

St John's College Junior Common Room

The Republic of St Giles

Agenda for the 3rd meeting of Hilary Term 2019
Sunday 10th February 2019, Larkin Room, 8.30pm

i/ Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Felix's surname rectified and updated on the website.

ii/ Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

iii/ Reports from Officers, Reps, and Committees

- a. Class Liberation Officer - Natalia Sudol

Not present

- b. Domestic Officers: Greg Howgego and Nicole Gray

Greg informed the JCR that guest dinner went as planned, and that Domestic Angel will happening next week (wb 11/02/19).

- c. Environment and Ethics Officer: Ankit Ranjan

Not present

- d. Ethnic Minorities Officer: Karen Mupere

Not present

- e. LGBTQ+ Officer: Amitai Landau-Pope

Not present

- f. Welfare Officers: Tom Johnson and Amelia Holt

"Welfare is great, honestly" said Tom Johnson. Amelia reported that TW Tea went well, and asked for any special requests. Possible Valentine's Event

- g. Ethnic Minorities Officer: Karen Muperere

Not present

- h. Alumni and Development Reps: Lizzie Coyle and Sophie Whitehead

Not present

- i. Bike Rep: Sebastian Towers

Not present

- j. Charities Reps: Lachlann Hinley and Freya Allery

Lachlann noted that he had been having charitable thoughts.

- k. Computer Reps: Zuza Patryas

Not present

- l. Oxford SU Reps: Den de Barrø

Joe reported on behalf on SU Reps. They had a great time but didn't use the voting buzzers, but he was able to visit Wadham.

- m. SJCTV Reps: Kevin Beeson and Gabriella Farah (*Alfie noted she is in France, and so has been taken off the Constitution*)

- n. Social Media Reps: Astrid Ingemann Breitenstein and Issy Stephens

Not present

- o. Staff Liaison Reps: Safier Lewis, Bella Parker-Byatt and Noam Rosenbaum

Not present

iv/ Ratifications

- Returning Officer Assistant - 1 vacancy

Sam Gunatilleke stood. He referred the room to his previous HUSTS victories and experience in the role.

Sam Gunatilleke elected as Returning Officer. (0 against, 1 abstention).

- Elections for Equality and Diversity Officer - *Chris Hughes, Returning Officer*

No one stands

- Elections for Disabilities Officer - *Chris Hughes, Returning Officer*

No one stands

- Bike Rep – 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Sebastian Towers)

No one stands

- DVD Rep - 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Adem Berbic)

No one stands.

At this point Alfie noted that the SJCTV Rep Gabriella was in France. Cas asked whether the SJCTV Reps know they are SJCTV Reps, to which Chris noted that Kevin is aware of his role. Joe asked if anyone knows where the SJCTV equipment is stored, but no answer was received.

- IT Rep – 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Zuza Patrya)

No one stands

- Oxford SU Rep - 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Den de Barrøs)

Sam Gunatilleke made a short HUST. He noted it would be bad if he lost an election after his streak (referred to the “pity vote” by Joe). Sam noted being the target of angry Oxfesses was Oxford SU’s main role. Joe stated that the SU do good work and the new committee with good ideas.

Sam Gunatilleke elected as Oxford SU Rep (0 against, 2 abstentions)

- Oxford SU Third Vote - 1 vacancy

Lachlann gave a short HUST. Lachlann went to Oxford SU meeting last week. Lachlann noted the potential for the SU to do good when they arrive in Michaelmas and would like to stand. Noted that, unlike Sam, he is not cynical about the SU’s work.

Lachann Hinley (0 against, 2 abstentions)

Joe wished Issy Stephens (Social Media Rep) a happy birthday.

a/ The “Dealing with Discounts Details” Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Leo Nasskau

Seconded: Isabel Pearse

This JCR notes that:

- a. Section 1.i.i of Standing Order Table 2 obliges the Discounts Officer to ‘distribute a discount card to all new JCR members’.

- b. Section 1.i.ii of Standing Order Table 2 obliges the Discounts Officer to 'distribute them (the JCR Discount Card) to anyone who has paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme.'
- c. The website www.sjcdiscounts.com states that 'it (the Card) is available for students at St John's College, Oxford, as well as other Oxford colleges.'
- d. In Hilary Term 2009, a Discounts Card was distributed to all JCR members free of charge and cost £2 to replace.
- e. Today, a new Card costs £5 whilst a replacement card costs £3.
- f. One Card will cost no more than 20p to produce.

This JCR believes that:

- g. Those who have 'paid the sum of £5' for the Card are not necessarily those who are 'new JCR members'.
- h. Those who have 'paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme' are not necessarily those who attend St John's College or 'other Oxford colleges'.
- i. This creates a constitutional confusion whereby the Discounts Officer is *de jure* obliged to perform contradictory roles, at least one of which, logically, is impossible.
- j. This makes the role kinda tough.
- k. Charging £5 for a new Card and £3 for a replacement is an unnecessary burden upon students seeking to save money.
- l. The Discounts Card should be distributed to all members of the JCR for free, to all those from other Oxford colleges that request one for £2, and all should pay a £2 replacement fee to replace a Card.
- m. The Discounts Officer has a budget of £100 which could easily shoulder the cost of procuring Cards.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- n. Replace Section 1.i.ii of Standing Order Table 2:

Advertises the Discount Card scheme at the annual Freshers' Fair, creating and distributing them to anyone who has paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme.

With:

Advertises the Discount Card scheme at the annual Freshers' Fair, creating and distributing one Card each to all those who are either JCR/MCR members or members of other Oxford colleges who have paid £2 to the JCR Scheme, whilst maintaining a list of all those to whom a Card has been delivered.

- o. Create a Section 1.i.viii of Standing Order Table 2 stating that:

Is obliged in the event of a Card needing replacement to deliver a Card to anyone who fulfils the following criteria: they have requested a Card; they are on the list of those to whom a Card has been delivered; and they have paid the sum of £2 to the JCR scheme as a replacement fee.

(Passed Nemcon)

v/ Items for Discussion

- JCR Meeting Schedule - *Joe Sisson, JCR President*

Joe Sisson noted that in general the 3rd meeting of every term in his experience is poorly attended. He noted there was an issue with Charities getting money and motions needing to be passed, but wanted to know what the floor thought. Cas Burton noted it is important that there is a meeting so they can pass an emergency expenditure motion, such as the recent need to repay the Art Reps who spent £200 to repair a damaged art frame. Joe suggested a stronger contingency in budgets for emergency expenditure. Chris Hughes noted that 3 meetings per term could be considered by the 2019 JCR, but we cannot account for the future interest from the next JCRs.

Alfie Deere-Hall noted having the JCR meeting on a different day of the week could increase turnout, with Wadham having a Wednesday meeting and getting high turnout. Joe noted a survey undertaken in 2018 found that Sunday evening was the most convenient time for people to attend by a "substantial plurality". Joe suggested that an alternating day would allow different segments of the JCR to attend. Tom Johnson asked for Alfie's reasoning, to which he replied that people are a "bit dead" on a Sunday, so a possible early Friday evening would serve well as an early pre-drinks. Tom Johnson noted some friends asked about having wine at the JCR, to which Greg replied that wine would be beneficial to the JCR experience. Alfie suggested having a trial JCR meeting doubling as a Bridge Thursday pre-drinks would increase attendance. Cas noted that they would be less likely to attend if alcohol became the theme of the JCR, and asked the PRAT reps to buy soft drinks as well for all future JCR meetings. Joe opted to send out a survey on the best time and days.

- Constitutional Appendices - *Benedict Gardner, JCR Secretary*

Benedict Gardner updated the Constitution. Harry asked about the equipment appendices, but Joe noted that this is just an itinerary rather than a mandate to loan equipment, and so should be deleted. Benedict to delete.

- Condition of the Republic - *Christine Jiang, 2018 JCR President*

Note from Christine Jiang, 2018 JCR President

Dear JCR,

Unfortunately I am not able to present the Condition of the Republic Report this meeting as I'm busy doing the room ballot and the report is yet incomplete - looking at you former JCR secretary and Welfare (among others). Will definitely have a complete report by the final meeting of term.

Yours sincerely,
Ex-JCR prez who???

CJ was not present, so Joe read out the message. No discussion follows.

JCR Anthem Results - *Alfie Deere-Hall, Vice President*

Alfie took the committee through the nominated songs from a poll sent earlier in the week (05/02/19)

- I vow to thee my country (3)
- Mr Brightside - The Killers (3)

- Money Money Money - ABBA (3)
- Three Lions (1996)
- This is The Day (The The)
- Do You Hear the People Sing?
- God Save the Queen - Thomas Arne
- You only live once - The Strokes
- Bitch Lasagne - Pewdiepie
- Start Wearing Purple, Gogol Bordello Gypsy Punks
- Africa by Toto
- Yellow Submarine - The Beatles
- All Star - Smash Mouth
- I Don't Mind - Usher
- Dancing in the Moonlight - Toploader
- Ahh I coulda dropped my croissant!
- Tetragrammaton, The Mars Volta
- John the Baptist' by John Martyn
- We're All In This Together from HSM
- The Jean Jenie, David Bowie
- Sledgehammer, Peter Gabriel
- Superstition, Stevie Wonder
- The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- God Save Joe Sisson

This discussion became lively, and in doing much of the content was lost from the minutes. Joe noted that a democratic process would follow to ensure that the JCR were satisfied with the Anthem selection.

- [Standing Policy Items](#) to be Removed - Benedict Gardner, JCR Secretary

Benedict noted that the following motions (linked above) would be removed. Alfie raised problems with the removal of Frubes. Tom took the chance to let the JCR know PRAT used to stand for Person Responsible for Alcohol and Tobacco, then PRA(Toys). Benedict read out the following Motions to be removed, with Joe Sisson noting little progress made on either the 24 Hour Gym or the extra machine. The First Responder Motion was no longer relevant, and Benedict informed the room that the "This JCR Needs More Female Leaders" Motion would expire before the next meeting (on 25/02/19).

[vi/ Agenda Items](#)

a/ The "Budget Reallocation" Financial Motion

Proposer: Cas Burton, JCR Treasurer

Seconded: Ben Gardner, JCR Secretary

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Treasurer has the responsibility of ensuring that the Budget is spent efficiently and with the aim of maximising the overall benefit of this money for the members of the JCR.
- b. The Treasurer is mandated to bring Budget Reallocation Motions to prevent overspending in particular Budget Areas, whilst ensuring that the overall expenditure remains constant.
- c. After the last budget was passed, new information came to light with regard to the Secretary's expenditure. This new information being the increase in costs of termcard printing.

- d. After the last budget was passed, new information came to light with regard to the Bike Rep's expenditure. This involves expanding the bike scheme.
- e. After the last budget was passed, new information came to light with regard to Art Rep's expenditure. This involves repairing the frame of one of the paintings.
- f. The Expenditure Carried Forward budget has been used by people who were yet to be reimbursed from last term, so is now being used to increase the expenditure for those who need it.

This JCR believes that:

- g. The [Budget](#) should appropriately account for all expected expenditure.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Increase the Secretary's budget from £100 to £120.
- i. Increase the Bike Rep's budget from £2,250 to £2,600.
- j. Increase the Art Rep's budget from £150 to £500.
- k. Decrease the Expenditure Carried Forward budget from £2000 to £1280

Cas asked for to pay the motion that she can pay people back money owed. Benedict took the chance to inform the JCR that there are 5 new bikes secured by the him and Bike Rep Sebastian Towers (not present). Benedict thanked Cas for their support with the funding.

Motion Passed (0 against, 1 abstention)

b/ The "Be My Bop Angel" Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Harry Sugden (Entertainment Officer)

Seconded: Bridget Stuart (Entertainment Officer)

This JCR notes that:

- a. First Responder training has been discontinued by the Oxford SU following advice received regarding its unsuitability (students dealing with first disclosures), and after becoming aware that the training had been used by colleges at Bops as supervision.
- b. The new 'Bystander Intervention' training is, as stipulated by the SU, not a replacement for First Responder training in order to provide Bop supervision.
- c. Communication between College Welfare Staff has now resolved the unsuitable requirement at Bops, with a new requirement for supervision in the form of what we have named 'Bop Angels'.
- d. The role of the 'Bop Angel' is to inform the porters of any incident that arises at Bop and to assist where necessary.
- e. Without a full rota of 'Bop Angels', a Bop cannot go ahead.

This JCR believes that:

- f. Any references to First Responder training in the Constitution should be removed.
- g. (Almost?) nobody wants Bop to be cancelled due to a lack of willing 'Bop Angels'.
- h. The Entertainment Officers should primarily focus efforts on filling the rota with the help of the wider JCR, in return for an incentive (i.e. free Bop Juice).

- i. There should be some sort of fall-back to ensure that if the rota is not filled, Bop can still go ahead. This will be recorded such that a fair rotation between JCR General Committee members is achieved.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- j. Remove clause vi. from Standing Order Table Two, Section 1.r. referring to the requirement for the Women's Officer to undertake First Responder Training

"Must undertake First Responder training within one term of taking office, if not already qualified as such."

- k. Add (as clause viii.) to Standing Order Table Two, Section 1.k. the following:

"Organise appropriate supervision for the duration of Bops (in the form of 'Bop Angels'), with the assistance of JCR General Committee members where slots remain unfilled."

Harry asked for the Constitutional Motion to be added in case people don't sign up to be Bop Angels from the wider JCR, JCR Committee members will be drafted in to ensure the Bop can go ahead. Chris noted his concern with having to go to a Bop, or whether a future JCR Committee may have a similar attitude to Bops, but Joe noted that in reality the Entz Officers will not force anyone to go against their will. Harry also included that Bop Angels would not have to enter the Kendrew Events Room itself, and need no formal training.

Cas asked whether a breakout room/welfare space for the JCR, with Maddie Leggett noting that some Bops at other Colleges have calmer rooms. Harry noted this is difficult because the room would have to be staffed by students, which is difficult due to existing shortages.

Joe asked for this to be moved to a later date. On a separate note, Alfie asked about the role of the Junior Deans, with Greg replying that they tend not to get involved with welfare issues. Joe noted there were issues with Junior Deans during Freshers Week, which Joe is planning to raise.

Motion Passed (0 against, 0 abstentions)

c/ The "Let's Make a Website" Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Benedict Gardner, JCR Secretary

Seconded: Hannah Pook

This JCR notes that:

1. St John's JCR currently has a rusty, outdated website
2. In 2018 Rents and Charges Committee negotiated £1000 for the website to be rebuilt

This JCR believes that:

1. Having a working website is important for the convenience of JCR members, and our image to potential students applying

2. This money has been ring fenced and should therefore be spent in the lifetime of this Committee

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Insert in Standing Table 8 (as 2e) the following:

e/ The JCR Website Sub-Committee

- i. The JCR Website shall be formed and disbanded at the discretion of the Secretary, and the Secretary shall serve as Chair.
- ii. Where the position of Secretary is vacant, and the Sub-Committee is formed, the President shall serve as Chair.
- iii. The Chair may appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member in any role that they see fit to create.
- iv. Any person, other than the Chair, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after notification, from the Chair, of removal from the Sub-Committee.

Benedict noted that £1000 was negotiated by Joe, CJ and the 2018 Rents and Charges Team, which needed to be spent. Benedict would be Chair of this, and will advertise positions in the upcoming week (wb 11/02/19). He noted that no coding experience was required, so direction is more needed in layout and content to improve the old, creaky website currently in use.

Chris asked how much influence College has in the process. Benedict answered that there would be none, with this being directed by the JCR. Joe noted that we can use this freedom to make this more Outreach focussed, to get the most utility out of the website (with few JCR members using the website, and only engaging for reference materials). The website will still serve as a place for reference materials, but Access focus will be built in. Issy Stephens (Social Media Rep) asked about the distinction in purpose between this and the Social Media Outreach, to which Joe replied that the social media will continue its Access role independently, confined to social media channels, which will still be important for the future.

Lachlann asked about domain space from the College, noting the the John's JCR do not use the College's domain space. Joe noted that this is a limiting presence, meaning the JCR would have to conform to college's policies, meaning the JCR would have to use Single Sign On, and allows the college to moderate content, which the IT Support Staff at John's advised the JCR against using. Cas noted that getting any content on the John's current domain space is difficult, noting they experienced significant difficulties getting things past college because of the large vetting process. Issy raised similar concerns, suggesting that the less put under the College's domain the better, based on her experience with the Women's Network not being put under the College banner. Harry asked whether SSO could be integrated without use of College's domain space. Joe stated that yes, but this would be even more limited and would require using the University's IT infrastructure, which is "quite frankly hideous", and the IT Staff at College advised against. Chris asked about the College Intranet, which according to Joe exists and looks "quite good", but is not yet ready. Joe saw this in Michaelmas 2017 and it is still not ready for use, which indicates how long these IT projects take. The JCR's website will be separate in content, including room ballot. Cas requested to have content published about Transgender support information and support on the new website.

Motion Passed (0 against, 0 abstentions)

vii/ Any other business

Meeting closed at 21:23

Benedict Gardner
JCR Secretary
11/02/2019