



St John's College Junior Common Room

Minutes - 2nd Meeting, Michaelmas Term 2019
Thursday 24th October 2019, Larkin Room, 8.00pm
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Note for the minutes. Through the tenure of this Secretary, the Chair and Secretary have not been considered in votes. However, it was decided after a new situation in the "Wine Not" motion (Motion 'g') where a Motion went wholly inquorate within a margin of 2, that the Chair and Secretary will from now on be considered as 2 abstaining votes. This will be put into a Constitutional Motion brought in MT19 GM3, upcoming. All results have been updated accordingly for this meeting, but have not been updated for previous meetings.

Harry opened the meeting at 8.04pm, noting a normal meeting would follow the very extraordinary meeting last week.

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes available [here](#).

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None raised.

3. Reports from Officers, Reps and Committees

Domestic: Greg Howgego & Siobhan Pebody
Not present.

Ethnic Minorities: Karen Muperere
Not present.

LGBTQ+: Amitai Landau-Pope
Not present.

Art: Mungo Drake & Ollie Parkes
Not present.

Oxford SU: Lachlann Hinley & Milo Mallaby
Lachlann noted that he and Milo attended the meeting with Harry, and Milo said it was a fabulous time. Harry noted there would be another Student Council in John's, Wednesday 3rd week.

PRAT: Daniel Hubbard
Not present.

Social Media: Issy Stephens & Astrid Brietenstein
Not present.

Sports: Felix Stocker
Not present.

Staff Liaison: Safi Lewis
Not present.

4. Ratifications

- Alumni and Development Rep (2 vacancies)
No one stood.
- IT Rep (2 vacancies)
No one stood.
- PRAT Rep (1 vacancy, to serve alongside Dan Hubbard)
Sophie Whitehead noted she would continue in her role after being ratified last term. This was an error from the Secretary (sorry) for missing her from the Constitution.
- SJCTV Rep (2 vacancies)
No one stood.
- Staff Liaison Rep (1 vacancy, to serve alongside Safi Lewis)
No one stood.
- Returning Office Assistant
Amelia Holt gave a short hust. No objections heard.
Amelia Holt ratified as Returning Officer Assistant

5. Passing of Charities Motions Nemcon

Minutes:

Cas noted that it was necessary for every Motion to have a proposer or seconder present. Each charity, if passed, would receive £154.

[Please note that I missed a Charities Motion from the original agenda - Alfie's Movember Motion. As it was submitted before the deadline, I added the Motion. There is nothing specific in the constitution about this situation, probably because they expect the Secretary to be somewhat competent - apologies]

a) The "Let's End Loneliness" Charities Motion

Proposer: Phil Fernandes

Seconded: Zara Hussain

This JCR notes that:

- a. Marmalade Trust is a charity dedicated to recognising loneliness across society and helping people to make new friendships.
- b. This charity aims to find and support isolated people to reconnect with society and enjoy better lives.
- c. 1.4 million older people in the UK struggle with loneliness and 225,000 often go a whole week without speaking to anyone.
- d. Projects run by Marmalade Trust include Loneliness Awareness Week (started in 2017) and “Christmas Cheer” which aims to ensure that nobody has to spend Christmas alone if they don’t want to.

This JCR believes that:

- e. The level of loneliness in the UK is shockingly high and Marmalade Trust’s work is important in combating this loneliness.
- f. Our society is improved when older people at risk of loneliness are reengaged.
- g. Charitable endeavours that attempt to end loneliness in the UK are worth supporting.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Donate [£300] to Marmalade Trust.

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

b) The “Kujali” Charities Motion

Proposer: Jahnvi Kalayil

Seconded: Freya Allery

This JCR notes that:

- a. Kujali is a family run charity with the ethos of ‘no middle man’, believing in relieving poverty by providing and supporting effective care for orphaned children.
- b. Main projects involve advancing mainstream education and vocational training.
- c. Previous projects involved promoting good health by providing health care facilities.
- d. The beneficiaries are orphans and/or disabled children and young adults from East Africa.

This JCR believes that:

- e. The causes Kujali supports are important in developing the lives of those with no means to progress by themselves.

- f. A current project (http://www.kujaliafrica.org.uk/index.php?p=1_26_School-fees-for-Msambweni-Village-Kenya) involving a school in Msambweni, Kenya will enable 34 children to re-attend school after a period of absence due to extreme poverty. Kujali provides the children with school fees and morning meals.
- g. The school is currently in need of an extra toilet since they have only two toilets for the 1000+ students and staff.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Give [£300] to Kujali in aiding the financial aspects of the current project in Msambweni, Kenya.

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

c) The LIV Village Charities Motion

Proposer: Samuel Saunderson

Seconded: Leo Nasskau

This JCR notes that:

- a. This charity adopts a long-term foster care model, housing, educating and caring for over 200 children, with the aim of providing a stable home for children from very difficult backgrounds.
- b. LIV Village houses roughly 4-8 children in each house accompanied by a 'mother' who is a full-time carer.
- c. Every child receives education, largely from the on-site LIV Village school – the most recent matriculants (A-level equivalent) achieved a 100% pass rate.
- d. The Village commits to eco-friendly goals already using solar water heating systems in every home, boreholes for irrigation and rain tanks. It also aims to create a sewage purification plant and to become sustained on solar electricity.

This JCR believes that:

- e. LIV Village is an important cause because it provides long term stable homes for some of the most vulnerable children in South Africa, whilst educating them in such a way as to give them a brighter future.
- f. Money would likely go towards the school (equipment and wages), towards improving housing facilities (washing, cooking, cleaning etc.) or towards bringing in new staff so as to increase the village's capacity to look after children.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Give [£300] to the LIV Village UK fundraising office.

Minutes:

Neither seconder or proposer were present, therefore the Motion fell.

Motion Fell

d) The “Malaria should not be a thing” Charities Motion

Proposer: Marie Davidsen Buhl

Seconded: Milo Mallaby

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Against Malaria Foundation (AMF) is a charity that protects people from malaria by distributing LLINs (long-lasting insecticide nets) in affected areas, which are often some of the poorest in the world.
- b. Malaria is a huge humanitarian and social issue, killing around 400,000 people every year, equivalent to roughly 1 person every 3 seconds.
- c. Evidence shows that sleeping under a net is the single most effective way to prevent malaria.
- d. The independent charity evaluator GiveWell has ranked the Against Malaria Foundation one of the world’s most effective charities every year since 2012. AMF has an outstanding track record of carefully monitoring its impact and making sure every pound spent goes as far as possible.

This JCR believes that:

- e. No one should die from diseases that can easily and cheaply be prevented.
- f. It is of great value to support charities that are transparent and have an evidence-based program.
- g. A donation to the AMF will allow the organisation to distribute more nets and save lives.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Donate [£300] to the Against Malaria Foundation

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

e) The “Kite Oxford-Nairobi” Charities Motion

Proposer: Madeleine Leggett

Seconded: Hannah Pook

This JCR notes that:

- a. Kite is a student-led, international development charity working in Kenya
- b. It is run as a partnership between students at Oxford University and Nairobi universities
- c. Projects include a mentorship scheme to reduce dropout rates from Nairobi high schools; a project to prevent Jigger flea infection; and a soon-to-be-launched project on menstrual health
- d. The main beneficiaries are the Kenyan communities. Students in Oxford and Nairobi are also empowered by working with the charity, and NGOs benefit as successful projects are eventually handed over to them

This JCR believes that:

- e. Kite does valuable work on development issues often neglected by larger charities
- f. A donation of £300 would fund their entire Nairobi mentorship scheme for a month, giving high school students access to support from university students and improving their educational prospects

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to Kite Oxford-Nairobi

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

f) The “Effective Deworming” Charities Motion

Proposer: Håvard Yttredal

Seconded: Leo Nasskau

This JCR notes that:

- a. Evidence Action’s Deworm the World Initiative (DWI) executes school-based mass drug administration that treat children infected with soil-transmitted helminthiasis. Where needed, these programs also include treatment for schistosomiasis.
- b. Countries where DWI has dewormed children, in close collaboration with local authorities, include Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, India, and Vietnam.
- c. The meta-charity GiveWell considers this charity one of the world’s most effective, due both to its cost-effectiveness and the amount and credibility of the evidence which backs it.

This JCR believes that:

- d. Our charitable giving should have as one of its aims to do as much good as possible.
- e. Improving health and education is a worthy cause.

This JCR therefore resolves to: *(What do you propose we do?)*

- f. Donate [£300] to DWI.

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

g) The “Effective Malaria Prevention” Charities Motion

Proposer: Håvard Yttredal

Seconded: Leo Nasskau

This JCR notes that:

- a. Malaria Consortium’s seasonal malaria chemoprevention programme distributes anti-malarial drugs to children 3 to 59 months old in order to prevent illness and death from malaria.
- b. The meta-charity GiveWell considers this programme one of the world’s most effective, due both to its cost-effectiveness and the strength of the evidence which backs it.

This JCR believes that:

- c. Our charitable giving should have as one of its aims to do as much good as possible.
- d. Preventing the illness and death of young children is a worthy cause.

This JCR therefore resolves to: *(What do you propose we do?)*

- e. Donate [£300] to Malaria Consortium’s seasonal malaria chemoprevention programme.

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

h) The “Effectiveness, You See” Charities Motion

Proposer: Håvard Yttredal

Seconded: Leo Nasskau

This JCR notes that:

- a. Helen Keller International (HKI) provides technical assistance, engages in advocacy, and contributes funding to government-run vitamin A supplementation (VAS) programs in sub-Saharan Africa.
- b. Vitamin A deficiency (VAD) can cause stunting, anemia, xerophthalmia (dry eyes, which can lead to blindness), increased severity of infections, and death.
- c. Infants, children, and pregnant or lactating women appear to have a particularly high risk of the negative health impacts caused by VAD.
- d. The meta-charity GiveWell considers HKI’s vitamin A programmes as among the world’s most effective, due both to its cost-effectiveness and the amount and credibility of the evidence which backs it.

This JCR believes that:

- e. Our charitable giving should have as one of its aims to do as much good as possible. This means
- f. Preventing the illness, stunting, and death is a worthy cause.

This JCR therefore resolves to: *(What do you propose we do?)*

- g. Donate [£300] to HKI's VAS programmes.

Minutes:

Motion Passed NEMCON

i) The "Movember Foundation" Charities Motion

Proposer: Alfie Deere-Hall, JCR Vice-President

Seconded: Natalie Perman

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Movember Foundation raises awareness of and money for men's mental and physical health and suicide prevention.
- b. The charity has expanded from just 30 Mo Bros in 2003 in Australia to over 5 million Mo Bros and Mo Sistas across the globe to date.
- c. In 2017 the Movember Foundation was ranked 49th out of the top 500 NGOs around the world.
- d. The Movember Foundation has funded over 1,200 men's health projects since 2003.

This JCR believes that:

- e. Suicide is the single biggest cause of death among all men worldwide and to allow men to die, on average, 6 years earlier than women from many entirely preventable means is unacceptable.
- f. The stigma surrounding men's mental health needs to be changed by conversation and action.
- g. Men facing prostate and testicular cancer can face an uphill battle before, during, and after treatment.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Give [£300] to the Movember Foundation.

Minutes:

As described above, this was missed from the original Agenda. The Motion was presented to the room before being voted on.

Motion Passed NEMCON

j) The 'Mind' Charities Motion

Proposer: Nia Evans

Seconded: Tia Wright

This JCR notes that:

- a. Mind offers support and reliable information to those experiencing a mental health problem
- b. An Infoline has been set up providing confidential help to those who call
- c. Mind aims to continuously raise awareness on Mental Health and aims to reduce the stigma associated with it, including making sure that mental health and physical health are treated equally by 2020
- d. Mind pledges to ensure organisations improve workplace wellbeing
- e. Mind aims to develop a new strategy for suicide and self-harm prevention for Wales.

This JCR believes that:

- f. Mind is an important charity with statistics showing 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- g. The money donated will enable help and support to be provided through therapy, peer support and the call line.

The JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Donate [£300] to Mind

Minutes:

Neither the proposer or seconder were present for this Motion. Motion fell.

Motion Fell

6. Items for Discussion

a) Constitutional Appendices & Amended Agenda (Benedict Gardner)

Minutes:

Ben noted that he had updated the appendices, and that Cas' motion had been added after the deadline, due to Ben's incompetence (it hasn't really been my week).

b) Study Centre Seating (Amelia Holt)

Minutes:

Amelia noted the lack of chairs in the Study Centre based on the number of students in the College. Harry said he had talked to Maggie Snowling (St John's

President) recommending removing the beds and reopening the 24 hour study centre.

Siobhan Pebody asked about the reopening of the Laudian Library. Harry noted the plan was 2021, meaning it was likely to be opened in 2025.

Ava Mitchell noted that many desks were left without chairs. Harry suggested more £1,500 chairs could be bought.

Jasmine Savage asked about using the North Lecture Room in lieu of a 24 hour study centre, to which Harry noted that the library had group study rooms. Jasmine asked if other rooms could be made available, but Harry noted Domestic Committee would not be keen on this proposition. Amelia asked whether meeting rooms could be left unlocked when not in use in Trinity. Harry suggested that the Academic Affairs Officer (Madeleine Leggett) could make a public list of bookable rooms.

Alfie asked the room who in the room liked to work in the Study Centre, to which almost the whole meeting raised their hand. He noted that the point needs to be made to College that the JCR like the Centre, but that we find seating insufficient. Siobhan noted the library was full on a Friday in Michaelmas, which raises concerns for Hillary and Trinity.

Ava noted that rooms could only be booked for an hour at a time, which made it inconvenient.

Harry noted the 24-hour study room had been closed for storage.

Talav Bhimnathwala asked why the JCR wanted to remove the beds from the Study Centre. Harry noted this was the expressed wish of the librarian as well. Alfie asked the room who had worked on the beds. Two hands were raised, but it transpired one had just had a nap.

c) Ball 2020 Update (Lachlann Hinley)

Minutes:

Lachlann noted the College had restricted tickets to 1400, but now extra plans with the garden being accessible, along with a supplementary proposal, will allow for 1600 ticket capacity, to be confirmed next week. College noted they are not happy to proceed with the Ball for All scheme until the Ball Steering Committee (committee of JCR, MCR and College members deciding Ball plans) met in 3rd week, which will push the Ball for All Scheme back until after the initial ticket date, creating uncertainty for Ball for All users.

Dan Hubbard asked if John's members would get priority access, to which Lachlann replied they would.

Chris Hughes asked to confirm that there was no chance of running out of tickets for John's students, which Lachlann said there was not.

Jasmine Savage asked if there was a plan for an Access Officer for the Committee. Lachlann noted there was an Access plan, which he will submit as an appendix to this discussion. Access will be considered at the next Ball Steering Committee. Amelia Holt asked whether Access could be considered for the next Committee, and Lachlann noted it would be raised in the Ball reflection meeting taking place after the Ball, in 2020.

Alfie asked about MCR Access, suggesting it would be worth determining how to address Access plans for the next Ball in relation to the MCR at the reflection meeting. Alfie noted that MCR meetings had not been consulted, and JCR/MCR member Tom Ritter raised concerns at the EGM last week. Lachlann said that the smaller number of MCR committee members and members per term made this more difficult. Lachlann replied that he had taken Tom Ritter's point on board, and that the President of the Ball Committee is an MCR member.

7. Agenda Items

a) The "Great Big 2019 Role Review!" Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Harry Sugden (President)

Seconded: Benedict Gardner (Secretary)

This JCR notes that:

- a. Throughout the Summer of 2019, consultation amongst the JCR General Committee and Reps was carried out in order to address some concerns of the JCR President and College. These concerns are outlined in the JCR Role Review 2019 (Appendix Y).
- b. This proposal was presented as an Item for Discussion at the first General Meeting of Michaelmas Term 2019, with no significant objections heard to its contents.
- c. Attention should be directed to the provision added for Welfare Officers to reimburse medic alert tags/bands up to the value of £20.

This JCR believes that:

- d. The recommendations of the Role Review should be implemented in order to facilitate the election of a new General Committee, accompanied by their revamped new role descriptions and a host of Reps.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Adopt the contents and recommendations of the JCR Role Review 2019 ([Appendix 1](#)) by replacing the relevant sections of the Constitution with those contained within [Appendix 2](#).

Minutes:

Harry outlined the changes, written into Appendix 1 and 2, highlighting the Equality and Diversity Officer, IT Officer and 3rd Welfare Officer.

Ava Mitchell asked which positions would be lost by making Officers into Rep roles. Harry noted that all existing liberation roles (Disabilities, BME, LGBTQ, International,

and Class) these would be replaced by Equality & Diversity reps (except Women's Officer, which stays separate).

Amelia Holt asked about a third welfare officer. Harry outlined the election process, with separate Officers running, with separate elections run for wholly or partially as male or female, with a third Welfare that is gender-blind. Details outlined in Appendix 1.

Motion Passed (30 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

b) The "Ain't Nobody Got Time for That" Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Harry Sugden (President)

Seconded: Chris Hughes (Returning Officer)

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Returning Officer is currently bound by a series of constraints as to the timing of hustings and election polls.
- b. At present:
 - i. The date and time of hustings may be determined at any time prior to the opening of polls.
 - ii. Hustings must take place no less than 24 hours, and no more than three days before, polls open.
 - iii. Hustings shall not be held within 96 hours of nominations being closed.
- c. The President and Returning Officer have agreed to transition to Oxford SU's online voting system. Results would not normally be available for elections held on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday until Monday.

This JCR believes that:

- d. Prospective - and not just confirmed - candidates should have reasonable notice of when hustings is scheduled to take place.
- e. It remains preferable for election results to be released as soon as possible.
- f. The Returning Officer should be given more discretion as to the scheduling of hustings and polls, such that precedent may determine usual practice but deviation is still possible.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Replace Standing Order Table Three A with that version contained within [Appendix 3](#).
- h. Replace Standing Order Table Three B with that version contained within Appendix 3.

Minutes:

Harry noted changes to the election system (outlined above in Appendix 3) due to an intention to move to the Oxford SU voting system, and to provide more flexibility for the Returning Officer generally.

Lachlann noted his disapproval with the Oxford SU voting system. He noted that the motion was being put due to the longer time period being needed because of the SU system, questioning the logic of the move. Harry noted that money saved from MyVoice would be beneficial, and noted his full confidence in the SU system which elects our University representatives, and additionally reduces the chance any malpractice in the JCR. Harry noted results will be available long term. Lachlann gave a 'considering' yes to Harry's response.

A question was asked about how voting would be conducted. Harry replied that anyone with an SU account would be able to vote on the online system, with suspended students or those who have opted out of SU membership using a guest account.

Cas Burton asked if suspended students could still vote, to which Chris and Harry confirmed they could, making guest accounts if necessary. Harry further clarified that the breakdown would be available to the JCR Returning Officer at all times, but that breakdowns would not be published, preventing embarrassment if a candidate finishes last. Cas asked if we could lobby the SU to improve the election system, to which Harry noted this was not part of the current debate.

Lachlann asked about why MyVoice was being replaced, seeing as a February financial motion suggested it was better value than the SurveyMonkey used before. Chris noted that money gained from a Financial Motion for MyVote as a trial, noting that MyVoice could have replaced the survey features of SurveyMonkey, but lacks the functionality to run surveys sufficiently. Lachlann asked when MyVoice was bought, with Cas replying it was in February 2019.

Amelia asked about those who have opted out of the SU. Guest votes would be available on request, Harry replied.

A question was asked if there were subscriptions to Oxford SU. Harry noted that membership was free, but there was a £1 liability if the SU fails.

Lachlann asked if reducing the time period from 96 hours to 24 hours would not allow people to read manifestos. Chris argued that it was a tradeoff, but worth it. Lachlann noted that an extended period about elections is good to encourage campaigning. Harry said that normally there would be 3 days to engage with manifestos before election.

Motion Passed (27 for, 1 against, 4 absententions)

c) The "Cycles lining up" Budget Amendment Motion

Proposer: Cas Burton, JCR Treasurer

Seconded: Chris Hughes, JCR Returning Officer

This JCR notes that:

- a. The JCR budget renews at the beginning of Hilary Term each year.
- b. The capitation from college renews at the beginning of Michaelmas Term.
- c. This includes the Kendrew Arts Fund, which has now been increased to £4000.

- d. Establishing a new budget item for the upcoming academic year will not increase the total in the budget as it is restricted expenditure so is not included.

This JCR believes that:

- e. Arts financial motions should be funded from the Kendrew Arts Fund before the Financial Motions budget.
- f. The Treasurer should keep accurate records of restricted expenditure.
- g. Having a few budgetary items that carry over should not be too difficult to deal with.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- h. Rename the 'Kendrew Arts Fund' restricted expenditure item to 'Kendrew Arts Fund 2018-2019'.
- i. Establish a new restricted expenditure item called 'Kendrew Arts Fund 2019-2020'.
- j. Mandate the incoming Treasurer to include 'Kendrew Arts Fund 2019-2020' in the next budget, with any payments from Michaelmas term 2019 to be carried over to accurately show how much has been spent.

Minutes:

Cas noted the JCR needed to align the Budget to fund students productions for the upcoming year.

Amitai noted that this will allow Freshers to take part in drama coppers.

Motion Passed (27 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

d) The "Support OxFID" Financial Motion

Proposer: Selin Millward

Seconded: Helena Murphy

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Oxford Forum for International Development (OxFID) is an entirely student-run conference on the theme of international development that will take place 8 - 9 February 2020.
- b. OxFID is committed to providing students and young professionals with a unique opportunity to engage with the field of international development through a range of panels and workshops and to network with thought-leaders across the public and private sector.
- c. OxFID is an independent organisation that receives its funding through student-organised sponsorship and grants.
- d. St John's students have been involved in organising the conference in previous years (last year $\frac{1}{3}$ of the committee were at St John's).

- e. OxFID commits to returning any financial support given in kind by offering the St John's College Junior Common Room a number of subsidised tickets (x8 1-day passes) to attend the conference.

This JCR believes that:

- f. OxFID is a valuable and high-quality conference that contributes to the wealth of opportunities available to Oxford students.
- g. This conference would be of interest and of value to many members of the Junior Common Room.
- h. Without much-needed financial backing, OxFID may cease to exist.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- i. Donate £300 to OxFID from the Financial Motions Budget
- j. Require a written report from the Proposer, to be uploaded to the News section on the website.

Minutes:

Selin noted that International Development is an important career area, with little awareness amongst students. This year there will be a 2 day conference, for which funds are needed for admission and travel for speakers.

Cas gave a point of information to let the room know there is £554 in the fund until the end of Michaelmas. This motion would have reduced it to £254.

Chris asked if it would be possible to take a loan and repay the money. Selin noted no money would be expected to be made. Selin noted that subsidised tickets would be offered to John's students.

Milo Mallaby asked about the budget, which is £7,000 expenditure.

Zara Hussain asked about other successful fund requests, to which Selin replied that there had been a number of JCR motions in other Colleges, and some corporate sponsors.

Jasmine asked about the frequency of motions at the beginning and end of terms. Cas noted this was not easy to determine, and that £700 had been moved into the Financial Motion to cover a deficit created last term due to a technicality in late payments.

Lachlann asked if this February 2020 event needed the money now, given the low state of the Financial Motions Budget. Selin noted that things needed to be booked in advance. Lachlann asked if the amount could be split between now and Hilary Term 2020. No one submitted this as an amendment, and a move to vote was heard.

Motion Not Put due to inquorate meeting (17 for, 8 against, 3 abstentions)

Quick note here - a recent JCR Constitutional change means that if a meeting drops below 25 people, a margin of 10 votes is needed for a vote to pass. This motion had only a margin of 9, meaning that the meeting was deemed inquorate.

e) The “Accessible Theatre Funding” Financial Motion

Proposer: Amitai Landau-Pope

Seconded: Sam Scruton

This JCR notes that:

- a. *Computer Says No* is a new play which is going to be performed in the Michael Pilch Studio studio by Oxford Students, in 7th Week of Michaelmas
- b. There are currently seven members of the JCR in the production’s creative team. The number of St John’s students involved is only likely to increase.
- c. The creative team of *Computer Says No* wants the play to be accessible as possible, which requires a large investment in subtitle and hard-of-hearing technology.

This JCR believes that:

- d. The artistic projects in which JCR members are involved should be supported by the JCR.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Provide £350 from the Kendrew Arts Fund to partially fund this project.
- f. Require a written report from the Proposer, to be uploaded to the News section on the website.

Minutes:

Amitai noted his motion will come from the Kendrew Arts Fund is separate to the Financial Motions Budget and is designed for this form of play. He said that many St John’s members were involved in the project.

Alfie asked how many John’s members are involved, to which Amitai replied many.

Jasmine asked if this set a precedent for funding student plays. Amitai replied that this precedent has already been set, with many student plays being funded in the past.

Cas asked whether the equipment to be bought could be used as an investment in the future. Amitai noted it could be, and hoped it would set a precedent that the technology would and could be used.

Cas was asked about the amount in the Kendrew Arts Fund, which was £4,000 until Michaelmas 2020, when the fund would be renewed. Amitai noted most plays are brought in the first term, hence he was not concerned the amount would be depleted. Cas noted that £2,650 was spent on Arts in the first two terms of this year.

A question was asked about the John's-non-John's ratio, which was 7 John's vs 6 non-John's.

Jasmine asked if other Motions had been brought to other JCRs, to which Amitai replied Christchurch JCR would be considering offering money. Amitai told the room the shows cost £1,200 to put on each.

Motion Passed (27 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

f) The "Amitai's Last Play" Financial Motion

Proposer: Amitai Landau-Pope

Seconded: Sam Scruton

This JCR notes that:

- a. (*the wings of the*) *Seagull* is a new play, written and directed by JCR member Amitai Landau-Pope (LGBTQ+ Officer).
- b. It has been met with widespread acclaim, and is preparing for a national tour, including previews in Oxford.
- c. There are a number of JCR members in the production's creative team. The number of St John's students involved is only likely to increase.
- d. The production costs for previews in Oxford are low, but are substantial.

This JCR believes that:

- e. The student drama scene should be as accessible as possible, and not the sole preserve of those who can afford to produce their own plays out of their own pockets.
- f. The artistic projects in which JCR members are involved should be supported by the JCR.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Provide £350 from the Kendrew Arts Fund to partially fund this project.
- h. Require a written report from the Proposer, to be uploaded to the News section on the website.

Minutes:

Amitai noted that many John's members were involved in this separate play. Amitai noted that while this only had one actor, there were multiple voice overs including John's members.

Peter Devlin asked about the potential to join as a John's member, to which Amitai replied it was possible, with marketing positions.

Motion Passed (31 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

g) The “Wine Not!” Standing Policy Motion

Proposer: Patrick Borman

Seconded: Milo Mallaby

This JCR notes that:

- a. Undergraduate students must pay for college wine in the buttry during formal hall.

This JCR believes that:

- b. This is a needless limit of choice.
- c. Students should be allowed to bring their own bottle within reason, especially considering the wealth of the college.
- d. The buttry offers very good value wine (amendment accepted as friendly, Chris Hughes)**

This JCR therefore resolves to:

e. Mandate the Domestic Officers to lobby the college to allow students to bring their own bottles of wine to formal hall.

f. Mandate the Domestic Officers to lobby the College to sell glasses of wine (amendment accepted as friendly, Talav)

g. Add item [e] and [f] of “This JCR resolves to” to Standing Policy

Minutes:

Patrick noted that he believes that you should be able to bring your own bottle to wine to formal hall.

Alfie asked if you could bring your own bottle, thinking that you could. Patrick replied you couldn't, but Alfie noted this was poorly enforced.

Siobhan made a passionate speech for the value of the wine, and the importance of keeping College onside for Guest Dinners. The sustainability of Guest Dinners is reliant on trust between JCR members and College.

Discussion continued, with Patrick suggesting there would be choice, not affecting the ability to buy JCR wine. Siobhan noted the importance to keep good relations with the Deans and the Kitchen.

Several amendments were added, including the possibility of John's selling glasses rather than bottles of wine, and for recognition of the value of John's wine. However, the motion ultimately failed.

Motion Failed (3 for, 16 against, 8 abstention)

Note for the minutes. Originally, this was written as having been inquorate, with the following result written. However, it was decided after this situation (which has not happened in the tenure of this Secretary), where a Motion went wholly inquorate within a margin of 2, that the Chair and Secretary will from now on be considered as

2 abstaining votes. This will be put into a Constitutional Motion brought in MT19 GM3, upcoming.

Motion Not Put due to Meeting being Inquorate (3 for, 16 against, 6 abstention)

8. Any Other Business

None heard.