

St Anne's College

JCR Committee

Hilary 2013 1st Week

Sunday 1st Week, 7pm – 8.30pm

Present

Oscar Boyd – President

Mikey Connolly – Vice-President

Jonny Rix – Treasurer

Cara Battle – Arts

Jasmine Spencer – Bar

Sandra Chua – International

Joe Collin – Access and Equal Opps

Ben Rosenbaum – Charities

Annie Wogel – Entz

Andy Hall – LGBTQ

Alison Walsh – Environment

Isra Hale – Welfare

Rabin Suguna Balan – Academic

Ben Rosenbaum – Charities

Christina Tönshoff – First Year Rep

Tiber Karadag – Entz

Matt Ridley – Welfare

Hannah Smith – Domestic

Josef Hazi – Sport

Apologies

Adam Whiley – OUSU

Vickie Morrish – Careers

Matt Waller – IT

Agenda and Notices

President's Business

Welcome to Christina Tönshoff, our new first year rep.

Sky tv. Final approval pending – as long as we won't have it in bar. Will have sports but not film. Martin Jackson on board with getting sky. Need to go through listing procedures to get sky disk in hopefully by middle of term on hartland house (listed, palnning permission) – will be motion tomorrow

Bike scheme will be up and running – contact Alison for details by this evening – she will also be bicycle rep

Constitutional review – should form a committee

Andy interested to change it to gender neutral pronouns

Ball committee executive will be elected and will take place next week after applications. Should make it fairer and more accountable

Sorting out newspapers – we have free new statesman sub, magazine rack will be getting it.

Grace t has got two paintings to put in jcr

Lindt might be able to sponsor events

Committee elections in 5th week for exec + welfare and entz

Danson room in summer not used but suggested to mj that college could pay part of it if they turned over room for conference use.

If there is anyone else who wants to submit artwork please let president know

Vice-President's Business

costing of redoing wireless rooms will be paid for by college

Treasurer's Business

No business.

Secretary's Business

Sofa debate will be going ahead 3rd week.

Oxymoron motion – yes we should be fine for it. £30 a term rolling. keep one each term for reference!

Welfare Business

We won chlamydia money!

Will run it again next week, last time gvt will be

Mcr said will give £50 if we buy new or fix condom machine

We should fix then move it

Dryathlon – still time for those to take part, and support those in colleg doing it

Thinking about doing another cheese night

Entz Business

Charity bop £750 raised for charity

Arts Business

Trip to stratford – 20 responses out of 50 spaces so far, need to sell out not to lose a lot

Life drawing classes – have 8/15 responses

Sports Business

No business.

IT Business

Make sure people turn on Facebook notifications for jcr page

Access and Equality Business

Interviews went very well – murder mystery was very fun, we could bring it to the jcr

In light of interview experience, our own Film nights could be better publicised

Student ambassadors, we want to get that up and running – 10-15 students to call upon for college access events, to be launched next week

Open mentoring forum with applicants – could have a fb access page with disclaimer for student opinions. would be very helpful also for Eleanor parker by reducing the need to answer same questions

Access video – virtual tour of college

Charities Business

Charity Auction of promises Monday 2nd after pub quiz

Naked calendars sold out raising £700+

Charity bop and dryathalon

Bar Business

Fortnightly pub quizzes – make first years come! Rep cannot do quiz after first week due to exams. Will be doing a rollover this term

Fifth week queer week quiz

St annes's got talent before 5th week – ben will get date from rag

Carrying on open mic nights

Photos ordered for the bar.

LGBTQ Business

Petitioning Nicola MP was good

5th week will be queer week, lgbtq pub quiz? Lgbtq film, queer bop

Andrew smith mp – he is for equal marriage, however, no one has seen a bill yet so he can't give definitive answers on issues

International Business

Six new visiting students

Byob – chinese new year

Large object selling system for leaving international/visiting students

Domestic Business

New breakfast menu – themed by country

From results on food survey, vegetarians feel short change so there will be more vegetarian options on Thursdays this term (see motion)

If there are any problems relating to food then email to Hannah directly which can be taken to catering directly

Will be asking questions directly relating to stacs, which haven't been asked after for a while

Suggestions needed for domestic forum to hannah

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bike shelters? Evening meals at weekends?

Environment Business

Environment competition, college will give a prize

Academic Business

Academic feedback sessions starting next weekend - attendance imperative to have feedback before easter

OUSU Business

We could get a sab officer to come and feed back/speak termly at a jcr meeting

First Year Rep

Playstation2 or wii in damson room – we will be getting one of the former

Any Other Business

Das Boot

Motions

Sky subscription

Proposed by: Oscar Boyd

Seconded by: Jonny Rix

The JCR notes that:

1. A Sky subscription costs £84 a month at the charity rate.
2. The college successfully petitioned for this rate during the vacation. It is now an affordable purchase for the JCR.
3. There is demand for live sports coverage and other paid-for content within the JCR.

The JCR believes that:

1. A Sky subscription at the proposed rate would provide good value live entertainment for members of the JCR.

The JCR resolves to:

1. Mandate the JCR Treasurer to purchase a Sky subscription for the JCR at £84 a month, to be renewed until mandated otherwise.

Debate

None.

Vote

For: 40

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

Total: 43

Vegetarian Themed Thursdays

Proposed by: Hannah Smith

Seconded by: Oscar Boyd

This JCR notes that:

1. On any given day there are more hot meat options than hot vegetarian options
2. There are a significant number of people in college who do not eat meat
3. That the catering staff are very willing to run a trial for vegetarian themed Thursdays, where there will be two hot vegetarian options and one hot meat option

This JCR believes:

1. There should be a day which caters more towards vegetarians than meat eaters
2. This is a more reasonable solution than removing meat on a day completely

This JCR resolves to:

1. Introduce one meat, two veg Thursday dinners working with the catering staff.

Discussion:

Would it be possible to have a meat soup on this day?

Domestic Rep: we can look into this as an option

This wouldn't compromise peoples' ability to eat meat on a Thursday, there will still be a meat option available

This is only one meal out of 17 served a week.

Vote:

For: 28

Against: 13

Abstentions: 2

The Oxymoron magazine

Proposed by: Oscar Boyd

Seconded by: Jonny Rix

This JCR notes that:

1. The Oxymoron is a termly satirical magazine produced by students at Oxford, some of whom attend Corpus Christi.

2. The Oxymoron won 'Best Magazine' at the Guardian Student Media Awards 2009.

3. The magazine is full-colour, printed on nice glossy paper, and comes with two free staples. It holds no adverts. This costs quite a bit.

4. Subscribing to The Oxymoron for a term costs £30, for which the JCR will receive 50 copies of the magazine.

5. Subscribing colleges will immediately get a sample delivery of copies of last term's edition for free.

6. All back issues are available on the website, [theoxymoron.co.uk](http://theoxymoron.co.uk).

This JCR believes that:

1. Laughs from one of Oxford's better-known satirical titles are worth a reasonable termly subscription.

This JCR resolves to: 1. Subscribe to the Oxymoron by emailing [oxonsatire@gmail.com](mailto:oxonsatire@gmail.com), and pay £30 for this term's subscription.

2. Mandate the JCR Treasurer to renew our subscription for as long as he or she feels it is worth the subscription fee, or until a new JCR motion is passed to terminate the subscription.

Debate

None.

Vote

For: 38

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

Total: 43

'Das Boot'

Proposed by: Edward Rolls

Seconded by: Stuart Glynne-Jones

The JCR notes that:

1. The article in question is a boot-shaped beer vessel sized 2 pints.
2. The St Anne's Pool 3rds team maintains an illustrious tradition.
3. The article costs £15.

The JCR believes that:

1. This is a worthwhile purchase in honour of some of St Anne's lesser-known sporting heroes.

The JCR resolves to:

1. Mandate the JCR Treasurer to purchase 'Das Boot' on its behalf of the 3rds pool team, to go behind the bar, of a cost of £15.

Debate

Can anyone use Das Boot? -Yes.

Vote

For: 32

Against: 7

Abstentions: 4

Total: 43

St Anne's College

JCR general meeting

Minutes

Sunday 3rd Week, 7.05pm –pm

Present

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Mikey Connolly – Vice-President

Jonny Rix – Treasurer

Cara Battle – Arts

Jasmine Spencer – Bar

Joe Collin – Access and Equal Opps

Ben Rosenbaum – Charities

Annie Wogel – Entz

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Hannah Smith – Domestic

Josef Hazi – Sport

Adam Whiley – OUSU

Vickie Morrish – Careers

Matt Waller – IT

Apologies

Sandra Chua – International

Agenda and Notices

President's Business

\* Ball committee elections

o Candidate for President: Lucy Fielding

o Stressed enthusiasm, diligence rigour, strong marketing campaign, listening to opinions throughout the JCR, promised to take care of interests of those who will leave Anne's this year. Cited prior experience of play production.

o Questions:

\* how to incorporate 3rd years and alumni: make sure they are on a mailing list, include them in early bird system, make it easy by posting things to them and making things as easier for them as possible

\* ball committee and jcr committee have different aims and sometimes latter has to report to former – what conflicts would arise and how to deal with this? Money. Don't worry about paying back loan. Confident that money will be made back as soon as possible.

o Challenge: get as many people as possible to come to meeting dressed in black tie.

o Candidate for Treasurer: Andrew Thorn

o Being treasurer of ball before mean he has insight of workings of a ball committee and valuable experience of learning from old mistakes to make sure all is put in order. He will try to democratise the attractions and prices so as to maximise sales to students as possible.

o Questions:

\* Given previous problems, what issues will you focus on? Due to lack of experience, this time, will thoroughly plan things out and set concrete date targets to get things done by

\* What relevant experience do you have other than being on previous ball committee? Experience of being on teams

\* Are we in a weaker financial position this year and do we have means to correct this? Yes, oxford might view less less favourably since last time but we need confidence in what we are doing.

\* Challenge: eat marshmallows whilst chanting 11, 13 and 167 times tables

Vote:

Lucy Fielding: 6 spoiled, 4 RONS, 64 votes

Andrew Thorn: 1 spoiled, 8 RONS, 66 votes

\* Committee elections in 5th week – description of positions up for election by current incumbents (P, VP, T, S, Welf, E, Ac)

Vice-President's Business

None.

Treasurer's Business

None.

Secretary's Business

None.

Welfare Business

\* Peer support informal drop-in Sundays

\* One more chlamydia test at end of term

\* Exam teas towards end of term

\* Condom machine replaced by JCR

\* Pizza pyjama party in Danson Room

\* Congratulate Dryalthes as they move into home straight

Entz Business

\* Next bop in the bar

o Last bop: we were charged £5 a ticket... and others who turned up afterwards got in for free.

o All profits go to charity: we mentioned that.

#### Arts Business

\* Arts class and RSC trip places: very good value.

#### Sports Business

\* Meeting with college to increase funding for sports by 30-40% (Treasurer)

\* Teddy Hall relays in 8th week (Environment Rep)

\* 5th week – ice hockey cuppers (LGBTQ Rep)

#### IT Business

None.

#### Access and Equality Business

\* ...

\* High table (see motion)

#### Charities Business

\* Promises auction raised £457

\* St Anne's Got Talent – Friday 4th week: hope to get porter and senior staff to be judge. Every college is organising it – bog rag event.

#### Bar Business

\* Need people to run pub quizzes

\* 5th week & 7th week events

#### LGBTQ Business

No business; organising queer week.

#### Careers Business

\* confirmed speakers for careers week in week 7: good opportunity to network with alumni

### International Business

\* BYOB in week 6 with international forum beforehand

\* Week 5 Monday after Chinese new year – Chinese food in hall

\* International meeting on Thursday?

\* Sale of unwanted objects idea gaining traction

### Domestic Business

\* STACS questions

\* ...

### Environment Business

\* Environment competition is still on

\* Bike scheme

o Stolen bike will be replaced

### Academic Business

\* Meeting with library on development plans on the library

### OUSU Business

\* OUSU positions vacant, including LGBTQ officer

### First Year Rep (issues presented)

\* Hall menu complaints

\* Lent charity event

### Any Other Business

None.

### Motions

Abolition of high table

Proposed by: Joe Collin

Seconded by: Ben Rosenbaum

The JCR notes that: 1. St Anne's is renowned for being a modern and informal college, which has always championed equality

The JCR believes that: 1. High table is an outdated tradition that is a physical and visual expression

of inequality The JCR resolves to: 1. Inform college authorities that we believe high table should be abolished

Debate:

Joe

If you agree with high table, the concept is flawed – if people will be graded one above the other. If people were building college now, then a high table would not be built.

Sam Rodrigues, 2011

Good thing to minimize inequality. High table is actually a sign of respect in a meritocratic system.

Ben

Respect – none of us respect are tutors just because they sit higher than us. I have respect because I have learnt from them, if we lowered them a metre, I would not lose respect

Toby Fuller, 2012

Are we going to remove the table? The actual table is nicer. How much can it cost?

Joe

No one could sit there.

Matt Waller, 2011

There is an issue of separate meals. There is a practical difference of high table: different food is served there.

Ben

Admin staff sit lower but they are on the same food system as those sitting at high table.

Will Dufton, 2012

“Do you seethe with anger when you see them up there?” It doesn’t affect us enough day to day to warrant expenditure to change it.

Ben

If you built a college tomorrow, would you have a pyramidal dining system? If you do that’s fair, but it should be made consistent.

Katherine Clements, 2010

It’s done because many fellows get free food as part of their contract. If you ask to go up there with your tutors they’ll let you.

Ben

If its about seniority, then it should be consistent seniority – why can’t graduates sit above us?

Katherine

The MCR had cool water bottles and nicer chairs last year, therefore there is a pyramidal system. The MCR pay more, so deserve more bottles.

Emma Yandle, 2010

There is always a difference in institutions between those who teach and those who study.

Ben

In newer institutions they may have different meal systems, but they don’t have high table. Tradition isn’t a justification.

Vicky Ibbett, 2011

High table is a precedent set in our college. We have STACS as a place for everyone to mingle, even the principal uses it.

Joe

Things like this put people off: it's an access issue.

Adam Waugh, 2012

Why are we wasting our time on this? No one has ever bought up high table as an issue – do scouts even care? You're wasting our time.

Katherine

If it is passed, can you make a separate list?

Ben

That's undemocratic.

Flora Olcott, 2010

What kind of a message are you trying to send to the staff of the college?

Rob Macquarie, 2012

We are founded on equality. If the high table is unequal, then why did they do it?

Cara Battle, 2011

It was built as a multipurpose stage.

Thomas Lodge, 2012

Schools have staff rooms which you never see; they are hidden. At least high table is open; you can go up and chat.

Toby

Has this been discussed with MCR/SCR?

Ben

We're not going to bulldoze it, it is just a statement of intent.

Jonny

Many traditions are actually simply very nice.

The argument for other traditions is founded on many other arguments... dreaming spires are beautiful and matriculation is fun.

Stefan Harvey, 2012

Is this a step towards indifference towards tutors?

Ben

If your respect is based on this, then that's bad.

Chantelle Roelofse, 2011

It is useful at formals, to seat more people.

Ben

This would be true if formal was always packed, but it often isn't.

Vote:

29 votes for

46 votes against (incls. 2 absentee)

10 abstentions

Motion defeated

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President's Business

Jcr committee hysts

James Mansell – create

Thomas Lodge – communication: ball furore demonstrates pitfalls of confused communications - greater transparency – minutes attached to emails, improve presence of jcr members throughout year and across years – breakdown “Wall between jcr and the committee”

Christina Tonschoeff – improved and increased welfare, increasing the use of the bar shame that it is losing money, use danson room more, accessible minutes, efficiency, dedicated, organised

Liasing with governing bodies

\* Lodge: making sure that students know whats going on in this communication, will help strengthen support for jcr

\* Christina: being diplomatic and get get all we want across.

\* Mansell: as I am elected, I fundamentally answer to jcr, not swayed by the governing body

Horsemeat, Christina?

\* complain and have pro-horse charity events

\* Lodge: get to the root of the problem

One wish?

\* Mansell: welfare

\* Lodge: move Anne's close to town

\* Christina: more rowing for music and rowing etc

Questions:

\* how to put your rhetoric about accessibility, bipartisanship, and engagement into practice?

\* Christina: - minutes online

\* Lodge: - let us have a calendar for jcr events online, at basic level even

\* Mansell: -use website more, bop ticket ordering etc, schedule one hour weekly 'sugery'

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\* Our jcr is about consensus – who have you spoken to other than 1st years?

\* All said they had spoken to various college parents etc and want to speak to a cross section of students

How to deal with timing of what motions to propose and oppose when etc- there was a rush to 'use' damson room, with money thrown at it to not much great appreciable effect?

\* Lodge: make freshers associate room automatically with the social hub of college

\* Mansell: we should stick to a budget, low-cost events e.g. post-brunch tv viewing etc.

\* Christina: through consider the effects of what they will propose and whether it will be used – cost benefit analysis

Helium speeches

Enrionemnt trophy hunt

VP

Toby Fuller – keep all Stanners involved in creating freshers week to make the best freshers. Keep involved even after freshers week

Rob Macquarie - develop community. Can't waste the investment we've put into danson room. Faqs for freshers, and online timetable for freshers week

Change soemthing about freshers week?

\* Toby – pub creawl, not more club nights, can't talk to people in club!

Alternatives to alcohol based events

\* Toby: underground club mnights, movie nights, make sure people are using rooms, and give people option

How to get people to mix regardless of whether they drink or not?

Toby - keep people mixing throughout the day, subject dinners, suppers etc, use room

How to make sure people will go to events

Rob – communicate to college that we will run stuff flexibly in parallel to academic commitments

Toby – make events so fun people will definitely want to come

T shirt challenge

Treasurer

\* Dufton: listen to suggestion, exploit alumni links, local business

\* Jonny Adams: has experience on YE, transparency with jcr budget, regular meetings with ball treasurer

Raising income and cut cost?

Dufton: scrutinise current budget more. More sponsorship, alumni links, try to get college

Jonny: have more feedback mechanisms on spending choices, have a really profitable ball

How to go around setting the budgets

How many toothbrushes in London of 8m people? Skill: explaining and extrapolation, guesstimating requirements.

... insight into their thought process

be prepared to defend your budgets to the treasurer

secretary

--making emails more interesting?

...promoting motions?

welfare

cai and Susannah

entz

selby and morrow

doing stuff within college: do open mic night more regularly, live gigs

what would you do with dean if he said cut back on bops to one a term due to academic concerns

bop themes

promoting bar as predinking venue for bops

representing entertainment needs of female jcr members

academic rep

Karen - make it easier to give academic feedback rather than dedicated time slots in one term.

Johannes - Comfort puppies

Setting an example

How to help freshers to plan for first collections

Making selves as available as possible, like Rabin

Karen – to talk about peoples courses with them at informal times

Johannes – facebook

Book balancing challenge

Ball vp

Chantelle

Work closely with president – friends and will work well together

As international student used to thinking very far in advance

Liv

Ball would be priority in 2nd year

Communication – vote on a theme, mcr rep

Alumini ackages

How to organise team properly

How to get mcr more on board

OUSU motion

Whether to proposition the NUS to enforce the Israeli boycott in UK universities

Susannah – who will the boycott affect?

Jonny – why only boycotting Israeli goods when it condemns “Israeli and Palestinian breaches of law”

We are not really readily informed about this – can we delay it? We can call for a delay, but still have a vote if not

Tiber - Is it appropriate for jcr to have a view on this?

Nowhere in constitution does it say it is inappropriate for jcr to have a political view point

Petition ousu to delay vote until 7th week to allow for discussion

No against votes and abstentions. All for. Motion passed.

Speaker motion

The JCR notes that:

Our current speakers are broken

We are having more and more events in college which require a decent PA system

The JCR believes that:

The purchase of new speakers would greatly benefit musical events around college.

The JCR resolves to:

Spend up to £150 to replace speakers (cheaper option in spite of one being broken)

Discussion

broken by over use

can we negotiate college equipment swap or a spare speaker?

No against votes and abstentions. All for. Motion passed.

Bod Cards Motion

Proposed by: Ben Rosenbaum

Seconded by: Jasmine Spencer

The JCR notes that:

1. The Bar is currently underused
2. It is one of the few college facilities that still requires cash (i.e. both STACs and Hall can be/are paid via BOD card) and many students often do not have cash on them.
3. It would be more convenient for members of the JCR to use the bar if it accepted BOD cards as well as cash payment and would not infringe on visitors, those without BOD cards would still be able to pay with cash at the bar.
4. Students within the college are already required to be capable of managing their spending on their BOD cards and budgeting for their lifestyle as a whole so this should have little to no impact on the financial situation of any member.

The JCR believes that:

1. It should be possible to pay for drinks and snacks in the bar using BOD cards as well as cash

The JCR resolves to:

1. Consult with relevant senior members of staff at the college to find out the pragmatics of implementing the system and ensure that, if possible, it is implemented before the beginning of next academic year. Should there be any significant obstacles to the system (i.e. Cost), the findings will be put to the JCR and discussed further.

Jonny rix: college has been against this as they claim we will spend all out money – this is offensive, we are either treated as adults or not

Ben & Jas – we are all in control of our food and other expenses, college position is inconsistent

Who would pay for college to wire in payment system?

College is likely to finance it, but such costs would come up for further discussion

Annie – can we fund it as a jcr initiative? They can say no but we can pput forward our protestations .- but we can't just go and 'do it ourselves' –we need college on board for the capital installations

Against:3

Abstentions: 5

LGBT flag motion

Proposed by: Andy Hall

Seconded by: Oscar Boyd

The JCR notes that:

1. It is LGBTQ Month, an event which will be celebrated across the university

The JCR believes that:

1. It is an important matter of welfare to provide symbols of support to our LGBTQ students and the wider community

The JCR resolves to:

1. Fly the LGBTQ rainbow flag from the college flagpole for one week, probably during 7th week.

2. If in response the college say no, to petition to negotiate with them to reassess their policy and bring it back to jcr to see what further action

can be taken on behalf of the student body if no negotiation option is available

We feel it is important to keep up the pressure on governing body despite any likely obstruction or previous non-successes It is important for us the JCR to at

least reiterate and state our position – we might be seen unfavourably elsewhere otherwise – despite whatever the college and the governing body say.

Can we have a motion if we want to fly each and any distinct individual flags?

This is an important welfare symbol. Colleg's argument is of a slippery slope of adopting many political flag, but we feel strongly that's not appropriate when it's flag flown in interests of welfare.

If we can't fly the flag, then we could have a look at the governing body's policy – we want to see at least some form of action following this motion

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

President's Business

- \* Speaking to college over bike sheds.

- \* Sky engineer came Friday so planning permission should be close to coming through. We now have sky movies for £6 more a month.

Domestic Business

- \* Founder's dinner

Entz Business

- \* Bop in bar on Friday 5th week after halfway hall and part of Queer Week. Offering DJ-ing at bar to people in college.

Charities Business

- \* Valentines roses £2, message for 50p

St Anne's College

JCR Committee meeting

Hilary 2013 7th Week minutes

Sunday 24th February, 7pm

Committee Business

President's Business

\* Amalgamated sport club – in process of drafting document for committee to direct funding for college sports. It is a more comprehensive way of administering sports funding – hopefully will have input from MCR, who currently do not contribute to college sports funding.

\* OUSU budget will experience real terms cuts from next year – some JCRs like Balliol and Hilda's have put forward motion to oppose the cut.

\* Rent negotiations – we are pushing for negotiations on Wednesday for a below 3% rise.

\* Hopefully as of 8th Week we should be able to exploit our bar facility more – if we were to have to foot the bill for any costs involved in wiring in a bod card payment facility, taking any cut of the revenues.

\* College quite receptive to the LGBT flag negotiations - LGBT flag motion is going to Governing Body for the first time. Promising step, not had discussions about what flags can be flown for at least 5/6 years. If successful, could fly it from next year.

\* JCR levies (our only other channel of autonomous income other than college direct funding) have remained static since 2010. Hoping to make levies more transparent next year, and have details and description on the freshers' levy forms. A fair chunk of JCR saving are unpaid charity levies. We will review and reform the charity levies, and we could have an small Entz levy for college events. By comparison with other colleges our levies are still in the low-middle bracket.

o If the JCR adopts an infrastructure project, there could be a compulsory levy.

o There is an inconsistency between the constitutional statement that JCR members cannot benefit from optional service that they opt into on the levy form, but this is actually impossible to monitor, especially re: Welfare.

Vice-President's Business

None.

#### Treasurer's Business

\* Accommodation rent negotiations on Wednesday: open to arguments to help keep the fee rise down. e.g. fairness, tradition of fairness and representation of lower socio-economic groups in college. Argument that those ineligible for bursaries have to pay 103% of their total maintenance loan – if rise continues at same rate this will be 106%.

#### Secretary's Business

None.

#### Welfare Business

- \* Pidge a piece of fudge.
- \* Peer support tea Sunday.
- \* Chlamydia test next week.
- \* Cheese night 8th Week.
- \* Self defence class.
- \* Animals motion
- \* College will be providing exam stress busting tips.
- \* College welfare survey.
- \* Government changes to sexual health information – survey.

#### Entz Business

- \* 8th Week bop – probably no time. Will organise pub crawl if third years don't.

#### Arts Business

\* We now have a provisional timetable for Arts Week. Unfortunately Helen Fielding has had to cancel. (Meeting with publishers on same day for new Bridget Jones novel.) We might now have a joint event with Catz. We now have a free evening and so will be open to suggestions.

\* We will review the system for Life Drawing Classes and such – deposits or pre-pay.

\* 5 more places on Hamlet trip.

Sports Business

TBA

IT Business

None.

Access and Equality Business

\* We have received money from college for Ambassador Scheme, which is up and running. Applications open from this week, interviews 2nd Week; will be trained throughout term to start work next year. You get priority assisting in admissions interviews, also generous remuneration in STACS vouchers etc. Deadline Wed Week 1 Trinity.

o Issues: international students and students on year abroad (potential for deferment) – also a possibility of retaining ambassadors and having rolling recruitment rather than refreshing cohorts.

\* Proposals to specialise equalities role into equalities committee with BME rep, Women's Rep, and LGBTQ Rep, reporting up to an equal opps rep on the JCR Committee. Will be mandated to carry out minimum remit by the constitution: at least three events a year. Voting per position should be limited to those who self-identify. Point to be contended. See amended motion. Will require general meeting vote

with quorum as it is a constitutional change. We can have a trial period if successfully carried.

Charities Business

\* Oxford's Got Talent result – George Hicks did us proud.

Bar Business

\* Open mic night on Thursday which Cara and Toby are organising. George Hicks will be performing again!

\* Bop in the bar raised over £850 so well worth it.

\* Christina is running the pub quiz in 8th week.

### LGBTQ Business

\* Joint Exeter-St Anne's event: Scott Mills, Radio 1 DJ, at the MOLT, Thursday 8th Week.

### Careers Business

\* Careers Week 7th Week. Invite all! We must put on a good showing, given the effort that has gone into the Careers Week. Careers Day people are Anne's alumni, but event is open to those outside St Anne's.

### International Business

\* Visiting Students' event.

\* Vac storage for international and visiting students due on Sunday. There will be fridge storage.

\* International Day in conjunction with Arts Week, and we are still open to more suggestions

### Domestic Business

None.

### Environment Business

\* Fairtrade bake off - Sunday of 8th week. People bake, bring their cakes to be judged (panel is me, Oscar and Imogen Gould (law fellow)). Prizes will be best overall (win a hamper of Fairtrade food), best decorated and most imaginative use of Fairtrade ingredient (smaller prizes, probably a bar of chocolate). Every cake must have one Fairtrade ingredient (and they have to bring the packet as proof). Judging will be at 5.30, followed by a sale of the rest of the cakes for Helen and Douglas House. (Instead of the usual peer support tea, if that's OK with Matt and Isra?) Help advertising massively appreciated! Seeling cakes afterwards in aid of Helen and Douglas House.

\* Environment competition - I have the readings, I'll work the results out over the holidays and sort trophies etc.

### Academic Business

None.

OUSU Business

Motions.

First Year Rep

None.

Any Other Business

None.

Motions

Animals in College motion

The JCR notes that:

1. A 2008 study from Ohio State University showed that animals play a crucial role in the reduction of stress levels in university aged students.

The JCR believes that:

1. In addition to representing student interests to the college administration, the JCR has a duty to preserve the psychological, emotional and physical wellbeing of students.

The JCR resolves to:

1. Permit the supervised presence of animals on college grounds during official JCR events, so providing students with another healthy source of stress reduction therapy.

Proposed by: Isra Hale

Seconded by: Laura VDB

Discussion

We will bring in puppies from a local animal homeless shelter.

Martin Jackson is very against the idea: saying that it is against college regulations to have animals in college rooms.

Idea of maybe having them in a pen on the quad.

We have a choice of rabbits, kittens, etc. Will be supervised by those who work at shelter. Only dewormed, flea-free, and vaccinated puppies will be brought in.

Any cost is for transport only – maybe it would be an idea to have donations on the day to cover costs.

The motion is to demonstrate JCR support for policy – there is no event yet. If college were to OK it, and we were to then organise an event, any costs then would be presented before JCR again.

Beth Cox: “I think the puppies will love it”

Vote

For: 33

Against: 0

Abstentions: 6

Equal Opportunities Committee motion

The JCR notes that:

1. The current Access and Equality role is too large for the Access and Equality rep to focus on both areas

2. Access work entails school outreach activity, whereas Equality work mostly entails promoting Equal Opportunities within the university. There is little connection between these two roles.

3. Senior Tutor Anne Mullen supports a change to the role, as the Access position has grown so much in recent years

4. Other College JCR's have a separation of the role, which appears to have worked well:

\* Corpus Christi, Queens, Worcester all have an Equal Opps JCR rep. Underneath them is a committee of representatives (who are not on the JCR committee) who represent different minorities (The Access rep at Somerville is keen to change to a similar system)

\* Other colleges like Teddy Hall, St Hugh's, Mansfield, and Brasenose do not have a specific Equal Opps position- instead some of these combine Access and Academic affairs and then Equal Opps is then included in Welfare

\* St Catherine's College have separate Access and Equal Opps reps with no subcommittee under the Equal opps rep. However, they are considering merging Access and Equal Opps in the future

The JCR believes that:

1. Both Access and Equal Opportunities are hugely important duties. Due time should be devoted to each of them

The JCR resolves to:

1. Create a new Equal Opportunities Committee

2. It will be headed by an Equal Opportunities representative (who will be on the JCR committee)

3. Under this representative the Equal Opportunities committee will consist of

\* A Women's Rep

\* An Ethnic Minorities Rep (BME)

\* And an LGBTQ rep

4. The Equal Opportunity rep, would be elected by the whole JCR in trinity term

5. Gender, BME and LGBTQ will also be elected in Trinity term. Anyone can stand for these positions. The whole JCR will not elect these positions- they will be elected by the relevant groups- Those who self-identify as women can vote for women's rep, those that self-identify as part of an ethnic minority can vote for BME rep, and those that self-identify as LGBTQ may vote for LGBTQ rep.

6. LGBTQ rep would thus no longer be a position on the JCR committee

7. The Committee will be mandated to meet twice a term- (meetings headed by the Equal Opps representative, and the Welfare reps will also be encouraged to attend.)

8. The Equal Opportunities Rep will be mandated to:

\* Attend the Colleges Equal Opportunity meetings every term

\* Organise 2 meetings a term for the Equality Committee

\* Assist in the organising of reps events

\* Stand up for Equal Opportunities, and relay the opinions of their reps to the JCR committee in JCR Committee meetings

\* Organise the 'Equality Forum' alongside the MCR's Equality rep every trinity term

\* Promote awareness of campaigns and events occurring around the University

\* Promote equal opportunities for those minorities that don't have an assigned rep e.g disability, class

9. Each rep will be mandated to:

\* organise at least one event in college per term i.e 3 events per year (alternatively, they may wish to organise 3 events within one term, or 2 in one term and 1 in another if they feel their events coincide with relevant dates e.g Black History month)

\* These events may be social events, events that raise money for relevant charities, speaker events, debate events, campaigning events or whatever else the rep believes to be beneficial.

\* Provide a confidential welfare service to their relevant groups having undertaken appropriate training if possible, and work closely with the Welfare Officers.

\* Promote awareness of campaigns and events occurring around the University

Proposed by: Joe Collin

Seconded by: Adam Whiley

Speeches

]President: NB. Amendment to motions can be made before vote

Thomas Lodge

Women's rep is a women's rep and not a gender rep

Helen Robb

Problem for those who identify as lgbtq but cannot express this for some reason

Is there some way of self-identifying confidentially

Andy: online voting etc possibly?

Alison walsh

OUSU women's rep is elected only by women.

Lodge: this is getting changed?

Joe: this is something that you either agree with concept or not

Oscar: this will be run for a trial period to ascertain efficacy

Vicky:

Training of welfare related roles is very expensive – creating more roles = more expense, even though training's a positive thing

Helen:

People should be pointed in direction of appropriate peer supporters who can help them

Vote

For: 38

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

OUSU funding motion

This JCR notes:

1) That OUSU currently receives an annual block grant from the University and Colleges of under £400,000, compared to an average block grant of £1.8M in other Russell Group universities (which have on, average, similarly-sized student body).

2) That even if grants from Colleges and Halls to their common rooms (as mini-student unions) were included, the total figure for grants to all student union-type bodies in the Collegiate University would still only amount to approximately £1.1M per year, well below the Russell Group average.

3) That this underfunding of OUSU prevents it from doing the job that its individual members and constituent common rooms expect of it.

4) That OUSU Council's Scrutiny Committee has reported that this extreme mismatch between legitimately high expectations and indecently low resources has

had highly deleterious effects on the health and wellbeing of sabbatical officers (and indeed staff) in recent years.

5) That OUSU Council resolved in Trinity Term 2012 to express its frustration to the University at the paucity of OUSU's funding and called on the University to remedy this situation.

6) That the University has not remedied the situation, and has given early indications that OUSU's budget will instead suffer a real-terms cut for 2013-14.

This JCR believes:

- 1) Although we may not realise it, OUSU actually does a lot for us.
- 2) At the moment it does not have enough money to do what it needs to do.

This JCR resolves:

- 1) To fully support OUSU in expressing its frustration, dissatisfaction and deep concern with the current level of block grant and possible real-terms cut.
- 2) To mandate the President of the JCR to write to the Vice Chancellor in opposition to real-term cuts and in support of increased funding.

Proposed: Adam Whiley

Seconded: Oscar Boyd

Speeches

OUSU is not allowed to raise money via other means like bars etc., that other

Is budget being cut substantially across the board?

How viable is it for university to provide more funding when University is facing huge cuts – it's willing to negotiate which suggests it's willing to budge

Ousu's budget is same as VC's chancellor's salary per year

Motion follows those in balliol and hilda's etc in attempt to make united front

Where potential cuts might fall – not yet specified

For: 34

Against: 0

Abstain: 5

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (Israel boycott) motion

The JCR notes that:

1. OUSU has presented arguments in support of supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, which are included in the OUSU Council's note (see below).

The JCR believes that:

1. The cause embodied by arguments presented by OUSU in its circulated notes is one which it is worth the JCR fully supporting.

The JCR resolves to:

1. Mandate the introduction of the BDS motion at the Conference of the National Union of Students.

#### OUSU COUNCIL NOTES

1. That OUSU is affiliated to the National Union of Students.

2. That the policy of the National Union of Students is set in its annual Conference, which will occur in April 2013.

3. That 5 delegates to the NUS Conference were elected by and from the students of Oxford during the

elections in Michaelmas Term 2012 (in addition to the current President and the President-elect who are automatically delegates under Standing Orders Sch 1 M 2.1)

4. That the draft agenda for the NUS Conference is available at

[www.nusconnect.org.uk/pageassets/conference/about/NC2013\\_CD5a\\_Zoneproposals.pdf](http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/pageassets/conference/about/NC2013_CD5a_Zoneproposals.pdf)

5. That, once a final agenda is compiled in response to amendments and new motions from the NUS's constituent student unions, OUSU's 7 NUS delegates will be called on to vote at the NUS Conference on the various motions proposed therein.

#### OUSU COUNCIL RESOLVES

1. To introduce the following motion: “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

Conference believes

1. Since 1948 hundreds of UN resolutions have condemned the government of Israel’s colonial and discriminatory policies as illegal.

2. On the 31st January 2013 the UN Human Right’s Council said the government of

Israel was in violation of article 49 of the fourth Geneva Convention, which forbids the transfer of civilian populations to occupied territory.

3. The Israeli government practices a policy of collective punishment and killing against the people of Gaza. This has included an illegal siege on Gaza in November 2012 which created a devastating humanitarian crisis for the 1.5 million people trapped there. Contrary to media reports this is not a proportionate response of self-defence.

4. Palestine is also responsible for violence and the killing of innocent civilians.

Conference further believes

1. We have a moral responsibility to fight injustice.

2. All forms of international intervention and peace-making have until now failed to convince or force Israel to comply with humanitarian law, to respect fundamental human rights and to end its occupation and oppression of the people of Palestine.

3. Palestinian civil society, including organisations in Gaza, has called for a campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law. Compliance is understood as follows: 1) Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall 2) Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and 3) Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194. More information about this movement is available here:  
<http://www.bdsmovement.net/call>

4. These are non-violent punitive measures.

5. Supporters of the campaign include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the UK Green Party and filmmaker Ken Loach, and motions in support of BDS initiatives have been passed at universities across the UK, the National Union of Students, the University of London Union (ULU) and by the Trades Union Congress.

Conference resolves

1. Condemn violence and successive breaches of international law by both Israel and Palestine
2. Join the global movement for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it ends the occupation and complies with international law.
3. Conduct Research into Higher Education institutions' contacts, relations, investments and commercial relationships that may be implicated in violating Palestinian human rights as stated by the BDS movement."

Speeches

Speech in opposition: Jonny Rix

given point 1 of the resolution, to boycott only Israel seems logically inconsistent.

Very divisive, not role of jcr to take a position and polarise views in student body

Isra: if people don't know enough about the subject, they shouldn't vote. It's right that the motion is brought up, but it would be ignorant for people to vote

For: 3

Against: 11

Abstain: 25

The JCR will abstain at OUSU Council.

Proposition to ask college to alter its policies on early return in Michaelmas Term in some circumstances

The JCR notes that:

2. College regulations clearly state that only St Anne's freshers helpers may have vacation residence in college on Monday and Tuesday of 0th week of Michaelmas term. The University-wide Fresher's fair has set up on Tuesday of 0th week and is held until Friday of 0th week. Under current college regulations, if a person were to be running a stall with an outside society or club at freshers fair, but not an official St Anne's freshers helper, they would be unable to return to college for set up of their stall.

The JCR believes that:

2. This is unfair and extremely inconvenient to people in outside societies who wish to support their society, and that this regulation should be altered to allow those with adequate reason to return early in Michaelmas term.

The JCR resolves to:

1. Ask the college to change its policy, so that those with adequate reason to return early in 0th week of Michaelmas can do so, possibly on the proviso that the student provides proof that they need to be here early.

Proposed by: Robert Millar

Seconded by: Laura van den Bogaerde

For: 38

Against: 0

Abstain: 1