

St Anne's College

JCR General meeting

Sunday 1st Week

October 7th 2012

7pm

Present: Oscar Boyd, President

Mike Connolly, Vice-President

Jonny Rix, Treasurer

Xin Fan, Secretary

All non-executive members present

Apologies: None

Notices were announced by respective JCR representatives.

Business

* Free G&Ds was delivered to this meeting.

Motion: Artwork

The JCR notes that the redecorated Danson Room walls look empty.

The JCR believes that photos would give the room a more homely atmosphere and make it more attractive to use.

The JCR resolves that artwork produced by members of the JCR shall be displayed in the room.

Vote: PASSED unanimously.

Motion: DVDs

The JCR notes that 1) the library DVD collection is not very updated often. 2) JCR members enjoy watching films together.

The JCR believes that buying DVDs for the library collection would be a useful and convenient resource that members of the JCR would appreciate.

Debate

- * Questions as to whether people will use it.
- * There will be a limited budget for DVD purchases per week.
- * There will be scope for DVD suggestions to roll over.
- * Secretary's email will contain link to poll in it.

The JCR resolves that members of the JCR suggest DVDs titles, which will be put to a vote online.

Vote: PASSED

Motion: Rainbow Flag

The JCR notes that 1) the Danson Room walls require decoration. 2) the JCR has voted previously in favour of supporting the LGBT cause.

The JCR believes that draping a rainbow flag in the Danson Room would indicate the JCR's support for the LGBT cause as well as help to brighten the atmosphere of the communal space.

Debate

- * The JCR will attempt to source the flag sustainably.

The JCR resolves that a rainbow flag will be hung in the Danson Room.

Vote: PASSED unanimously.

Motion: Table Football

The JCR notes that 1) many JCR members enjoy playing table football together. 2) there is only one such table in the bar, which is only available for 4 hours while the bar is open.

The JCR believes that a table football table in the Danson Room would be regularly used outside of bar hours.

Debate

- * Table football is loud, and screens may be considered to separate areas of the room, although this may affect the communal atmosphere.

* There were concerns about the size of the JCR budget.

The JCR resolves that a table football table be bought for Danson Room at the cost of £334.

Vote: 12 abstentions, 0 against, motion PASSED.

Freshers Week feedback was led by the Vice President.

* Complaint about the lack of official club nights, but the fact there has only ever been one in the week is something that has always been the case.

* Timing of the St Hugh's Sports Day and Photo Competition underestimated tutorial meetings and were not very well publicised.

OUSU rep elections will take place at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

None.

Meeting concluded at 7.35pm

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St Anne's College

JCR Meeting

Sunday 3rd Week

October 21st 2012

7pm

Present: Oscar Boyd, President

Mike Connolly, Vice-President

Jonny Rix, Treasurer

Xin Fan, Secretary

All non-executive members, save those giving apologies

Apologies: Rabin Saguna Balan, Academic

Business

President's Business

* Magdalen hall boycott – inviting a Magdalen friend to hall.

* Table football has been bought.

* NUS demo – 21st Nov – to affiliate or not? Enough interest will lead to provision for transport by OUSU. Points raised:

o The march is not advocating any policies, just against the government approach to education policy.

o We should keep college neutral in political matters.

o There are worries of violence in light of previous student demonstrations in 2011.

o However, if we choose not to go, the chances of small violent splinter groups gaining prominence would be increased.

o Some argued it won't make a difference, and can only risk bad press.

o TUC anti-cuts protests in London held peaceably.

o If we support it, it does not mean we have to go. It just means OUSU are more likely to provide funding for anyone who does.

o Vote: Yay – 36, Nay - 4, Abstentions – 16, majority but just under two thirds that is constitutionally required (vote about 64%).

* OUSU representative emergency hustings

o Nominee: Adam Whiley

o Answered question: do college JCRs make OUSU redundant?

o Elected unanimously

Secretary's Business

* Busking/light music at formal or mealtimes will be looked into.

o Risks annoying people who just want to chat, but could be just jazz and ambient music.

Treasurer's Business

* There are now reimbursement forms in post room.

Welfare Business

* Thanks given to the pizza providers for this JCR meeting.

* Chlamydia testing will be held again at the end of term.

* Welfare cards with useful numbers have now arrived.

* New welfare order has arrived.

* SRSH support for people with eating disorders: workshop posters.

* Clarification on Boots morning after offer.

Entz Business

* Halloween bop plans have been set out.

* A horror film night will be held.

Arts Business

* College pantomime will be hopefully held on Wednesday 8th Week, for which notices, meetings, and a few rehearsals will be organised accordingly.

* Arts reps are still required for Arts Week in Trinity.

Sports Business

* Sports results:

Football: 2nds won v Wadham 6-2; 3rds won v Brasenose 3-0.

Netball: won v Regent's 26-0; won v Magdalen 20-2.

* There will be one more order for gym – a punchbag.

* Almost 200 JCR members have been inducted; further gym inductions to come.

Access and Equality Business

* 20 volunteers are needed for interviews – please express interest by emailing Joe, then register and attend information lunch in 5th week; all in time for vac residence applications. Ex-access rep Hannah Morris attended JCR meeting and talked about the volunteering.

* Student ambassador scheme to be running from next term.

* Freshers need to add Joe on Facebook so that he can add people to the Access Love group.

Charities Business

* Poll suggests H&D House will win.

* Catz v Anne's Movember challenge: this will be held in teams, and judged on either money raised or team sizes. Whoever loses keeps moustache until Christmas. People can donate to Movember website, big donations win food prizes.

* Charity pumpkin carving will be held Sunday Week 4 for H&D House.

Bar Business

* Charity bar quiz on Monday – RAG may buy prize (Ben will consult).

* Gig and open mike nights will be planned for the near future.

* STACTI 'St Anne's Communal TV Initiative': JCR want to advertise TV watching get-togethers in the Danson Room, as JCR members like watching big name programmes together, such as Downton Abbey, etc.

International Business

* Bring a Brit Brunch will be held on 10th November. More details to come.

Domestic Business

* JCR office clearance has made many spare ringbinders available. These will be available for free in the post room.

* Artwork will be displayed in the Danson Room.

Environment Business

* Environment competition results presented:

1st place: Bevington 8

2nd place: Ruth Deech

3rd place: Bevington 1

* Idea of 'Less Meat Monday' preferred, with two vegetarian and one meat option instead of one vegetarian option and two meat options.

o Food survey feedback noted limited choice for vegetarians in comparison to non-vegetarians.

Motions

Motion: Constitutional review

The JCR notes: that there are many redundant clauses in the current JCR constitution.

The JCR believes: that de-cluttering and updating the constitution will make it more accessible, useful, and relevant.

Debate

* Consideration to adopt gender neutral constitution: St Anne's constitution uses the female pronoun in view of the college's historical single-sex status and in recognition of its progressive role.

* Voting on each clause or whole revised product: resolution to put up a finished version for people to consult and take issue with.

The JCR resolves: to launch a review of the JCR constitution, in conjunction with college authorities, the results of which will be presented to JCR members at a future meeting for ratification.

Vote: 40 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions; motion passed.

Motion: JCR announcements page

The JCR notes: that announcements by individual JCR members are often posted multiple times across a multiplicity of Facebook groups, to the irritation and confusion of JCR members, and to the devaluing of the effect of JCR notices in general.

The JCR believes: that having a single centralised real-time updated page for all college announcements would be widely welcomed, convenient, tidier, reduce debris on social networks, and bolster traffic to the JCR website.

Debate

* Unnecessary sub groups will be removed.

* Arts Week page will be created closer to the time.

The JCR resolves that: a centralised announcements page will be created on the JCR website, and that other groups are removed as far as is possible and necessary.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Any Other Business

None.

Meeting concluded at 7.52pm

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St Anne's College

JCR General Meeting

Sunday 3rd Week

October 21st 2012

7pm

Present: Oscar Boyd, President

Mike Connolly, Vice-President

Jonny Rix, Treasurer

Xin Fan, Secretary

All non-executive members, save those giving apologies

Apologies: Isra

Adam

Agenda and Notices

President's Business

* First Year Rep husts and challenge(s)

o Candidates: Vinit Dongre

* Speech, answered questions How will you get the first years to get involved more with JCR?

* How will you best represent the interests of the first years?

* How will you stand up for 1st year interests against overwhelming proportion of 2nd years on JCR?

* Challenges: name all freshers present plus the JCR committee; human pyramid

o Vote: 13 Vinit, 22 RON

* Newspapers usage – survey

o Secretary will send out another notice to encourage people to do survey.

- * Danson Scholarship launch – want as many people to turn up as possible.
- * We need a new TV. Current TV is bad and has missing remote. Could get one for around £400.
 - o Before proposing motion, ask JCR what it would take for them to use Danson Room or why don't they watch TV in the Danson Room. Put it through as an open discussion at general meeting rather than survey.
- * Get basic redecoration sorted.
- * Sky: £431 a month – possibility of uni wide boycott
- * Use interviews as trial run for ideas to see if they work
- * Pool table damage – calls to get it refelted
- * TV motion: JCR resolves to buy a new television for the Danson Room: 22 for, 11 against, 4 abstentions – motion passed

Vice-President's Business

None.

Treasurer's Business

None.

Secretary's Business

None.

Welfare Business

- * Text-a-condom, have condoms pigged to people.
- * Welfare teas in Danson Room next week to stave off 5th week blues.
- * 'Pidge a cookie to a friend' with Ben's Cookies.
- * Email detailing services that OUSU provides.
- * JCR funding morning after pills at £26 each:
 - o It is eating up JCR welfare budget. High uptake; half of termly budget is now gone.

o Other options include getting it free from nurse or GP at emergency appointment, or buy prescription for Cowley clinic together with reimbursement for transport, which still works out cheaper.

o Make options clear but also discourage them as using it as another form of contraception.

Entz Business

* Open mike night Saturday 7th

* Swing dance Monday 8th Week: we cannot afford to get alcohol. Do not want to charge people for swing dance.

Academic Business

* Clayman Scholarship applications reminder.

* Really need people to come to academic feedback sessions. They actually do have consequence – any academic issues can be raised, with work or with tutors; feedback can be positive as well as negative. Turnout varies from year to year, so really trying to boost figures consistently across the years.

Arts Business

* Cuppers drama is Monday to Friday 5th Week. Anne's have a team performing on Tuesday at 9.05pm, £1 entry at Burton Taylor.

* First life drawing class in SR1 48 Woodstock has 11 attendees; good response. Want to make it a more regular thing.

* All parts for pantomime filled apart from one ugly sister.

* Darkroom: trying to fix up college camera. Will figure out hire-out system for this.

* Will trial open mike night in 7th week: music, poetry, comedy, etc.

* Art club and drawing classes producing artwork for Danson Room decoration.

Sports Business

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Hockey: won against queens

Squash 16-3 lmh

Football cuppers: 1st team lost Lincoln, 2nds lost teddy hall 4-3, 1sts drew 3rds won 9-0 v Magdalen

Netball: 14-4 queens 20-4 wadham

IT Business

- * College network currently does not support Windows 8.
- * Wireless and Ethernet black spots should be brought to JCR's attention; they exist in Claire Palley etc. Estates management will at some point install Ethernet ports in places where there is only wireless currently.
- * Trying to get JCR site hosted on ox.ac.uk and not alumnus' server, which is currently very slow.

Access and Equality Business

- * Lunch for interview helpers on Monday. 44 applications for 20 places.

Charities Business

- * Movember – 36 members of college taking part £200 so far but £500 raised at Catz so far! Ox Uni-wide: £2500 in first two days, best in country.
- * RAG ball.
- * RAG Jailbreak: 36 hour escape from Oxford, need to raise at least £125 each (£100 + £25 joining fee). Get people to sign up.

o One prize for team who gets furthest away and back, another for just furthest away

o Tues 6th week 8pm TSK info evening

Bar Business

- * Pub quiz. May need someone else to run it this week.

LGBTQ Business

- * Organising LGBT welfare event.
- * Rainbow flag has been ordered.

Careers Business

- * Careers week will be in 7th week on Saturday, not 5th week.

International Business

- * US presidential elections breakfast: TV screen will be set up for all students to watch the results on Wednesday morning 7.30-9.30am.
- * BYOB Brunch this coming Saturday: pay either before, or find Sandra.
- * Looking into a calendar of international events the college can celebrate together (e.g. Lunar New Year and Thanksgiving).
- * Also, potential for international week/a couple international themed days during arts week; has been mentioned to Arts Rep.

Domestic Business

- * Christmas formal on Thursday 8th Week.

Environment Business

No business.

OUSU Business

- * Welcome to our new OUSU rep Adam Whiley. Gives apologies for general meeting tomorrow.
- * OUSU elections: we want to promote voting. Use computer in JCR room as polling station, and indicate this clearly in 6th week. Get candidates in to college to hust if people want this? Caveat: no doorstepping?
- * Beth Dobbin is running for medical divisional rep for OUSU council.
- * Promote 3rd vote in OUSU elections, which is open to all JCR members, after JCR president and OUSU rep.
- * Getting sabbatical officers to come in and do hustings?
- * Every even week on Wednesday

Any Other Business

None.

Motions

Gym funding (In conjunction with the MCR)

The JCR notes: that the moving and renovation of the gym is welcomed and appreciated by all members of college, but that any increased popularity of the gym must be matched by adequate basic equipment. Some of the current equipment is obsolete, and even the current site of the gym will require gradual structural improvement to make it completely fit for purpose.

The JCR believes: that setting aside money for systematic improvement of the gym will sustain its usage and popularity, and therefore value, amongst members of the college.

Debate: Will be used for buying new equipment, fixing existing equipment.

Refurbishment would happen as and when it is needed.

Sports reps in conjunction with Treasurer will decide what to spend it on.

Spending will be reviewed over time, but is potentially indefinite.

Note to also remind people not to leave weights lying around.

The JCR resolves: to set aside £200 a term to maintain improvements to the gym this current academic year and for all future years subject to review of expenditure. This is to match an equal £200 being given by the MCR each term making for an annual investment of £1200 for equipment, maintenance etc.

Vote: 33 for, 0 against, 6 abstentions. Motion passed

Any Other Business

None.

Meeting concluded and ballots counted by 8pm

XF

St Anne's College

JCR General Meeting

Sunday 8th Week

November 25th 2012

6.30pm

Present: Oscar Boyd, President

Mike Connolly, Vice-President

Jonny Rix, Treasurer

Xin Fan, Secretary

All non-executive members, save those giving apologies

Samantha Shannon-Jones, Third Year/Duck

Apologies: Sandra Chua, International

Rabin Suguna Balan, Academic

Agenda and Notices

Arts Business

* Panto has had to be cancelled. Christmas film to replace pantomime at same booked time. Gluten free mince pies needed

President's Business

* Fresher's Rep hustings – Christina Toenshoff, 2012, PPE

o Promote what JCR does to first year

o What personal qualities do you have to represent year group? Communicative, insistent

o How will you make sure second years listen to you? See above

o Challenge – round up people to attend meeting: one point for fresher, two for second years, three for third years, five for anyone who has just woken up.

Vote: elected by 79 votes, 0 RONs, 1 ballot spoiled.

- * OUSU sky boycott – see motion

- * Newspaper motion

- o We would save £300 per term. President has negotiated free New Statesman subscription.

- * Mansfield ball

- o £120 to £108 dining tickets

- o Can negotiate further deals if there is interest.

- * Bikes rental scheme

- o Details will be sent out.

Vice-President's Business

None.

Treasurer's Business

- * Online banking available by the end of MT2012.

- * Charity levies

- o Make charity choice flexible in future.

Secretary's Business

- * Sofa debate (after meeting)

Third Year (Duck) Rep

- * Yearbook – third year yearbook committee

- o Election will be organised.

Welfare Business

- * Chlamydia testing went well.

- * Condom machine

o Choice between £40 to fix the machine in Trenaman (which is for MCR as well) and move it, or get new condom machine in JCR post room (JCR only).

o Will put forward motion soon.

o Majority said it would be good idea; minority said provision was sufficient at the moment.

o Open distribution system wouldn't work due to risk of sabotage.

Entz Business

* Swing dance

* Bop on Thursday. Wahoo. Tickets on door.

* Charity bop for next term, plus possibility of bop in the bar

Sports Business

* Rugby results: v CorpusSomers 19-10; netball: v Balliol lost.

* Personal training gym sessions for beginners and intermediates – possibility, checking interest.

IT Business

Sundries.

Access and Equality Business

* Muslim prayer space nearby. Possibility of general religious space in college if people want to bring it up.

Charities Business

* Movember update – Oxford University has raised £12,000.

* Naked calendars now available – see Ben or pidge monies.

* Movember party – tache lash on Wednesday: everyone with tache gets in free to Thirst – free drinks for people with good facial hair.

Bar Business

* Open mic night a success, will repeat next term.

* 2nd week next term – St Anne’s Got Talent

* Mega pub quiz on Monday – Oxmas themed – ‘uber-Oxmas’ quiz.

LGBTQ Business

* LGBT crew date on Wednesday.

Careers Business

* Paid personality test – will check interest.

* OU International internships on Tuesday.

* Studying in UK talk for international students.

* Careers handbook – still available from rep.

* Careers Week survey to be held online.

International Business

* New visiting students next term.

* International crew date next term.

Domestic Business

* Clearing out freezers.

* Storing fridges in JCR room –set time interval for it at end and start of terms:
people should sign a form and label belongings Thursday 8am.

Environment Business

* Unopened, non-perishable food left at the end of term to be donated to box in the
Danson Room for homeless shelters.

Academic Business

None.

OUSU Business

None.

Any Other Business

None.

Motions

JCR newspapers - Passed

The JCR notes: The JCR currently spends £2400 on newspapers. This is a considerable expense. A JCR survey receiving 228 responses showed that some titles were barely read and that many students do not read the newspapers regularly, with barely 2% doing so on a daily basis. Moreover, a few titles that the JCR purchases are hardly ever seen.

The JCR believes: It would be fiscally beneficial and logical, based on the results of the survey, to cut back on subscriptions of several titles the JCR currently purchases.

The JCR resolves: To cancel subscriptions to the following newspapers based on low consumption. Daily newspapers: Daily Mail, The Independent, The Sun, Oxford Times; Sunday newspapers: Sunday Independent, Sunday Telegraph; magazines: The Week, Empire, Four Four Two, Glamour. The JCR will also, using the money saved, purchase a rack for newspapers and magazines to make locating and tracking JCR-bought titles more convenient.

The JCR will put in place procedures to reintroduce or introduce new subscriptions should petitions demonstrate sufficient demand.

Proposed: Oscar Boyd

Seconded: Xin Fan

Debate: Does anyone read National Geographic? – if you want it, organise it. Get 25 people in written request.

Vote: 79 for, 1 abstention, passed

Sky boycott - Passed

The JCR notes: The charity status that is granted to registered student bodies when purchasing Sky has lately not been applied in this region to Oxford colleges. Some Oxford colleges have purchased Sky on charity status; others have not been allowed to do so. The difference in expense between the commercial and charity packages is considerable and a strain upon JCR resources across the University.

An OUSU and University-backed boycott of Sky involving Oriel, Corpus, Worcester, Hertford, St Hugh's, Wadham, St. Hilda's, Brasenose is due to go ahead.

There is some interest in obtaining Sky for the JCR at St Anne's. However the problems and costs experienced by the boycotting colleges make it appear to be an unfeasible option for us. It would be in the interest of St Anne's JCR if this boycott were to effect movement in Sky's position.

The JCR believes: That the regional management at Sky have been acting inconsistently, and towards pure commercial gain at the expense of limited and uneven JCR resources.

That to demonstrate St Anne's JCR's understanding of and agreement on the issue, the JCR should give its official support to the boycott.

The JCR resolves: To support the University-wide boycott of Sky on the basis of what has been set out by the joint letter to Sky that is to be sent by the participating colleges.

Proposed: Oscar Boyd

Seconded: Michael Connolly

Debate:

Vote: 79 votes for, 1 abstention, passed

Pool table repair - Passed

The JCR notes: There is noticeable wear and tear on pool table in the Danson Room.

The JCR believes: That to prevent deterioration and disuse of this important fixture of the JCR common room, funds should be used to repair it.

The JCR resolves: To mandate the Treasurer to spend £180 on fixing the pool table.

Proposed: Oscar Boyd

Seconded: Michael Connolly

Vote: 79 for, 1 abstention, passed

Meeting concluded at 7.05pm

XF