

JCR Meeting Minutes

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2.Reports

Britt: There was an incident that happened couple weeks ago, and the football club have sent me a statement to read on behalf of them so I'm just going to do that.

On behalf of all of the football club we apologise for what happened at team drinks a couple of weeks ago we understand that this may be a sensitive issue. To clarify the incident at drinks. Everyone has a drinking song associated with their name. One of us chose that song white noise some of us mistook the lyrics to be white boys and we got carried away finding it funny that someone could get it wrong and started singing that. We didn't realise the impact that it could have from the outside we of course share the same values of equality as the rest of college and hope above all this can be the start of a period of best communication on any and all issues. We want to emphasise anyone in college can come to us to discuss any concerns they have with us. Yours sincerely, The football club

Britt: The cocktail competition is opening this week, so the two shortlisted cocktails are the bear necessity versus the teadache. For the teadache: Cointreau, three shots vodka and j2O apple and mango. For the bear necessity I believe it's white rum, Malibu, and vodka a splash of honey and possibly some grenadine. The one that sells the most by the end of the week will be the official Teddy drink.

Entz Reps: We've got Ceilidh coming up on Friday. Claire is helping us organising it on Friday it will be really fun. Celtic dancing, we had it at the ball last year it was really fun everyone come along TVC after the Christmas dinner and a tinsle-hall bop.

3. Motions

a. 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 and at home.

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.

The JCR resolves to:

- Donate £500 to CARE4CALAIS and.
- Have amazing craic at the charity ceilidh this week.

Proposer: Claire Mallon

Seconder: Lucia Mullings

Claire: CARE4CALAIS is a charity that does all things refugee support. The refugee crisis is probably one of the worst crises we will see in our time and the situation in Calais there are people really suffering for a number of factors firstly the weather: really cold, really wet. People are getting sick; fabric is getting ripped off the tent structure because of the wind there are a lot more refugees on the way to Calais because of the political circumstances. Situation is really desperate, and people are getting wetter and sicker, and frequency of crossings are way higher. CARE4CALAIS are there and they do great work. Food hygiene and a lot of things for fun football nets.

Q: Do you know about any other the charities based in Calais?

Claire: So, there's a range of charities based in Calais it is set up for mass distributions. There are other charities specifically dedicated to women in Calais that also charities that do mass cook out and provide people with hot meals and care for Calais is one of the biggest and one of the few that is still operating because of finances.

POI: We still have 800 pounds left in the charities if more than 800 is used we would like it to be split between the charities

POI: Anything that is donated we scaled down in proportion so total of 1000 quid is being asked for if they all passed four, they will all get 80% if everything passes this will be for £400

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Q: Apart from this is there anything else we can be doing?

Claire: First of all, you can go to the Ceilidh. Other things you can do is that you can donate clothes you do not need coats or anything. Spread awareness.

Motion to give £500 to CARE4CALAIS.

Motion passes

b. Charity: supporting rainbow street.

The JCR notes that:

- The World Cup 2022 is occurring in Qatar.
- As a host for the greatest show on earth, Qatar should be welcoming to all visitors from across the world.
- Homosexuality is illegal in the country.
- Qatar has an appalling human rights record with regards to migrant workers

The JCR believes that:

- Human rights are important.
- Donate £100 to Rainbow Street, an international protection organisation for LGBTQ people in the Middle East and North Africa • <https://www.rainbow-street.org/theory-of-change>
- Match the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy World Cup 2022 £100 donation to Amnesty International with another £100.
- <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/>

Mauricio: Despite all the fun with the opening ceremony we have a 500-pound budget for the celebrations but obviously Qatar World Cup itself has shown a spotlight on the issues in the countries such as work rights and LGBTQ rights. 100 pounds to rainbow St which is an international protection organisation to LGBTQ people in the Middle East and Africa mostly based in Lebanon there's really not that many charities for LGBTQ people in the Middle East. The other motion is for £100 for amnesty international.

Q: Could we top off the 20% from the JCR fund?

Moved to a separate motion.

pizza gets passed out.

Motion passes

Motion to top up the charities fund with two hundred pounds in the event that all charities motions pass.

Q: How much is there in the JCR budget?

A: About £8,000

5 minutes of confusion about how the JCR finances work-Discussion to be continued next Term

Motion passes

c. Sponsor Raise Oxford

This JCR notes that:

- Raise Oxford is a student initiative that encourages students to take a positive and deliberate approach to giving. We invite students to donate significant to them to charity with the aim of changing the way students think about charitable giving in the long-term, prompting them to consider it to be something that should be celebrated as opposed to a sacrifice.
- At the end of the year, everyone who donated is invited to a modest Summer Party run by Raise Oxford to celebrate their collective impact and show that deliberate giving can be a meaningful and positive experience.
- Any donations made to Raise Oxford by students are matched by external sponsors and donated to the Against Malaria Foundation - a consistently top-rated charity according to a number of independent charity evaluators - that funds long lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and ensures they are distributed and used to protect the most vulnerable people worldwide from malaria.
- In the last two years, Raise Oxford has raised over £30,000, helping to protect over 37,000 people from malaria.
- Money is needed to publicize Raise throughout the university, as it is a new organization, and to fund events run by them to aid the celebration of charitable giving.

This JCR believes that:

- The St Edmund Hall JCR should support Raise Oxford and aid them in accomplishing their goal of encouraging students to take a positive approach to giving.
- Encouraging students to donate to charity themselves is more effective than just donating to the charity directly as it can change the way the students think about charitable giving in the long-term, and result in them giving significant amounts of money to charity even after they graduate from Oxford.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Donate £200 to sponsor Raise Oxford.

Proposed by: Sophia Sukanuma

Seconded by: Celine Gu

Sophia: This is one of the most effective charities in the world it is used to preventing malaria. Malaria is still the second leading infectious diseases in causing deaths. We use it to generate more money so the £200 would make roughly about 7000 pounds we really rely on all Oxford colleges money will be used exclusively for publicity material to help reach out to corporate charities.

Q: So this money isn't going straight to the charities?

Sophia: Yeah so it's not going to the charities it's going to us to help raise more money for the charities

motion passes

d. Movember sponsor

The JCR notes that:

The Movember foundation is a great way to support issues faced by Men* all over the world, including within our very own Hall.

The JCR believes that:

A donation of £100 would be affordable while providing a meaningful contribution to the foundation which could make measurable positive differences to the lives of many!

The JCR resolves to:

Commit a donation of £100 towards the Movember Foundation

Proposer: Felix Clayton McClure

Seconder: Luke Drago

Felix: I would like to pledge 100 pounds to the Movember foundation obviously there are more pressing issues not have charities so I can understand why this motion might get voted down.

Q: why is this not a pressing issue?

Felix: I suppose it is a pressing issue as long as we can get the extra injection from the JCR, I suppose it's fine to get the full amount donated.

Motion passes

e. GREAT Funds

The JCR notes that:

- GREAT (Gender Equality @ Teddy) is a new society which aims to foster a more inclusive community at the Hall, provide a space for listening to and empowering Teddy students, and taking action on gender equality at college.
- We have already run some successful events this term, such as our first dialogue on college culture and Black Panther movie trip, and have lots more planned for this term and next – including our next dialogue THIS WEDNESDAY 6:30-8pm, Chough Room, on college sexual harassment policy.
- It is difficult to launch a society, and it is better to have more flexible funds, compared to the amalgamated clubs fund, in order to put on better events more quickly.
- Everyone will be able to benefit from the events put on by GREAT

The JCR believes that:

- Gender equality is important to the Hall.
- The JCR supports the startup of new societies and initiatives.

The JCR resolves to:

- Transfer £250 to Katie March (GREAT treasurer) to help us fund upcoming events and initiatives.

Proposer: Esme McMillan

Seconder: Ella Tan

Ella: Hi everyone I'm Ella and I sit on the great committee. we aim to foster more inclusive community in the hall and to give a platform for student voices. We are a new society, but we've already had a few new successful events: week three, multiple dialogues on different socials from last year to this year we think it's a great opportunity for all students to be part of this community. These 250 pounds will help us to run more events that are accessible so that people don't have to pay to join social events and to allow us to be functional and be sustainable throughout the year. The motion is to pay 250 pounds for the society and be a budget.

POI: It would be an agreement to refund up to 250 pounds.

Q: how was the film and review it on a termly basis if they reach a cap early or anything like that

Ella: Yeah, that would be great that will be really useful

Q: Is it possible to get this money from the Club fund?

Ella: the money is harder to get from the clubs' fund but we are trying to split the source of money we get.

Q: Can we get some specifics about what the money will go to

Ella: Yeah so we have a dialogue this Wednesday and we want to get some drinks towards that to make it more accessible but we're hoping for some larger events like the cinema where we got cheaper tickets for everyone who came

Q: so are you trying to get funding for this upcoming event or just for ones in future

Ella: we're trying to get funding for this event and any in the future under the moment it's just getting paid out of our pocket so it would be nice if we could just get these things easily refunded

Motion passes

f. Supporting play The Tempest

The JCR notes that:

- A student production of a play, The Tempest, is to be staged in Oxford at The Oxford Playhouse in 6th week of Hilary Term.
- The play will be a unique adaptation, bringing out themes ranging from post-colonial reparation to ecological crisis.
- Two Teddy Students are involved, Gemma Smith-Bingham as assistant producer, and Rose Morley as a cast-member, and the rest of the cast and crew (having already had a rehearsal there) are all big fans of Teddy and its marvellous room booking system.

The JCR believes that:

- Funding the Tempest will support both Teddy's flourishing student drama scene (looking at a certain head of OUDS), as well as the Oxford community in general. The production will be putting on access opportunities for local schools. Kids will be invited take part in workshop programs with the cast designed to nurture their interest in drama and provide for them a fun day out!
- It will also benefit students at Teddy studying English (due to it being an interesting adaptation of Shakespeare) and Geography and History students (due to the play's

incorporation of ecological and post-colonial themes), as well as any other students who are generally cool and interested in arts.

- The Tempest will be ecologically minded and sustainable, with a pledge to support local council's green initiatives in their marketing, along with the position of a sustainability director to oversee all aspects of the production. Teddy wants to be the greenest college, what better way to do so than through the path of the arts!
- The college should strive to keep their active presence in the student drama scene and have a reputation for supporting students across all extracurricular activities – giving this money will show the rest of Oxford that not only are we sporting gods who can drink any other college under the table, but are also generous, kind-hearted art-supporting legends.
- 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 Playhouse, and any surplus will go back into the OUDS fund and to charity, and potentially into free tickets for teddy students (dependent on our director/producer)

The JCR resolves to:

- Donate £300 to the production, which would allow the production team to pay the fixed venue hire of The Playhouse, cover the cost of rights, pay for marketing materials, as well as providing funds for costume, make-up and props – all very vital!

Proposer: Gemma Smith-Bingham

Secunder: James Newberry

Gemma: One of the biggest performance spaces in Oxford, the Oxford Playhouse is which is really exciting yeah, it's going to be really fun. It's relevant because of its modern interpretations all the old Tempest such as postcolonialism and green initiatives the production has employed colour conscious casting and access initiatives such as invitations to local schools and any profits will be fed back into the Oxford University drama society fund for further productions.

Q: Is it true other colleges when they give money to drama productions they sometimes refund the JCR when they make money when they sell tickets they make a profit they reimburse the JCR

Gemma: I haven't heard about that it probably changes college to college. I can ask but I expect because it comes out of the fund it's not clear where it goes to. I know people have issues that the JCR's give money and then they don't get free tickets but it wouldn't be feasible because of the costs involved such as renting the Oxford Playhouse which is opposite the Ashmolean. The producer just announced there will be 10 free tickets balloted between the college.

Q: How much are tickets?

Gemma: we don't know that yet, but it won't be extortionate.

POI: On average a show will cost 3K to put on the drama society has about 19K in its bank account at the moment and we fund about 60 shows a year. and it's quite difficult for shows to pay it back The Tempest will take about a 3000 pound loan and has to pay back about 4500 to 6000 pounds alone to drama society because of interest. But the JCR's as a source of income and are very reliable and it takes stress of the students having to find funds.

motion passes

The JCR notes that:

- the Hall loves darts.
- the Hall has won darts cuppers before.
- the bar darts are awful, and the flies are getting overused

The JCR believes that:

- bar darts can be improved.

The JCR resolves to:

- spend £25 on new darts.

Proposer: Mauricio Alencar

Seconder: Brittany Perera

Mauricio: At the minute we are often using other people's darts instead all I'm asking for is 25 from the JCR for new darts in the bar

Q: How many sets of darts is this going to buy?

M: two sets of three

Friendly amendment to go to £100.

Q: we have a darts club and because I'm thinking they will get quite knackered we could get some good ones for the club and then some cheaper ones for the bar

POI: darts could get funded by the amalgamated club's fund

Friendly amendment to go back to £25.

motion passes

h. Kettle in the JCR

The JCR notes that: The JCR kettle is broken. The coffee machine is never working.

The JCR believes that: A working kettle is needed.

The JCR resolves to: Refund Alex Sarshar up to £15 for a new kettle.

Proposer: Alex Sarshar

Seconder: Sophie Richardson

Alex: the JCR coffee machine is broken you have to stand by it and hold the button down and hot water is still useful can we refund up to 50 pounds to buy a new kettle.

Q: is it very green?

Alex: I think kettles are very efficient. The National Grid is doing a lot, or not enough as some may argue to greenify so it's their fault not ours

Friendly amendment to have a sign buy the kettle to say only boil as much water as you need and refund Alex Sarshar for the printing of the sign.

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POI: Tia has just received a Kettle that she has no use for so we could donate that to the JCR

Friendly amendment to reimburse Alex Sarshar 9p for a grayscale print of the sign.

motion changed to unfriendly.

POI: colour printing is a lot less energy efficient compared to grayscale they have to use two rotors rather than one.

POI: if you e-mail it to the library they will print off for free

POI: that doesn't distract from the environmental cost

Q: will the colour pop encourage people to do it enough, so it offsets the cost of printing it?

Q: maybe we could use a highlighter that someone already has to have the same effect

unfriendly amendment fails.

friendly amendment to have it laminated.

amendment accepted.

Chair: motion to refund Alex Sarshar up to 25p plus the cost of lamination and to donate Tia's kettle to the JCR

motion passes

i. Rugs and sword in the JCR

The JCR notes that:

The JCR lacks decorations and comfort.

The JCR believes that:

A 1.3x2.9m marbled velvet rug of teddy's crest and 5 large thick woolly blankets (1 allergy free, 5 much better than the thin library blankets) would significantly improve the cosiness of the JCR. In addition, mounting a decorative sword in Teddy colours would bring the JCR the X-factor it is missing. These would be permanent additions to the JCR resulting in additional utility in perpetuity. The proposed changes are a minor cost in terms of total JCR funds but would significantly improve wellbeing in the long run.

The JCR resolves to:

Retrospectively refund Alex Sarshar about for these purchases. £30x5 for the blankets = £150 £90 + delivery + mounting costs for templar sword = ~£120 £260 + £10 delivery for rug = £270 Total = £440

Proposer: Alex Sarshar

Secunder: Freddie Korn

Alex: Although some of us had an excellent day in here with the sofas and that was lovely. From visiting other JCRs we need more to show off our JCR. We have one thing and that's the cuckoo clock but the freshers hate it, so we need more things, so I've got three things. Can I friendly amendment myself to split it into free votes?

POI: No

friendly amendment to split it into three votes.

friendly amendment accepted.

Alex: First item is a 1.3 metre by 2.9 metre marble rug of teddy halls crest, and it looks like this I'm looking at something like that I'm open to design suggestions. Positioning in front of the TV and no shoes allowed very well a very warm very cosy. I will hire a team of dedicated carpet cleaners to keep it clean.

Q: how much does it cost?

A: £270, can I remind you that we have 8 grand in the JCR fund

Q: Is that a binding pledge to keep the carpet clean from you

A: yeah so, I will hire a committee of rug keepers that will look after it I just want to point out that we have 8 grand but I just want to point out that we can invest 130th on the total of all three items.

Q: can we put the clock on eBay to pay for this?

POI: the clock is probably only valued at about 20 pounds so would not be able to fund much

Q: velvet is not a very environmentally friendly fabric as it is made from oil so can we do an organic fabric maybe cotton wool.

A: Surely using oil to make nylon is better than burning the oil?

Q: how big do you imagine this crack team of carpenters to be

A: I think 8 is sufficient

Q: Why is this worth 3x the Movember budget?

A: We want to leave live a nice life in Oxford and then when we leave and have careers spend lots of money then on charities

Q: What type of equipment does it take to clean the nylon rug?

Hoover, a brush, a mop (*commotion over mop*)

Friendly amendment to have a 300-pound pot for ideas on JCR renovation.

Friendly amendment rejected.

Alex: Current inflationary environment is better for spending now then spending later.

Q: have you researched cheaper options?

A: No, I haven't I've looked around a little bit but customised rugs are not easy to find

Q: opinions on just a maroon and gold rug?

A: Yeah, I'm open to design interpretations, I will put form on the Facebook

Motion of up to £250 to refund Sarshar for a rug with consultation on the JCR on the exact rug design

motion fails.

12-22

Motion for blankets in the JCR

Alex: I'd like to buy five blankets that are bigger and thicker in the JCR for movie nights or when it's cold or when you want to cry about how hungover you are five rugs one allergy free each one up to 30 pounds so that's £150 total.

Q: How frequently are these blankets going to be cleaned?

A: So, we thought out a system of reimbursing someone to pay to wash them in the circuit laundry machines

friendly amendment for £10 to clean the blankets a term.

Q: can we get maroon and gold rugs?

A: No as I don't think we'll be able to find rugs in those colours that are to the standard all the fluffiness that I want or the JCR wants

Q: does it ever actually get cold enough here in here to warrant blanket?

A: yes

Q: How will we ensure they don't actually get stolen?

A: We have to run off trust, just like the board games here or the blankets in the library we have very valuable things such as the sky boxes. Just pointing out things that are very valuable and we could steal perhaps there's obviously a risk but there's nothing we can do about it.

Q: Can we buy cheaper rugs?

A: you are not going to get the same quality or sustainability

push for an unfriendly amendment of 20 pounds per blanket

A: why do we have to save on items that will benefit all the JCR when we have a decent access of the budget why not push to pay more for better sustainable items that will last for a long time.

Unfriendly amendment passes.

Motion passes

Sword for the JCR

Alex: One final part to the décor I thought this JCR liked fun and having nice things but clearly not. I'm not optimistic about this one it's not my idea but I thought it was an excellent idea nonetheless. does everyone know Freddie Korn? his brother got a lovely Knights Templar sword that has the teddy hall Crest on its handle. I propose to mount it to one of these walls to boast our prowess.

Q: how much does it cost?

A: It costs 90 pounds plus delivery

Q: Is it sharp is it dangerous?

A: it comes with a sheath, and it will be mounted securely to the wall so there's no risk of anyone you know...

Q: Friendly amendment when a new JCR president comes in, they get knighted by the prior JCR president with the sword

friendly amendment accepted.

Q: Could we put it in a block of cement and use that to pick the next JCR president?

A: We would have got the same result this year I'm not going to lie

Q: Can we get a lightsabre instead?

A: I'll put a motion in for the next JCR meeting for a lightsabre

Motion passes with Chair as deciding vote.

18-17

Room erupts in applause.

POI: We have to ask college to mount anything. which will be passed on to the next JCR president.

4.Any other Business

Motion for tankard for winning captain of gymnastics cuppers

Brittany: So, we won gymnastics cuppers and traditionally they get an engraved tankard for a cuppers victory so as travelling captain Mauricio and Alex Sarshar should receive a tankard.

POI: for cuppers wins it is a new tankard.

POI: Alex Sarshar to get his ball one engraved

Q: Did Olivia Allen not travel on the day?

Brittany: no, she did not as she had a broken ankle

Motion passes

Motion to permanently raise all of the -OTH budgets to £200

Q: What will this go to?

Luke: To pay for club entry for those who might not be able to get it for themed items for the night and I think that all -oth groups can do it

Motion passes