

**St Anne's College**  
**JCR General Meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Week Michaelmas Minutes**  
**12/10/14**  
**18:03**

*Present:* Abhishek , President  
Michael Lever, Vice-President  
Duncan McKellar, Treasurer  
Rebecca Henderson, Secretary

*Apologies:* Rushabh Haria, Academic  
Stephen Bradshaw, Arts

## Business

### 1. President's Business

#### 1.1. Tenancy Agreement

- Issues with the college Tenancy Agreement have been raised by many member of the JCR. The President met with Martin Jackson, the Bursar, last week, who was more than happy to discuss terms. A follow-up meeting will be held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, attended by the President and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Committee Representative.
- Particular areas of concern are regarding 4-pin-plug, fairy lights, electricians checking appliances and fridges
- At present, this appears to have been the result of a university wide policy
- The President requests that any issues are reported either through commenting on the posts in the Facebook Group, or by e-mail to [abishek.kamat@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:abishek.kamat@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) or christina.toenshoff@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.
- Progress will be reported back to the JCR in the next General Meeting

#### 1.1. Freshers' Week Success

- Congratulations to the Vice-President on a successful and well-received Freshers' week

### 2. Vice-President's Business

#### 1.1. Freshers' Week Feedback

The Vice-President wishes to gather feedback on Freshers' Week through the coming weeks. Reflections (good or bad) should be sent to [michael.lever@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:michael.lever@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)

#### 1.2. Danson Room Renovations

The JCR Committee will be seeking to use funds to refurbish the Danson Room. All members of the JCR are invited to come up with ideas to share in the coming weeks.

### **3. Treasurer's Business**

The Treasurer wishes to encourage JCR members to fill out form for reimbursements. Members of the JCR seeking Blues Funding should get in touch with [duncan.mckellar@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:duncan.mckellar@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) or [fern.brereton@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fern.brereton@st-annes.ox.ac.uk).

### **4. Secretary's Business**

If members of the JCR wish to pass a motion, these must be submitted 48 hours before the meeting. Proposers and seconders should attend the meetings.

### **5. Welfare Business**

The C-Card application in the post-room. The C-Card will allow its owner to order as many packs as desired (within reason) each including 12 condoms and 1 lube.

### **6. Entz Business**

No business

### **7. Arts Business**

No business

### **8. Sports Business**

No business

### **9. IT Business**

No business

### **10. Access and Equality Business**

No business

### **11. Charities Business**

#### **1.1. Diwali week coming up**

- 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014: pidge a diya. A candle with LED, handmade tag, cost of £1. E-mail [charities@st-annes.jcr.org](mailto:charities@st-annes.jcr.org) or [Sairah.rees@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Sairah.rees@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October: concert in the MOLT with Indian music and dance. £1 entry.
- 26<sup>th</sup> October: film night with Indian food and Henna, £6 after that all free. All profits go to elected charity.

#### **1.2. Online Poll to Elect St Anne's charity**

- Non-specific funds raised for charity go to this charity. Voting for JCR members is online: click on the link will go via Secretary email. The link will be on the Facebook group and on Charity page.
- Charities put forward:

- Helen & Douglas House
- OxMac
- LSP Soceity
- SCI

## **12. Bar Business**

No business

## **13. LGBTQ Business**

No business

## **14. Careers Business**

No business

## **15. International Business**

### **1.3. International Seminar and Dinner**

A dinner and seminar with a speaker that aims to celebrate St Anne's international seminar. Food will be provided with a German theme. Booking is via Weblearn.

### **1.4. International Storage Giveaway**

Next weekend will be the International Giveaway in the Danson Room 4-5pm

## **16. Domestic Business**

No business

## **17. Environment Business**

St Anne's College is taking part in Student Switch Off – a competition between different colleges to see who can save the most electricity. The prize is a trophy. The Environmental Rep asked for interested members of the JCR to sign-up to a mailing list.

## **18. OUSU Business**

No business

## **19. Any Other Business**

- Sexual Consent Workshops will be running later on in Michelmas
- St Anne's Aerobics will run from 5pm before dinner
- Reminder that the Feminist Discussion Group meets every other Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Wed Week 2. The meetings of WomCam, the university wide group, are Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at St John's College.
- Several members of the committee outlined their role (Equalities; IT)

## **Motions**

### **NEW X-BOX CONTROLLERS AND GAME**

The JCR notes:

The JCR Notes that the Danson room is a vital part of life here in college, and has been revived over the last two years. Along side the pool table, the Sky Box, and similar activities in the Danson Room, the Xbox has been a very successful part of that revival. The JCR notes that over 35 people are currently enrolled in the FIFA league for the Xbox, and there are many more who play FIFA casually who aren't participants in the league. The JCR also notes that many people use the Xbox to play different games, such as HALO, and so isn't exclusively used for FIFA.

The JCR believes:

The JCR believes that integration of the multiple undergraduate years is very important, and as the Danson Room is an important part of that, sensible investment into it should be encouraged. The JCR also believes in the welfare of its members, and the Danson Room is a place that provides a break from work, and a chance for JCR members to keep relaxed in times of high stress, and pressured academic environments.

The JCR resolves:

Therefore, the JCR resolves to fund two Xbox 360 Controllers, and a copy of FIFA 15 for the communal Xbox, and to be used by all JCR members if they wish to (Totalling £79.98).

Proposed: Vishaal Ladva

Seconded: Andy Selby

VOTE

For: 53

Abstain: 4

**MOTION PASSED**

### **£400 FOR DIWALI WEEK**

The JCR notes:

The JCR notes that Diwali Week is of cultural value with its international theme, which is part of a trend towards increasing inclusivity. The event is for charity. The JCR also notes that the event has brought together many St Anne's JCR Members beyond the Committee. The JCR notes that potential attendance is likely to be high due to advertising taking place through FilmSoc and HUMSoc. The money is to cover three separate events so it is really a very small amount. Expected profit: £265

The JCR resolves:

- Put aside £200 (Only intend to spend £130 of this but the rest is just in case) for:
  - LED diyas for Pidge a Diya (£15)
  - Costume hire for dancers (£60)

- Henna tubes (£5)
- Float (£50 in £1)
- Cover the risk (if no one turns up I won't have to pay the £200 out of my own pocket)
- Allow a brief loan of £200 for the dining hall food which will be paid back as soon as the charities accounts are in order

Proposed: Sairah Rees

Seconded: Olivia Reeve

VOTE

FOR: 57

**Motion Passed**

**St Anne's College**  
**JCR General Meeting**  
**3rd Week Michaelmas Minutes**  
**26/10/14**  
**18:05**

*Present:* Abhishek , President  
Michael Lever, Vice-President  
Duncan McKellar, Treasurer  
Rebecca Henderson, Secretary

*Apologies:* Sophie Lightfoot, Female Welfare  
19:02

## Business

### 1. President's Business

- Tenancy agreement is now sorted. Many thanks to Christina and Becca who worked hard along with Abhi for a successful outcome. As Martin Jackson is no longer bursar (his glorious reign ended as of last Friday). The agreement will be finalised with new incoming bursar then final copies will be sent out. Thanks to everyone who sent feedback
- Thanks to Sairah for Diwali Week – concert was excellent, good performance. Event after this evening. Pidge a Diya continues.
- Michael Lever should be contacted about any Danson Room use

### 2. Vice-President's Business

No business

### 3. Treasurer's Business

No business

### 4. Secretary's Business

No business

### 5. Welfare Business

No business

### 6. Entz Business

- Bop on Thursday – come along. Halloween theme – 'Noughties Music Videos.' Karaoke in the bar beforehand.
- Beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> week – cheese evening with the JCR, specifically targeting second year and visiting students

## **7. Arts Business**

No business

## **8. Sports Business**

- The sports budget is now in final draft. If involved, captains should claim for things already paid for and try to predict expenses so the Treasurer and Sports Rep can adjust allocated funding appropriately
- Congratulations to Hertford-Stans Hockey team for their victories at the weekend

## **9. IT Business**

No business

## **10. Access and Equality Business**

No business

## **11. Charities Business**

- Tonight is Diwali film night, £6 entry
- MO-vember, go onto website. JCR members are encouraged to join the St Anne's Mo-vengers, in league with other colleges.
- There will be a promises auction in the last week of November, along with a bake sale with moustache theme cupcakes.

## **12. Bar Business**

No business

## **13. LGBTQ Business**

No business

## **14. Careers Business**

No business

## **15. International Business**

1. No business

## **16. Domestic Business**

No business

## **17. Environment Business**

- Top of leader board for Student Switch Off campaign
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> November training session – how to persuade people to change actions, CV transferable skills, not a lifelong commitment, session is 45 minutes, every hour 1pm to 4pm
- Free t-shirt

## **18. OUSU Business**

No business

## **19. Academic Business**

E-mail Rushabh about collections, feedback and teaching provision.  
A survey about library usage will shortly be sent out.

## **20. Other business**

No business



## **MOTIONS**

### **SUPPORTING FREE EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION IN NOVEMBER**

#### **This JCR Notes**

1. OUSU has voted to subsidise coaches to take Oxford students to and from a demonstration supporting free education in London on 19<sup>th</sup> November.
2. OUSU has delayed voting on whether to support NUS policy on free education in order to give JCR presidents time to consult their colleges.
3. This motion has already been passed by 5 Oxford colleges including Balliol, Hertford, St Hilda's, Regents Park, and Harris Manchester; and is being voted on by another 11 colleges today. (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.)
4. Recently the National Union of Students voted to campaign for a new deal for education, that is free, publicly-funded, accessible, and funded by greater progressive taxation and by making inroads in the £120 billion which is lost through tax avoidance.
5. Free education is also the policy of the University and College Lecturers' Union (UCU), and the Trades Union Congress (TUC).
6. Contrasting the model of free education adopted by Germany, UK Conservative and Liberal Democrat politicians have made several statements calling for uncapped tuition fees, while our own Vice-Chancellor asked that fees be raised to £16,000 in a speech last year (condemned by OUSU at the time). This indicates that the UK HE funding system could go one of two ways: towards the German or American model and that the student movement will play a vital role in determining this.
7. Germany is now fully tuition-fee free, after the last of its regions (Lower Saxony) voted this month to abolish tuition fees in the face of huge public protest by students and working unions.
8. The NUS is supporting a national demonstration for free education on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **This JCR Believes**

1. We face a clear choice in higher education funding: either our system is going to continue down the road towards an American-style model of private universities with uncapped fees, or we can take it closer to a German model of free, public and accessible education. The student movement should play a vital role in determining this, especially considering successes of collective student action in the past such as the postponing of cuts to Disabled Students Allowance and the cancelling of the student loan book sell-off.
2. Tuition fees and associated marketisation have decisively failed to create a sustainable funding system for universities.
3. In order to fund tuition fees, the Government can now expect to loan in excess of £10 billion per year, much of which it will never recover.
4. Fees act as a deterrent to access, making education seem unaffordable to some.
5. Large public investment in access schemes, funded by this system, is a sustainable way to fund the extremely vital access initiatives our university needs.
6. Access is a public benefit and social good, and as such requires a publicly-owned and funded education system rather than the current model of

privatisation, fees and debt, which does nothing to incentivise good access schemes.

7. That national co-ordinated action, through bodies like the NUS, is the best way to achieve national policy changes from political parties, as evidenced by recent campaign successes.
8. With a year until the general election, there are clear opportunities to make substantial gains for students, if we put out a clear message and mobilise the movement.
9. That the threat of uncapped tuition fees requires a strong response from the student movement.

### **This JCR Resolves**

1. To support free education as a policy and the NUS campaign against fees and debt.
2. To support free education as a policy which OUSU should adopt.
3. To support OUSU booking coaches to the demonstration and selling tickets for them to students, advertising this in communications and online, as is the practice in many other student unions when the NUS calls a demonstration.
4. To mandate our OUSU representatives to vote in support of NUS policy on free education on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Proposed:** Malcolm Glennie

**Seconded:** Krish Rittsoo

### **Notes Raised by the JCR:**

- Current system is viewed by many as unsustainable
- No plans to reduce or eradicate debt for current students
- Is this really going to be better than the current means-tested system?
- International students are considered autonomous
- If clamping down on tax will be so easy, why hasn't it been done already?
- Current system seems to be moving towards privatization
- Expecting around 10,000 people at the demo
- Motion and support for NUS from 30 universities
- Uncertain timescale
- Many successful NUS campaigns
- £2.5 billion black hole for universities; 45% of the loan won't be repaid (estimated)
- OUSU has won many big campaigns when linked up with NUS
- Quality of degree vs quantity of degrees?
- Snowball effect – will more undergraduate degrees increase pressure on post-graduate degree, make them necessary?

**FOR: 30**

**AGAINST: 6**

**ABSTAIN: 15**

**PASSED**

**CUPPERS FUNDING**

**The JCR notes:**

Cuppers is something every fresher should have the chance to do. The college is expected to support the competition, which is a part of college life, and all other colleges around Oxford do the same. Cuppers teams have been successful in the past, with some being nominated and receiving awards.

**The JCR believes:**

It is important to encourage and support freshers' involvement in drama. Cuppers is the starting point of a lot of drama careers in Oxford, therefore enabling the students to get involved is vital. Furthermore, we should help to get Cuppers more well known to the less dramatically-minded students, in order to gain support for the team and having students at St Anne's attend our teams' performances as an act of support.

**The JCR resolves:**

We should fund the £35 entrance fee for each team (a total of £70).

**Proposed:** Rebecca Henderson

**Seconded:** Stephen Bradshaw

**FOR:** 44

**ABSTENTION:** 1

**PASSED**

**St Anne's College**  
**JCR General Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Week Michaelmas Minutes**  
**30/11/14**  
**18:37**

*Present:* Abhishek , President  
Michael Lever, Vice-President  
Duncan McKellar, Treasurer  
Rebecca Henderson, Secretary

*Apologies:* Rushabh Haria, Academic  
Fern Bereton, Sports

## Business

### 1. President's Business

#### 1.1. Meeting Dates

- Discussion about when the meeting should be. Abhi will run a DoodlePoll
- Pizza rota will be drawn next term
- £500 for Mo-Vember raised

#### 1.1. Christmas Formal

- Finalists are very happy with the arrangements of tables
- Waiting to hear back from MCR about tables

### 2. Vice-President's Business

#### 1.1. Attempting to dress as a woman

- Michael Lever sold all dignity for £30 by coming dressed as an interpretation of an operatic woman

### 3. Treasurer's Business

Looking to build up in inventory of the gym, how much it is, how much should be put aside from the gym, payment systems  
Reimbursement forms

### 4. Secretary's Business

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### 5. Welfare Business

Congratulations to Welfare on successful teas and peer supporters.

## **6. Entz Business**

Christmas party in the JCR on Tuesday 8pm – lots of food with Christmas music.  
Thanks to Rory and Kate for the events: Bops, cheese and  
First bop where no glasses broken in the bar

## **7. Arts Business**

Christmas decorating Monday afternoon 3pm  
Life Drawing classes was fully signed up but very few actually attended  
Pidge money? Give to Duncan? Worries about putting people off? Change of time to avoid  
Christmas concert on Tuesday

## **8. Sports Business**

No business

## **9. IT Business**

Formal Hall menus coming up two weeks in advance

## **10. Access and Equality Business**

Interviews  
First skype call with target schools  
Staff party in Trinity  
Success of the feminist discussion

## **11. Charities Business**

### **1.1. Mo-vember**

- Collection of money for the charity action

### **1.2. Online Poll to Elect St Anne's charity**

- Raised a lot of money for
  - LSP Soceity
  - SCI

## **12. Bar Business**

No business

## **13. LGBTQ Business**

No business

## **14. Careers Business**

Careers week – sectors have now been chosen to be represented  
Hilary Term

## **15. International Business**

### **1.3. International Seminar and Dinner**

Bring your-own-brit brunch

### **1.4. International Storage Giveaway**

Next weekend will be the International Giveaway in the Danson Room 4-5pm

## **16. Domestic Business**

Dietary requirements for the Committee table

## **17. Environment Business**

Student Switch Off – 12 ambassadors, 20% college did the quiz

## **18. OUSU Business**

No business

## **19. Any Other Business**

- Fill in the form about tutorial reports
- St Anne's Aerobics will run from 5pm before dinner
- Reminder that the Feminist Discussion Group meets every other Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Wed Week 2. The meetings of WomCam, the university wide group, are Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at St John's College.
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