



St John's College Junior Common Room

Minutes - 1st Meeting, Hilary Term 2021
Sunday 17th January, Zoom, 7:30pm

The meeting opened at 7:43 pm and was chaired by Zara Hussain (Chair), with minutes taken by Aoife Hegarty (Secretary).

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

[Minutes](#) were received.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were arising.

3. Reports from Officers, Reps and Committees

Written reports available [here](#).

Verbal reports were requested from:

- Equality and Diversity Officer: Namoi Reiter was not present.
- Welfare Officers: Alex Foster noted that the Welfare Officers had met with the Welfare Dean on Monday following feedback from the Welfare form. The Welfare Officers also met with Maggie Snowling and hope that things will begin to improve. They noted that we have a “long journey” ahead of us, but also noted that the recent email from the Welfare Dean was largely a product of their conversation with the Welfare Dean. They said that “good things were coming”.
- Bike Reps: Ozan Erder noted that, at the end of Michaelmas term 2020, a motion had been put to the JCR to buy bikes for the JCR Bike Scheme. Although this motion was successful, the Bike Reps are waiting to move forward. They had been planning to buy bikes this term but now have little to report as a result of the lockdown.
- Art Reps: Ollie Parkes and Zoe Hind were not present.
- Charities Reps: Freya Allery and Suzanne Kapelus were not present.
- Facilities Rep: Lachlann Hinley had nothing to report.
- SU Reps: Phil Fernandes had nothing to report.

4a. Ratifications

Audit Michaelmas 2020

No objections were heard.

The audit was **ratified nem. con.**

Disabilities Equality and Diversity Rep (1 vacancy to join Alice Hackney)

There were no candidates.

International Students Equality and Diversity Rep (1 vacancy to join Patricia Preller)

Matt Barrett stood as a candidate. They are from Australia, “about as international as you can get”. They noted that it takes them 30 hours to travel between college and their house, and that they had stayed in college over the vacation. They have experienced some of the difficulties that international students face, including communicating with college and working out insurance. They have a good understanding of these issues, are passionate about this sort of thing, are always looking for an excuse to avoid work and really want to help out international students.

Following a question asked by Phil Fernandes (Oxford SU Rep), Matt Barrett said that they would be happy to organise the International Formal, being passionate about food.

Matt was **ratified nem. con.**

Class Equality and Diversity Rep (1 vacancy to join Daniel Hubbard)

Alfie Dry stood for Class Rep. They noted that they themselves are a first-generation student, and attended a state school. They also noted that students from their school message regularly, asking about attending Oxford coming from a similar background and they would love to help people get here.

When Emmet O’Leary asked Alfie how they would define “working class” students, Alfie said that they would include first-generation students, students coming from state schools and students from low income background. They cautioned that they would not want students to ever feel obliged to disclose information about their financial situation.

Alfie was **ratified nem. con.**

Zara Hussain (Chair) asked that members of the JCR consider running in the upcoming by-election. The roles of IT Officer and Discounts Officer are currently vacant.

5. Items for Discussion

Covid-19 Response (Emmet O’Leary)

Emmet said that they would not say too much, and that almost everyone has to stay home. Although college communications can sound final, Emmet encouraged anyone in a difficult situation to reach out and to keep putting their side across. Emmet noted that although college communication to the JCR as a whole could be better, college does listen to individuals. Emmet said that they were looking at future policies, such as safety nets and policies towards finalists. Emmet finished his short speech saying “We’re on it. If you have any specific points or concerns, now is a good time to raise them.”

Felix Stocker (Sports Rep) asked when finalists might be able to return to college. Emmet responded, saying that many finalists have messaged them asking about this date. Emmet said that it was hoped that this could be in 6th or 7th week, and said that college were keen to get students back before the end of term. Emmet said that they were encouraging college to apply a liberal vac res policy and that they hope that the end of Hilary will look very different to the end of Michaelmas. They noted that discussions with college were still in early stages.

6. Agenda Items

a) The Condition of the Republic 2020

Proposer: Phil Fernandes, President 2020

Seconded: Emmet O’Leary, President 2021

This JCR notes that:

- a. The JCR Constitution mandates the outgoing JCR General Committee to write an annual report entitled the “Condition of the Republic of St Giles”
- b. The outgoing JCR President has collated reports from each of the 2020 Officers and believes that the report is ready to be presented at this General Meeting

This JCR believes that:

- c. “The Condition of the Republic of St Giles 2020” report is an accurate record, to the best of the 2020 Committee’s knowledge, of the state of the JCR
- d. The report is of sufficient quality to be accepted, with any amendments that the JCR wishes to make

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Accept the Condition of the Republic of St Giles 2020 report (Appendix)

Phil Fernandes gave a short speech, outlining what the report is and noting that producing this report was a constitutional requirement. They noted that St John’s JCR is officially called “The Republic of St Giles”. They advised that the current committee read the relevant sections and said that the report was a useful record “committee to committee”. They also advised that anyone considering running for an Officer position read the section relevant to that role, as it gave a good insight into the role.

An anonymous question asked if Phil Fernandes believed that the “Republic of St Giles” should be called “the People’s Republic of St Giles”. Phil said that their personal preference would be to instead call the St John’s JCR “the St John’s JCR”.

A second anonymous question asked if the title could be “the Democratic Republic of St Giles”. Phil said no, and noted that the title of this report was mandated by article §72 of the Constitution.

Agreed (In favour 43, Against 0, Abstentions 7)

b) The “Move the Room Ballot to Trinity” Motion

Proposer: Tara Daemi, Vice-President

Seconded: Emmet O’Leary, President

This JCR notes that:

- a. The room ballot usually takes place in 5th/6th week Hilary.
- b. The current pandemic means that the majority of students are not currently resident in college.
- c. Some students are likely uncertain as to their preferences for next year, such as those who intend to ballot in groups.
- d. The room database is currently fairly incomplete and there is not much knowledge as to the different types of rooms in college.
- e. The room ballot is very difficult to organise even without the challenges posed by the lockdown.
- f. The constitution currently has little flexibility for emergency situations.
- g. Various other colleges have moved to postpone their room ballots until Trinity.

This JCR believes that:

- a. Moving the room ballot to Trinity when there will hopefully be more certainty would allow students more time to decide their plans for next year.
- b. This would also allow for more students to write room reports and upload photographs of their room to the room database. Based on this, the Vice President can then compile lists of similar rooms to facilitate the decision process for JCR members.
- c. Postponing the ballot to later on in the year will potentially allow for a more efficient and transparent process either in person (if appropriate) or online.
- d. Previous discussions with College have indicated that this would not be inconvenient to college provided the necessary work is done ahead of time. More talks on this will go ahead the JCR votes in favour of the motion.
- e. Having greater flexibility in the constitution for matters regarding the room ballot would be useful in such emergency situations.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Amend Standing Order Table Six- "In exceptional circumstance where undergraduates are not in residence for Hilary Term as in 2021, the JCR room ballot may be held during the first half of Trinity term so as to avoid conflict with the MCR ballot"
- b. Amend article §50 (f) changing Housing Motions "may not be brought between the 4th week of Hilary Term to the end of Hilary Term" to "may not be brought between the 4th week of the term in which the ballot is held to the end of that term."

Tara Daemi (Vice-President) gave a short speech. They noted that the room ballot usually occurs in 5/6th week in Hilary term. They said that the Vice-President works with the Accommodation Office to organise the ballot and that the timing itself was not important for the Accommodation Office. Tara acknowledged the uncertainty regarding a potential return to college around this time, but said that holding the ballot in Trinity term 2021 would be easier and give Freshers more time to decide where to live. Tara also hoped to make "a more solid rooms database" before the ballot and give JCR members something to look forward to in Trinity.

Zara Hussain (Chair) asked if Tara had any exams in Hilary term. Tara replied that they did not.

Noam Rosenbaum (Suspended Students' Rep) said that it was often difficult for international and suspended students to keep track of when the ballot is and asked if Tara had an exact date for the Housing Ballot. Tara replied that the ballot would be held in the first half of Trinity term and that the date would be set in cooperation with the Accommodation Office. Tara said that they would advertise the date in advance.

Amendment- Zara Hussain (Chair) asked if the motion could also propose a change to article §50 (f), and allow Housing Motions to be brought between 4th week Hilary and the end of term.

This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Zara said "Please do this. I really, really back this motion" and encouraged people to vote for this motion. Zara noted that, having been Vice President in 2020, they had experience working with the Accommodation Office. Zara said that this motion would "be super helpful to Tara, and it would help you".

Amendment- Emmet O'Leary (President) proposed changing the wording of the resolution to "may change the ballot". Emmet said that this amendment had been submitted by "a JCR enthusiast" and that a broader resolution clause would allow the Vice President "to reorganise the ballot as necessary".

Zara Hussain (Chair) objected to this amendment, and was concerned that the Accommodation Office might not be comfortable with this and that future Vice-Presidents might be able to "get out of stuff" and manipulate this clause. Emmet responded that they had seen the clause being removed next year, but that they could come back to the JCR with another motion if the Vice-President needed broader powers.

Emmet withdrew their amendment.

Agreed (In favour 51, Against 1, Abstentions 3)

c) The "Decarbonise SJC" Standing Policy Motion

Proposer: Elliott Cocker, Environment & Ethics Officer

Seconded: Tara Daemi, Vice-President

This JCR notes that:

- a. According to the 2018 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change global emissions must be cut by 45% globally by 2030 to avoid 1.5C or warming.
- b. Such a rapid decrease in emissions will only be possible if institutions in developed nations completely decarbonise by 2030, enabling developing nations time to implement carbon-reducing measures.
- c. Many of the top universities have now made ambitious carbon commitments with King's College London committing to be net zero by 2025, UCL, the University of Leeds and the University of Bristol committing to be net zero by 2030, the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University committing to be absolute zero by 2038, and Cambridge University committing to be net zero by 2038.
- d. Oxford Sustainability Department is developing an Environmental Sustainability Strategy for the University with a target to achieve net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2035. This strategy would replace the existing University target of reducing carbon emissions by 50% from their peak of 2009/10 by 2035.
- e. While this new target will bring the University closer into alignment with the Paris Agreement, it does not formally apply to individual colleges which are independent.
- f. Oxford University expects that colleges 'will implement similar measures and commitments to those' within the University wide Environmental Sustainability Plan.

This JCR believes that:

- g. St John's has a responsibility to their students, the wider University, and the public to rapidly decarbonise and protect biodiversity.
- h. St John's should set net zero and biodiversity targets that are at least as ambitious as those of the University, as well as implementing a strategy to make the targets achievable.
- i. St John's should demonstrate leadership and ambition by establishing itself as a leading College and institution in the fight against climate change.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- j. Mandate the JCR President to endorse all commitments as laid out and to communicate the JCR's support of the proposed Sustainability Plan to college.

- k. Mandate the JCR Environment and Ethics Officer, President and Vice-President to lobby St John's to ensure the following measures are taken:
 - i. The college commits to carbon and biodiversity targets which are at least as ambitious as those in the new University strategy by the end of Trinity term 2021.
 - ii. Development of a formal sustainable strategy which describes how targets will be achieved, such as the Sustainability Plan endorsed in this motion by the JCR.
 - iii. Development of a system of transparent annual reporting of target progress and carbon emissions by the end of Trinity term 2021.
 - iv. The college has a designated sustainability position reporting to the sustainability working group that takes responsibility for progress.
- l. Add items (j) and (k) to Standing Policy.

Elliott Cocker (E&E Officer) said that there was a group called “Decarbonise Oxford” who had put together a sustainability plan across colleges, which they had edited for St John’s College. This Plan aimed to achieve net zero emissions by 2035 and achieve net biodiversity (MISSED) by 2035. This motion gives JCR support for a plan which “brings John’s at least in line with uni policy.” They noted that the plan was [available to read](#) in the Agenda.

Emmet O’Leary (President) asked if Elliott would be happy to come to a Domestic Sub-Committee meeting with them to discuss this plan and sustainability, should this motion pass. Elliott “would be more than happy to”.

Amendment- Lachlann Hinley (Facilities Rep) notes that “there should probably be something saying that this should be added to standing policy”.

This is accepted as a friendly amendment.

Upon being asked if investments fuel campus carbon emissions, Elliott noted that there was a section in the plan about investment and that this would probably include a full divestment from fossil fuels.

Agreed (In favour 49, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

d) The “Extend the Voting Window for JCR Officer Elections” Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Yvonne Clark-Lewis, Suspended Students’ Rep

Seconded: Noam Rosenbaum, Suspended Students’ Rep

This JCR notes that:

- a. Currently, Standing Order Table Three A: The Election of JCR Officers (Main Elections), §11 is as follows:

“(c) Polls conducted as a secret paper ballot must not open earlier than 7am, should not normally close later than 9pm and must remain open for at least 10 hours.

(d) Polls for an online election ballot shall open from 7am to 9pm.”

- b. Not all JCR members live within the same time zone as Oxford (GMT). There are many reasons for this, including the suspension of studies and the waiving of the residency requirement during the pandemic.
- c. A minimum polling window of 10 hours is narrow, even for students who live within the same time zone as Oxford.
- d. As per article §30 (b), the polling window for E&D Reps is 48 hours. This is much longer than the window for electing JCR Officers, which must be “at least 10 hours”. Article §30 (b) reads that:

“In case an objection is heard, or when more members stand than there are E&D Rep vacancies:

i. The Returning Officer shall organise for an election, that shall open within 3 days of the JCR meeting with a voting period of at least 48 hours, in order to appoint the Reps.”

- e. Election nominations open at 12 noon on Sunday and remain open for a week. Hustings usually happen on a Tuesday evening, and the election is on the Thursday. (Standing Order Table Three A: The Election of JCR Officers (Main Elections) §4 & §5).
- f. There is a balance to be struck between lengthier polling periods and prompt election results.

This JCR believes that:

- g. The polling window for JCR Officer elections online should be extended in order to allow easier voter participation.
- h. A minimum polling window of 48h for all elections would be a reasonable compromise between encouraging JCR members’ participation and receiving the election results in a timely manner.
- i. Election nominations could continue to open for a week, starting at 12 noon on Sunday. Hustings could continue to occur on a Tuesday evening, but the polling could be changed to open on Wednesday at 7am. This would allow the polls to

close at Friday 7am. The JCR could be provided with the election results before the weekend, as per the current system.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- j. Replace Standing Order Table Three A: The Election of JCR Officers (Main Elections) §11 (d) *“Polls for an online election ballot shall open from 7am to 9pm.”* with *“Polls for an online election shall be open from 7am on the first day of the election to 48 hours later.”*
- k. Mandate the Secretary to number and reference the Constitution accordingly.

Noam Rosenbaum (Suspended Students' Rep) said that Yvonne Clark-Lewis was probably asleep in Sydney. They said that the 10 hour voting window in Officer Elections was brief for international students and suspended students. They also noted an unclear policy around suspended students' eligibility to vote in Officer Elections. Noam said that the proposed change from 10 hours to 48 hours would not change the time at which results became available, but would allow students to vote “whenever they were awake”. They said that they were open to suggestions about this proposed change in the length of the voting window.

Phil Fernandes (Oxford SU Rep) asked to hear the proposed schedule again. Noam repeated that the elections could open at 7am on Wednesday, close on Friday at 9am and results could come back on Friday morning, as per the current system. Noam notes that there could be a [redacted] on the SU's side, but noted that this was also a concern this term.

Amendment- Lachlann Hinley (Facilities Rep) noted that if no online voting provider can be found, current JCR policy is to hold a paper ballot “with someone sitting up in the P&L rooms with a ballot box, saying “hello, please vote””. Noam accepted a friendly amendment to add that this clause only applies to online votes.

This is accepted as a friendly amendment.

Noam raised that they had expected a window of 24 hours to be discussed. It was noted in the discussion that improving turnout was very important and that candidates were not often particularly nervous.

Amendment - Emmet proposed in item (k) that the motion says 48 hours instead of two days.

This is accepted as a friendly amendment.

Agreed (In favour 46, Against 2, Abstentions 4)

e) 2021 Budget Financial Motion

Proposer: Maya Blanco, Treasurer

Seconded: Emmet O'Leary, President

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Treasurer is mandated to produce an Annual Budget in the first Ordinary General Meeting of Hilary Term detailing the projected income and expenditure for each budget area for 2021.
- b. The proposed budget follows the expenditure from last year, and was produced in close collaboration with previous and present Officers and Reps, in particular the previous Treasurer.
- c. Amendments from members of the JCR are welcomed.
- d. Official spending cannot commence until we have passed the budget.
- e. That the Annual Budget for 2020 has been presented to the JCR as found in Appendix 3.

This JCR believes that:

- f. This budget is an accurate record, to the best of the Treasurer's knowledge, of the state of the accounts of the JCR.
- g. This budget accurately reflects, as far as possible, the likely expenditure and income for each budget area.
- h. The budget is fit to be passed, with any desired amendments.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Pass this proposed budget (Appendix 3), removing the Politics Society from the budget.

Maya Blanco (Treasurer) said that they had been working on the budget over Christmas. Maya asked JCR members to “have a look” and ask them any questions. Maya noted that there have been some problems “getting the documents signed over” and with reimbursements. Maya said that the PIN reader was in Oxford and that they were not, and neither was the last Treasurer. Maya will be calling the bank tomorrow.

Zara Hussain (Chair) has a question about the £1800 spending on social space improvements, as to their knowledge nothing had been spent. At this moment, Aoife Hegarty (Secretary) was made aware that they had attached the wrong budget to the Agenda. As a result of this technical error, Zara encouraged everyone to read the minutes before voting and to read the correct version of the budget. As Aoife went and found the correct version of the budget, it was decided it would be best to return to this item at the end of the meeting.

f) The “I Think It’s Appendixitis” Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Aoife Hegarty, Secretary

Seconded: Emmet O’Leary, President

This JCR notes that:

- a. The JCR Constitution is the legal governing document of this charity and sets out the core framework for the organisation of our work
- b. The JCR Constitution is currently followed by Appendices I-IX. These Appendices are
- c. The Secretary “shall maintain the Appendices to this Constitution, ensuring their continual accuracy” as per Standing Order Two §1 (c)(x).
- d. The Appendices are as follows: Appendix I - JCR List Of Committees and Sub-Committees, Appendix II - JCR Representation On College Committees, Appendix III - Sound and Light Equipment, Appendix IV - Trustee Acknowledgement Document, Appendix V – JCR Reimbursement Guidelines, Appendix VI – Bike Scheme Terms and Conditions, Appendix VII – JCR List Of Societies, Appendix VIII – JCR List Of Officials and Appendix IX – JCR List Of Trustees.
- e. Under Appendix III - Sound and Light Equipment currently is “none”.
- f. The JCR Secretary keeps a record of this information, separate to the Constitution.

This JCR believes that:

- a. Transparency is highly important and any member of the JCR should be able to access this information at any time.
- b. Shortening the Constitution is in the best interest of the JCR. The information contained in the Appendices is useful, but does not need to be included in the Constitution.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Remove Appendices I-VI and VIII-X from the Constitution
- b. Publish the information contained in the Appendices under the “Democracy” section of the JCR website.
- c. Amend Standing Order Two §1 (c)(x), changing “shall maintain the Appendices to this Constitution, ensuring their continual accuracy” to
“shall maintain the following documents and the Appendices to the Constitution:
 - (i) JCR List of Committees and Sub-committees
 - (ii) JCR Representation On College Committees
 - (iii) Trustee Acknowledgment Document
 - (iv) JCR Reimbursement Guidelines
 - (v) Bike Scheme Terms and Conditions
 - (vi) JCR List of Societies
 - (vii) JCR List of Officials”

The Secretary must ensure the continual accuracy of these documents. JCR members should be able to access these documents online and by request to the Secretary.“

- d. Amend article §36, changing “Each will sign a document contained in Appendix VI which will acknowledge this responsibility, their agreement to abide by this Constitution, as well as fulfil the duties of their role contained in Standing Order Table Two” to “Each will sign a document which will acknowledge this responsibility, their agreement to abide by this Constitution, as well as fulfil the duties of their role contained in.”
- e. Amend article §72 “The aims and membership of all JCR Committees and Sub-Committees will be maintained by the Secretary in the Appendices as the “JCR List of Committees”, changing this to “The aims and membership of all JCR Committees and Sub-Committees will be maintained by the Secretary. This information will be available on the JCR website and by request to the Secretary.”
- f. Amend article §75 “JCR Societies must designate a Chair or Co-Chairs. The Chair or Co-Chairs must inform and update the Secretary of their identity/identities and the Society’s aims. These shall be maintained by the Secretary in the Appendices, under the “JCR List of Societies”, changing this to “JCR Societies must designate a Chair or Co-Chairs. The Chair or Co-Chairs must inform and update the Secretary of their identity/identities and the Society’s aims. These shall be maintained by the Secretary under the “JCR List of Societies”, and be available on the JCR website and by request to the Secretary”.

Aoife asked if there were any objections to their taking the minutes, as they were proposing this motion. Aoife gave a short speech in favour of this motion, noting that this Constitutional change had been suggested by Lachlann Hinley (Facilities Rep, Secretary 2020) in the CoR report. Aoife said that this information was important and that JCR members should have access to it, but that they did not believe that the Constitution was where people were “running to find out who their JCR President is”.

Zara Hussain (Chair) asked whether this motion would mean that the person making the Sub-Committee would have no rules for making the Sub-Committee. Aoife said that the Appendices only included the lists of who is on the Sub-Committees. Zara asked where the names would be, if not in the Appendices. Aoife responded that the guidelines for making Sub-Committees were in Standing Order Three, and that the names of who was on each committee would be published on the website, under the “Democracy” heading.

Phil Fernandes (Oxford SU Rep) said that this was “a good idea” and that the motion title was a “10/10”. Phil noted that the Appendices were just factual bits of information, and that the Appendices just contained the names of who is on each Sub-Committee.

Amendment - Lachlann Hinley (Facilities Rep) said that amending the Appendix was how societies were created, and that the Appendix containing societies should be kept as an interim measure, until a better system for creating JCR Societies could be made.

This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Agreed (In favour 29, Against 1, Abstentions 18)

g)The “Gender-Neutral JCR” Standing Policy motion

Proposer: Aoife Hegarty, Secretary

Seconded: Asta Lewis

This JCR notes that:

- a) Standing Policy “Sparkle Motion 3.0” expired on 14/1/21

This JCR believes that:

- a) The JCR should use gender-neutral language rather than gender-binary language in so far as it is possible.
- b) When the JCR specifies a dress code, it does not correlate certain clothing items with certain genders.
- c) When the JCR holds gender-specific events, anyone who identifies with that gender either wholly or partially is welcome, and that inclusive terminology is used when advertising these events.
- d) Bathrooms should be gender-neutral spaces and should be clearly signposted as such.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a) Add items (a)-(d) above to Standing Policy.

Zara asked if there were any objections to Aoife taking the minutes, as they were proposing this motion.

Aoife noted that Sparkle Motion 3.0 had expired. They said that this Standing Policy motion was what made the JCR use gender-neutral language and have gender-neutral bathrooms, and that Officers had to act in accordance with this motion.

Agreed (In favour 47, Against 5, Abstentions 2)

h) “ Still can’t stand out of date Standing Policy” Standing Policy Motion

Proposer: Aoife Hegarty, Secretary

Seconded: Emmet O’Leary, President

This JCR notes that:

- a. The JCR Constitution (article §84) mandates the incoming Secretary to propose that completed Standing Policy items be dropped.
- b. The Secretary has reviewed Standing Policy and their findings are contained in the ‘Standing Policy Review, Hillary 2021’ document.

This JCR believes that:

- c. The aims of Implementing Resolution 3: The “Support Direct Action for Divestment” Standing Policy Motion have been achieved as far as is possible.
- d. The aims of Implementing Resolution 8: The “Immediately Release the 2020 Admissions Statistical Report” Standing Policy Motion have been achieved as far as is possible.
- e. Implementing Resolution 10: The “MT20 BLM Charity Commitment” Standing Policy Motion related specifically to Michaelmas term 2020 and is no longer of any effect.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- f. Remove from Standing Policy Implementing Resolutions 3, 8 and 10.

Zara asked if there were any objections to Aofie taking the minutes, as they were proposing this motion.

Aoife said that they were proposing that the JCR drop 3 items from Standing Policy as the items no longer had any effect. Aoife noted that dropping these motions were not a matter of personal belief but rather that these motions no longer had any effect.

Agreed (In favour 39, Against 0, Abstentions 10)

e) 2021 Budget Financial Motion (Second time's a charm...)

Proposer: Maya Blanco, Treasurer

Seconded: Emmet O'Leary, President

The JCR returned to the budget, after being sent the correct budget by both the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Lachlann Hinley (Facilities Rep) noted that there were societies listed on the budget that had not been active in many years, including the Dance Society, the Drama Society and the Politics Society. They noted that the Politics Society had not been active for 5 years. They thought that this might be a good opportunity for the JCR to remove "these redundant societies" leaving the option for people to "rejuvenate" the society and come back. They suggested amending the budget to remove reference to these societies. Emmet O'Leary agreed that it was "pointless" to have societies on the website which were not active but was not sure if the Dance and Drama Societies were still active. Lachlann noted that the Dance Society is funded by the Sports Budget, and that a Sports Club was different to a JCR Society. Zara Hussain (Chair) suggested that this be voted on as an amendment. Lachlann asked that it be made clear in online voting forms and the minutes that they were proposing abolishing inactive societies. Noam Rosenbaum (Suspended Students' Rep) noted that the Drama Society was sometimes funded by the Kendrew Arts Fund and felt that it would not be unreasonable to "leave them on there". Zara agreed, saying that "the year below us did Drama Cuppers". Lachlann suggested that we "just get rid of politics at this point". Noam agreed, noting that "politics, it's a disaster". Lachlann was happy to just remove the inactive Politics Society, as was Maya Blanco.

This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Agreed (In favour 40, Against 1, Abstentions 8)

7. Any Other Business

Zara Hussain (Chair asked if any Social Media Reps were present. Alex Foster (Welfare officer) noted that they had been a Social Media Rep "before [they] got fired". Emmet O'Leary (President) volunteered to take a picture of the virtual meeting, and asked the JCR members present to "say "Cheese!"". With this, the JCR meeting ended.