of Friday 10th of February, and the number expected to increase as authorities struggle to cope with the staggering extent of the tragedy. Many people are currently still under the rubble and thousands have been left trying to find relatives and loved ones.
- This magnitude 7.8 strike-slip quake is the largest seen in the region in almost a century, rivalled only by the Erzincan Earthquake of 1939. Aftershocks, including one with a magnitude of 7.5 has already occurred and more are expected down the line, causing further distress and death for an already scarred populace.

- The disaster region has been spread across a wide area of immense concentration of population covering the areas of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya and Şanlıurfa which has pushed the coordination of the response to the breaking point. These regions were already undergoing a massive snowstorm before and during the earthquake and many victims are currently having to fight freezing weather conditions homeless or underneath the rubble.
- Ahbap is one of the most reliable NGOs operating during the disaster with their transparency of how funds are used and what aid is being provided, with frequent online updates.
- The unique extent of the tragedy, its geographical spread, immense damage to infrastructure, and insufficient official response has meant that NGOs are a necessary response mechanism. This is also true for the devastating effects of the quake on Syria, as territories in Northern Syria are currently only able to rely on aid flows from the Turkish border to cope themselves.

The JCR believes that:

- As the JCR, we have the opportunity to render aid along with the rest of the University community by acting now to decrease preventable deaths in what has developed into a major humanitarian crisis.
- Acting urgently with this goal in mind is necessary as acting as soon as possible in case of a natural disaster of this magnitude is the best way to alleviate the effects of an event that has already unimaginable suffering.
- Supporting Ahbap offers us a great chance in giving support to the current crisis making a real impact on the continued wellbeing of the victims.

The JCR resolves to:

- Provide £250 from the JCR Ultra Vires Charity Fund to donate to the Ahbap Earthquake Relief Fund

Proposer: Mehmet Efe Kılıç

Secunder: Anandita Abraham

c. CARE4CALAIS

The JCR notes that:

- The refugee crisis is one of the biggest humanitarian crises we will see in our lifetime.
- There is a huge population of vulnerable, displaced people in France trying to make the very dangerous journey to the UK via the channel.
- These people have fled from war, famine, persecution, and unimaginable suffering most of them having left their home country months and even years ago.
- The conditions in France are terrible. Thousands of displaced men, women and children who have already suffered great atrocities are stranded without accommodation, food, clean water, money, clothing, heat sources or medicinal supplies.
- CARE4CALAIS is an amazing organisation that helps the refugee population in Europe

The JCR believes that:

- Refugees deserve to be treated with basic human dignity.
- No one should have to endure the current conditions in France and asylum seekers should not have to risk their lives in the channel after fleeing terrible circumstances.
- CARE4CALAIS does necessary and good work in Europe distributing tents, food, water, clothes, electricity, advice etc and provides aid to the refugee crisis on our borders.
- Ceilidhs are fun and so is giving to charity.

The JCR resolves to:

- Donate £250 to CARE4CALAIS
- Make charity based events a part of Hall culture.

Proposer: Claire Mallon

Secunder: Lucia Mullings

d. New tables for the JCR

The JCR notes that:

- The Old tables are broken and a bit grim.

The JCR believes that:

- Having clean, new tables in good condition would help encourage members of the JCR to keep the JCR tidy.

The JCR resolves to:

- Purchase three tables with a similar theme to the new shelves being ordered to help make the JCR a fresher place.

Proposer: Brodie Weymouth

Secunder: Euan Simmonds

e. Teddy food and drinks officer

The JCR notes that:

- Food and drinks have, and always will be, a vital part of the Hall.
- The vice president sits on all domestic committee meetings.
- The food and drinks rep only sits on a few committee meetings.
- The vice president is expected to fill the coffee machine, as is the food and drinks rep.
- Currently multiple people can go and retrieve the key from the porters and fill up the machine.

The JCR believes that:

- The role of the food and drinks rep is no longer needed, as the vice president is perfectly able to complete these jobs themselves.

- All feedback for domestic affairs can be sent straight to the vice president, and communicated clearly to college, instead being confused with multiple people

The JCR resolves to:

- Once this current officer's term has finished remove the food and drinks officer from the constitution.
- Not have the position of food and drinks officer husted for at the Hilary elections.
- Retransfer all expectations of the food and drinks officer back to the Vice President.
- Give the IT Officer control of the 'TeddyMingRep' Instagram to maintain the posting of the menus for ease of access.

Proposer: Brodie Weymouth

Secunder: Adam Roble

f. Art and drama fund

The JCR notes that:

- Drama and arts are an important part of Teddy.

The JCR believes that:

- It would be easier to access if each application didn't have to go through a meeting.

The JCR resolves to:

- Ring fence £1500 per academic year for spending on drama and art motions only.
- The budget has a cap of a third of its overall budget to be spent each term
- Applications to the budget are made throughout the term and then handed out in week 8
- Applications should be either invoice form or for a reimbursement.
- The approval is made by the arts rep, the treasurer, and the president.
- If the fund is not fully used up in a term it carries over to the next, any excess at the end of the year is returned to the main JCR account.
- If there is more application than money available, the pot will be split with priority given to projects that benefit the most members of the Hall.

Proposer: Brodie Weymouth

Secunder: Adam Roble

g. College to match JCR's charity donations

The JCR notes that:

- At Teddy, the finance available to the JCR and the system of voting and meetings means we are in a unique position to do good.
- We get to control what the JCR does and when it does it, this includes how much we give to charity and what causes we support.
- Charity should a part of Hall culture, in the past we have supported some great causes.
- The college are in a position to support our charitable efforts even further so we can maximise the good we do.

The JCR believes that:

- Charity is great, we can and should do some good while we're here.
- If the JCR can commit to spending 'X' amount of money on charity, we should petition college to match that number by 20%.
- Charity entz events are fun, we should do more of them.
- A little can make go a long, let's do our best to support as many causes as possible.

The JCR resolves to:

- Ask Brodie to bring this proposal to college; that they match our donations by 20% to each individual cause.
- Make charity entz a part of Hall culture.
- Increase the charity budget to £2000.

Proposer: Claire Mallon

Secunder: Lucia Mullings

4. Any other business

a. Teddy cheer team