

St Anne's College

JCR Committee

Trinity 2013 Week 1

Minutes

Sunday 21st April, 7pm

Apologies:

Vickie

Isra

Adam

President's Business

* Motion to reform levies

Levies review - entz

Homelessness charity funding to oxhap

Levies will be explained

The JCR notes that:

- 1) Levies have not been reviewed since at least 2010/11.
- 2) For the next academic year, the JCR will be losing a major welfare funding source from the NHS to the tune of £3200 per year.
- 3) St Anne's Entz has never received a specific budget and has previously had to make money to fund events from Bops. A levy would help reduce the pressure on the Entz team to make money from Bops and allow them greater freedom to plan and fund events.
- 4) The International Development Levy has received little attention of late, with few people subscribing to it.
- 5) There is little transparency about the nature of levies, which should be rectified.

The JCR believes that:

1) The current optional welfare levy should be made compulsory and be increased from £1 to £2 a term, to ensure the continued provision of high-quality welfare services to the JCR.

2) A compulsory Entz Levy of £1 should be introduced to provide the Entz team with a budget during the next academic year.

3) The optional International Development Levy should be removed until motioned for at such a time when demand for a similar charity levy arises.

4) A second page should be added to the levy form explaining what money from each levy is spent on.

The JCR Resolves:

1) To implement the aforementioned changes to the JCR levy form, to commence in Michaelmas term 2013.

Vote:

29 for

1 against

0 absentions

* Sky dish

* Timmy G open forum discussion next meeting

* JCR committee elections (part) and equalities committee elections

* Ball committee applications

Vice-President's Business

None.

Treasurer's Business

* Punts

Sign up book is in

Secretary's Business

* New email layout

Welfare Business

* Drop-in welfare tea

* Bouncy castle during Arts Week

Entz Business

None

Academic Business

* Revision rooms booked from tomorrow to Friday 9th week. For space considerations only those with exams should use the rooms

Arts Business

* Arts Week 3rd week timetable finalised 12 events, publicity to follow: alumnae panel and publishing talk

Sports Business

* Volleyball cuppers

IT Business

* IT clinics at the start of term at least – trialled next week. Will announce on facebook page.

Access and Equality Business

* Student ambassador applications - deadline Wednesday

* Equalities forum - theme: 'minority, rival, or allies?' Question Time format. After dinner on a Friday. Publicity to follow.

Charities Business

* Charity baby photo competition

Bar Business

* Bod cards in the bar

* Take me out on Wednesday on 2nd week

* Tea and coffee in bar past hours?

LGBTQ Business

None.

Careers Business

* Please could you flag up the fact there will be a careers advisor coming in on the 30th April, and I will be posting more deets about this on the FB Academic group shortly.

International Business

* International day, 5th May, Sunday night during arts week hopefully: Korean, Chinese, Indian arts, etc. foreign film in molt. Karaoke in damson room.

Domestic Business

* Domestic forum is coming up

* Christmas formal twice over tow nights?

* JCR storage keys caution

Environment Business

* Environment trophy

Committee-elect

* Freshers Week to be set in motion

Any Other Business

None

St Anne's College

JCR Committee

Trinity 2013 Week 3

Minutes

Sunday 3rd Week, 7pm – 8.10 pm

Present

Oscar Boyd – President

Mikey Connolly – Vice-President

Jonny Rix – Treasurer

Xin Fan – Secretary

Isra Hale – Welfare

Matt Ridley – Welfare

Tiber Karadag – Entz

Annie Wogel – Entz

Ben Rosenbaum – Charities

Joe Collin – Access & Equal Opps

Adam Whiley – OUSU

Andy Hall – LGBTQ

Cara Battle – Arts

Vickie Morrish – Careers

Jasmine Spencer – Bar

Josef Hazi – Sport

Hannah Smith – Domestic

Christina Tönshoff – First Year Rep

Apologies

Sandra Chua – International

Matt Waller – IT

Rabin Suguna Balan – Academic

Alison Walsh – Environment

Samantha Shannon Jones – Duck

Business

President's Business

None

Vice-President's Business

None

Treasurer's Business

None

Secretary's Business

None

Welfare Business

* Revision teas for finalists and others taking exams

* Pidge a cookie to a friend in 3rd week

Entz Business

* 6-college bop

Academic Business

TBA

Arts Business

* Arts week on – events on at least once a day

Sports Business

TBA

IT Business

* Emergency IT clinic to be put in from finalists

Access and Equality Business

TBA

Charities Business

* Intercollegiate burrito eating competition

Bar Business

* Painting wall in the bar – ideas needed.

LGBTQ Business

TBA

Careers Business

* Careers week in constitution motion

* Careers adviser will be in

International Business

* International Day today

Domestic Business

None

Environment Business

None

OUSU rep

None

Committee-elect

None

Any Other Business

TBA

Motions

Careers Week constitutional amendment

The JCR notes that:

1. St Anne's first ever Careers week was a success.
2. 100% of people who took the post-Week survey wanted the week to happen again.
3. The JCR also notes that the role of Careers rep is relatively undefined, and that Art Weeks is in the constitution for the Arts & Literature Representative.

The JCR believes that:

* Careers Week should be added to the duties of Careers Representative to ensure it happens again.

The JCR resolves:

* To adjust the role of Careers Rep in the constitution to include a week-long programme of Careers-related events during their term in office.

Passed unanimously

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Sunday 5th Week, 7pm – 8.57 pm

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Matt Ridley – Welfare

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Business

President's Business

* JCR committee hustings, run by President-elect.

o Arts Rep

* Thomas Lodge and Steph Back

* Tom: 24 hour film festival idea. Art exhibition downstairs in Ruth Deech. Will find a way to involve the disparate architecture in college. We need to accumulate more funding for arts and drama here in college. Would play up other speakers if having awkwardness trying to get people in.

* Steph: we need to make better use of existing spaces and facilities like the darkroom and the MOLT. St Anne's Art and Literature magazine idea. Would help someone look for a way to put on their event or idea even if sb couldn't afford it. Have done a lot of phone bashing on work experience.

* Challenge: go away for 10 minutes to create sth that best represents art at St Anne's

o Access

* Will Carter: plenty of access experience in college and outside, within University, Jacari, etc. Would really develop Ambassador Scheme.

* Qs: main barriers for people when applying to Oxford – not knowing what to expect, a lack of clarity. We really need to do post-offer support as they do in other universities – anecdotally, people don't take up offers based on their prejudices. Need to propagate correct information to both teachers and students.

o Equal Opps

* Alison Russell: would survey JCR about what equal opportunities activities you want in college. Will operate 'open-pidge' policy for equal opps issues. Will try to increase participation in equal opps events in college.

* Favourite University campaigns: WomCam's feminism whiteboard – very widely popular, really started a dialogue. Which area of equality most concerns? Alison: Different equalities are incomparable. Concerned though about the rise in lad culture, and BME issues in University. How will you manage groups' competing agendas? Alison: communication to try to resolve conflicts and priorities, perhaps set a single focus for each rep per term to avoid conflict.

o Sport

* James Baker: Blues experience. Very committed to the cause and benefits of sports. Likes his niche sports. Wants people to be able to get involved with such sports.

* Challenges: show people and explain how to do deadlift.

* Explain nutrition and benefits of vegetables and fish to non-vegetable eating carnivores in the JCR lol

* Discussion: Support set up of women's football team in college next year. What three machines will you budget for the gym? TRP, punching bags, Pilates rolls – Josef dampens hopes with the reality of the situation...

o IT

* Josh Clark: will ensure greater use of the college website. As computer scientist, well qualified across many platforms. "Can use Apple if I have to" Has some experience building websites (understatement!) Wants faster network access for students.

* Mansell: wants to watch porn. What if college blocks it after motion in fortnight? Josh? If you're determined, you can.

o International

* Bruno Marco – want to encourage language sessions between students.

* How to integrate east Asians as well as Europeans? Bruno: I'm studying Chinese.

* *Bruno withdrew nomination after the meeting.

o Charities

* Abbie Whiteley – has done volunteering, would like to be really involved in Oxford charity life. Will make it really fun to get involved in charitable activities.

* Charity challenge – think of a challenge, raise £50 sponsorship, now!

o Environment

* Sally Woodhouse: bird boxes, swap clothes, make people more aware and conscious of environmental issues, persuade them to do the little things. Information posters about energy etc, and how to get involved with larger and wider issues. If there was no bar, would install double glazing in college! Would encourage info on bike scheme for freshers.

* Challenge: make a dress out of recycling bin items.

o Domestic

* Anna Zanetti: very organised, and want to improve college environment. Make laundry room more communal and practical. Open to suggestions from JCR community about improving college conditions. Have stacs open longer on formal days and weekends. Make room ballots clearer. Will give unused items in jcr storage to charity.

o Bar

* Alice Rickett: I love the bar, I live above it. Use the grim room for a specific purpose – St Anne's room of requirement. We need a group bar drinks deal, and a St Anne's drink. Update the jukebox system. Have a karaoke bar night. Gigantic Twister?

* Challenge: vodka/water trivia shot challenge

Vice-President's Business

None.

Treasurer's Business

None.

Secretary's Business

None.

Welfare Business

None.

Entz Business

None.

Academic Business

None.

Arts Business

None.

Sports Business

* ASC – people need to be made more known of this

Get reimbursement forms in by 6th Week, max £100

* Increased fee for gym membership £15 from next year – reason for rise is for new equipment £7k spent this year, and more to be spent from

next year. 100% of £15 will be spent on new equipment procurement and current equipment maintenance.

* Those officially inducted will not have to do so again, those informally inducted will have to again after new multigym is installed in the next couple of weeks

* Football results

* Summer VIIIs coming up (Wednesday to Saturday)

* St Anne's AFC has just been sponsored by Deutsche Bank thanks to work of Andy Selby.

IT Business

None.

Access and Equality Business

* Elections for equality committee in 7th week.

* Those who self-identify but do not wish to do so openly may contact Joe Collin or Andy Hall.

Charities Business

None.

Bar Business

None.

LGBTQ Business

* Eurovision a success.

* Female-only LGBT social in pub.

Careers Business

None.

International Business

None.

Domestic Business

None.

Environment Business

Environment trophy and STACs voucher prizes – to bring up at start of meeting.

OUSU rep

None.

Committee-elect

None.

Any Other Business

None.

Motions

Adopt-a-beaver motion

Proposed by: Andy Hall

Seconded by: Oscar Boyd

The JCR notes that:

The beaver is an important cultural symbol of the college and a part of our cultural heritage in the college. the jcr also notes that helping the environment is important.

The JCR believes that:

We should support the environment with appropriate acts of charity and that adopting a wild beaver would appropriately fulfill our charitable obligations whilst maintaining our cultural heritage.

The JCR resolves to:

Spend £18 to adopt a wild beaver.

Waugh – European beavers aren't endangered? Why not a Siberian Tiger? Andy: this is part of a reintroduction of beavers to Scotland. Beavers are the architects of nature – they do a lot of good.

Lucy – how will we know which one is ours?

President: We assume it's electronically tagged

Dufton – can we call it Anne?

For: 65

Against: 4

Abstentions: 3

Motion passed

Ball funding motion

Proposed by: Lucy Fielding

Seconded by: Oscar Boyd

The JCR notes that:

1. The St Anne's College Ball is due to take place on May 3rd 2014
2. The event will be well attended by a large proportion of the JCR

3. Extra cost will be incurred by the ball due to the need to hire a venue outside of college

4. College has promised to match funding the JCR provides to the ball up to £5000

The JCR believes that:

1. The St Anne's Ball should be supported financially by the JCR

2. The event will be to the social benefit of all members of the JCR

The JCR resolves to:

1. Provide up to £5000 in funding to the St Anne's College Ball Committee to be matched equally by College and consult with the MCR for extra funding

sources.

Discussion

Matt – is the money insurance or is expected to be used? Yes it is expected to

Adam Waugh – how much money does the JCR have in our reserves? £20 to £22k in reserves by now. The reserves are accumulated each year

Thomas Lodge – will transport increase ticket prices? At moment, £85 early bird tickets will be released for St Anne's students and £95 for normal tickets. This are the same rates offered by LMH

Theme to be released soon! And we need a webmaster.

For: 69 (incl. 13 proxy)

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

Motion passed

Meat on Thursdays motion

Proposed by: Adam Waugh

Seconded by: Matt Waller

The JCR notes that:

1. Dinner in hall has two portions of meat every day per week except Thursdays were there is only one option.
2. Meat eaters make up the majority of St. Anne students.
3. The soup option is always vegetarian, as is the bread provided with it.
4. The salad bar is a vegetarian option.
5. The deserts provided are always vegetarian.
6. The dining hall also sometimes provides cheese platters, also ones with falafel and humous.
7. Thus on any given day other than a Thursday vegetarians have at least 3 choices for main course, sometimes 4, and an option of several vegetarian deserts (the hot option + fruit and yoghurt).
8. The JCR also notes that the motion to have 'Veggie Thursdays' never actually passed the JCR.

The JCR believes that:

1. On any given day there should be at least two meat options for dinner.
2. Vegetarians have a more than satisfactory number of options to eat without 'Veggie Thursdays' as well.
3. The current Thursday dinner inconveniences people who only tend to eat meat and don't like either soup or salad more than a change to 2 meat options will inconvenience vegetarians.

The JCR resolves that:

1. Thursday dinners should have two meat options for dinner.

“There is no reason why vegetarians shouldn't eat meat” – Adam Waugh

Alison – the reason for introducing extra veggie option – due to university-wide campaign

Waugh – this is the fault of a “bunch of radicals”

Jonny – this was passed as motion! Waugh: I didn't know the pain

Hannah – speaking to Head Chef, numbers of people eating on Thursday since introduction of meat is the same if not more

“I’m lazy and I can’t be bothered to get food elsewhere”

For: 5

Against: 64

Abstentions: 3

Motion defeated

St Anne's College

JCR Committee

Trinity 2013 Week 7

Minutes

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Sunday 7th Week, 2nd June 2013, 7pm – 9.18 pm

Present

Oscar Boyd – President

Mikey Connolly – Vice-President

Jonny Rix – Treasurer

Xin Fan – Secretary

Matt Ridley – Welfare

Tiber Karadag – Entz

Annie Wogel – Entz

Ben Rosenbaum – Charities

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Apologies

Alison Walsh – Environment

Isra Hale – Welfare

Jasmine Spencer – Bar

Samantha Shannon Jones – Duck

Business

President’s Business

* Remaining JCR committee hustings, run by President-elect (International – Laura Seeman and Bruno Marco, Careers – Beth Lambert, OUSU – Shivani Haria and George Gillett, Duck – Ben Rosenbaum)

Vice-President’s Business

None.

Treasurer’s Business

None.

Secretary’s Business

None.

Welfare Business

Student Run Self Help information.

Entz Business

None.

Academic Business

None.

Arts Business

None.

Sports Business

None.

IT Business

None.

Access and Equality Business

Husts for Equalities Committee took place before meeting. Both Women's Rep and LGBTQ Rep have attracted nominations, but Black and Ethnic Minority Representative has not, though the BME rep role remains open (nominees do not have to self-identify). Elections to be held on Wednesday.

Charities Business

None.

Bar Business

None.

LGBTQ Business

None.

Careers Business

None.

International Business

None.

Domestic Business

None.

Environment Business

None.

OUSU rep

None.

Committee-elect

None.

Any Other Business

The Committee thanks Oscar for his Presidency.

Motions

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Constitutional amendments motion

Proposed: Oscar Boyd

Seconded: Jonny Rix

The JCR notes that:

1. Parts of the current constitution have fallen out of relevance over time and require updating.
2. Proposed changes were insufficiently clarified earlier in Trinity.

The JCR believes that:

1. The proposed changes to the constitution, as set out in a document sent out before the meeting, will greatly improve the running of the JCR.

The JCR resolves:

1. To table each amendment to a vote as set out the in the constitutional changes document.

Amendment – Individual remit

For: unanimous

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Amendment passed

Amendment – Specific Rewards

For: 81

Against: 5

Abstentions: 6

Amendment passed

Amendment – Accounts Operated

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Amendment passed

Amendment – Codifying levy changes from earlier in term

- Charities levy will be optional
- Compulsory entertainment levy will enable JCR officers to have a budget with which to deliver more all-inclusive, especially non-alcoholic, events
- To opt out of the compulsory levies, one would have to leave the JCR. To leave the JCR, one would have to contact both the JCR Treasurer and the College Treasurer.
- AW & JM: Possible cover for those who fail in their role.
- Xavier: Will a minority group have to abide by the decisions of the majority:

Re: Yes.

- Toby: Was the original motion passed by a two-thirds majority

Re: Yes

- Kat: This is nconstitutional.

Re: No, it is not yet in force, and this amendment makes it constitutional, anticipating its introduction

- Peter: Write-in to opt-out, rather than having to opt-in:

Re: Segregating money does not work in practice.

- Richard AB: If there is an Entz levy, there will need to be more transparency on how money is spent

For: 67

Against: 18

Abstentions: 7

Amendment passed

Amendment – to change JCR nomination amendment wording to “different gender identities”

For: 76

Against: 6

Abstentions: 10

Sub-amendment passed

Amendment – JCR nominations

For: 91

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

Amendment passed

Amendment – Advice: consulting tutor over extracurricular activities

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Amendment passed

Amendment – Post-elections: committee reports

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Amendment passed

Amendment – Amalgamated Sports Club representatives (with MCR and SCR)

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Amendment passed

Expenditure of welfare levy motion

Proposed: Kat Zielinska

Seconded: Xavier Wilders

The JCR notes that:

1) there is diversity of belief in the JCR regarding the morality of contraceptives, including the morning after pill.

2) current way of funding welfare does not distinguish between general welfare and welfare concerning 'sexual health' items (i.e. condoms, lube, dental dams, pregnancy tests and morning after pills), but such a solution proved successful in other colleges, e.g. Balliol

3) the recent withdrawal of the chlamydia testing and consequential loss of substantial funding for welfare provisions might require new ways of acquiring money for this purposes

4) a compromise satisfactory for everyone needs to be predated by a period of consultations and liaison between the JCR President, the Treasurer, Welfare officers and members of the JCR with conscientious objections regarding contraceptives

The JCR believes that:

1) it should promote and protect freedom of conscience in thought and action.

2) No individual should be forced to donate to contraceptives against their conscience

3) there should be a compromise found to safeguard various interest at stake here, ie freedom of conscience and sufficient funds for welfare

The JCR resolves:

1) to establish a panel consisting of the JCR President, the Treasurer, Welfare officers and representatives of members of the JCR with conscientious objections regarding contraceptives to commence its work in Michaelmas 2013 and seek a compromise that would balance the interests involved in this issue

Discussion/Debate:

Cai: Is this a motion to have a panel?

Kat: Yes. We'll put a motion to the JCR in Michaelmas if we come to some sort of accommodating arrangement.

Michael: So you'll be paying it in Michaelmas anyway, if you don't leave the JCR?

Kat: Yes, well, good point.

Xavier: I support the JCR, but I have strong moral objections and feel that I have no choice but to try and opt-out. Bringing them up like this is the only way I can see them accommodated.

Thomas Lodge: If certain parts of the JCR don't want to donate to certain important items of sexual health and contraception, how do you fancy donating to the alternative: nappies and baby food?

Re: They seek only an opportunity to opt-out, but they still allow for contraception.

Oscar: This motion is to decide on convening a panel, not on whether anyone leaves the JCR. Let's not attack people's views.

Cai: If there are third years, they should present any proposals or comments before leaving.

James Mansell: Would it not be easier to create two welfare accounts – one for general levies and one for those monies of those with conscientious objections?

Jonny: We had 16 different accounts at one time.

James M: So you submit morals to efficiency?

Joe: We wouldn't have a panel if I had a moral objection to welfare teas? This is absolutely outrageous. If you don't like it, you don't have to be in the JCR. If you take religion out of this issue and put another one in its place, it would be absolutely outrageous.

Cai: There isn't a significant number of people would object to Joe's example, but a large number of people do subscribe to certain religious groups.

Ben Rosenbaum: For consistency though, this should not be a thing, because if any other issue were brought up it would not be made a fuss of in such a way.

Adam Waugh: If a huge number of people are getting obsessed about something, we should at least allow this panel to convene and see what happens

Joe: it's not a huge number of people. If it passes by 2/3rds then less than 1/3, that's not 'huge'

Richard AB: You have to be very careful about what you say. You don't want people to not apply to St Anne's based on whether or not they'd feel comfortable as a Catholic or something. I do not want to be part of a community that disregards certain different opinions. I think it's absolutely awful.

Stefan Harvey: Could we have more details on how this committee would be composed?

Kat: It would consist of those on the JCR committee who have a stake in welfare, and those who have an issue with the levies.

Andy: This surely would set a precedent for opting out or convening a panel for anything whatsoever – wouldn't you also need a panel if you're against spending on LGBT issues?

Sally Woodhouse: You're already giving money to these things you disagree with simply by paying fees to college – some college money is given to the JCR which is then spent on these things. How would this be different?

Toby: St Anne's is very good on matters of equality. Are we saying this particular minority have no right to express their views? Surely we should have a forum through which they can express their views?

Joe: "We should not be tolerant to intolerant minorities." Why should we not try and accommodate these views.

Richard: this is totalitarianism.

Joe: this is not totalitarianism! The JCR have and will vote on this.

Peter: Don't want to exclude money, just whether people can opt-out

Hannah: There is obviously going to be a lot of discussion, so there is no harm in going to a panel to discuss this issue as we have already shown we can be responsible

Ben: We can't have an overly impractical situation where people can't come to welfare tea because they haven't paid the levy... would we have to have some sort of tick list? Welfare is available for all, it is very hard to discriminate against a few who have opted-out.

Jonny: Please note further agreed changes would have to come back to the JCR and apply earliest from Hilary 2014, and current changes as things stand will apply in Michaelmas.

Amendment – Change the wording of the resolution from “representatives of members of the JCR with conscientious objections regarding contraceptives” to “members of the JCR with an interest in the issues discussed”

Amendment passed (Against: 3 Abstentions: 2)

Motion Resolution

For: 66

Against: 16

Abstentions: 12

Motion passed. A committee will be formed in Michaelmas 2013.

Pornography motion

Proposed: Jonathon Rix

Seconded: Joseph Collin

The JCR notes:

1. That instances of sexual violence and harassment are common-place in University and outside of it. In 2012, 400,000 women were sexually assaulted nationally. 7% of female students reported an instance of rape or attempted rape in 2011 – including 500 cases in Oxford.

2. That sexual violence affects men as well as women, and that 8% of the victims of sexual violence are male.

3. That restricting access to violent and degrading porn websites would not be a radical change to Oxford's existing IT policy, which already states that it forbids "the creation, transmission, storage, downloading, or display of any offensive, obscene, indecent, or menacing images, data, or other material".

The JCR believes:

1. The ready availability of violent and degrading porn helps disseminate and reinforce negative cultural attitudes surrounding sex and the objectification of women. The dominant role of men in porn helps enforce the subordination of women in a male-dominated society.

2. That porn negatively affects both men and women insofar as it creates unrealistic expectations of sex, and warps attitudes towards body image.

3. That St Anne's, with a rich history of empowering women's emancipation, should be a flag-bearer in attempting to engender more positive attitudes towards sexual availability, violence and freedom.

4. That whilst a 'ban' on particular websites may be tricky to enforce what is at stake is not its logistical feasibility but rather the way in which our College self-identifies on an important issue congruous with its fundamental values.

The JCR resolves that:

1. That the JCR will lobby College to ban the following porn websites:

o Spankwire

o RedTube

o PornHub

o XnXX

o YouJizz

Discussion/Debate:

Joe: We believe that society has an issue with the objectification of women and how men see sex. If you search violent terms on these websites, you get results which are appalling. You can just watch this stuff on eduroam now. We are hugely

passionate about this and students will be prompted to think about the reasons why if a ban is in place.

Jonny: We think this is a way of self-identifying with these issues, and is a way of raising them even if we can't just change social attitudes wholesale. We don't feel this about censorship or proscribing freedom of choice. We don't live in a libertarian society: at the end of the day, it comes down to whose freedom you prioritise – that of a student who wants a wank or the lives of those affected by the degrading porn industry.

James Mansell: Earlier you had a problem with a passionate minority who demanded they have their views heard. That's what you are here. Isn't this double standards?

Joe: If this does pass, then the JCR agrees with us, so it wouldn't be! If the JCR doesn't agree with us, then fine! We will accept your opinion.

Michael Hain: What's the point in a limited ban?

Joe: It is not the case of enforcement, it is a statement. People look to Oxford JCRs and what they do. We can send out a strong message.

Matt: [give a list of statistics relating bans to sexual crime increases] Where do you draw the line? Why don't you ban all the internet, books, wherever there is violent or degrading 'porn'?

Joe: We can just descend into a stats battle - the research is ambiguous. But our argument is based on principle, not stats.

Sascha: I think JCR is right to take a stance, but banning it is not the best way to express it. Comparison to drugs. Perhaps we should have a voluntary talk on porn in order to raise awareness.

Joe: This is not the same case; it's not going to drive it underground.

Nina: Your principle is the objectification of women, but what about gay porn? Do you not object to the objectification of anybody?

Jack Kirkby: You accept that not all porn is bad. This creates more issues than it solves. You could ban people from entering each other's rooms, and it would reduce date rape, but it would be highly inconvenient. Why don't you go out to a protest or somewhere where you can make a bigger statement?

Joe: "I could not care less about the collateral damage I do to a student who wants to have a wank."

Richard AB: Racism is also a problem. Do we ban the top five hip-hop artists who use the word ‘nigga’ in their songs? Isn’t it better to get people to be well educated in the issues, rather than actually drawing attention to a disgusting thing that might never have crossed anyone’s minds?

Andy Hall, LGBTQ rep: There is a huge difference between violence in porn and violence in sex in real life – this is counterproductive to healthy sex attitudes!

Will Dufton: The research on rape and porn is ambiguous. By employing rape in your opening arguments, it degrades your argument, in my opinion.

Vicky Ibbett: There are a lot of assumptions going on in this debate. Not just men watch porn, and not just women are objectified. Also, this debate has been very dominated by men’s opinions - let’s ask if women feel objectified by porn?

Cara: ‘Rape’ porn is labelled as rape, it is described as such. If it is not acceptable to watch rape and sexual violence in public, why is it then acceptable to do so in private?

Thomas Lodge: I’d like to point out that child pornography, bestiality, and rape pornography are all illegal.

Joe: But it is still available.

Ellie Shaw: I’m a feminist. Just because I watch porn, I don’t then throw all my knowledge of reality out of the window. We can tell the difference between porn and real-life, the porn industry is just the same as many other forms of industry i.e. COD, GTA. Should we then ban violent films on risk of guys in here going out and killing other people?

Jonny: We are making a statement, on principle, that violent and degrading porn is not acceptable.

Ellie: One person’s definition of violence is different from someone else’s!

Joe: These violent images are on mainstream websites. These are truly shocking images. I can’t believe this, you would all be appalled.

Sophie Staunton: This isn’t about enforcement, this about getting people to think about what they’re doing. I certainly feel objectified by porn.

Claire Rodwell: I identify as a feminist, I feel objectified by porn, but I don’t think a ban would be constructive. I want to distance myself from this motion – I don’t want the feminist community to be tarnished by restricting others’ freedom of speech. It would reflect badly on us.

Lauren Canvin: Even though there is little direct causality between porn and crime, there is evidence that it leads to desensitisation and increased aggression. It's naïve to think that the evidence isn't there and is all ambiguous – that porn is isolated from sexual harassment in society.

Adam Waugh: A large number of people do enjoy the idea of violence in sex. The websites which facilitate this depict rape roleplay, not real rape. "I don't see what's wrong with people getting enjoyment from that."

Sophie Staunton: Sadomasochism is not legal. It isn't healthy to get off on someone being raped, whatever the context, real or not. I think associating rape with good feelings is very, very unhealthy.

Toby Fuller: People agree with your premise, but people object to what feels like a restriction on their private activity.

Tiber Karadag: Surely the fact that such degrading forms of porn is illegal is a disincentive in itself. If people are forced off using these 'core' websites, people might be led to even more dangerous websites.

Fabienne: We should amend to discourage such porn rather than ban it.

Joe: A ban has a longer, lasting impact, as it will be in the college regulations.

Annie Wogel: I think it's really arrogant to say something is right and something is wrong. Even though I agree porn objectifies women, I think we should not condemn someone for their sexuality, which everyone is born differently and inherently with.

Sophie Collis: We should have to set certain moral boundaries like child pornography, surely!

Matt Ridley: How are you to say that two healthy consenting adults engaging in rape roleplay in the privacy of their own room is wrong?

Mikey: It is demonising porn overall.

Zara: From this debate, you have raised very sharp divisions, and people who are actually victims of sexual assault might now be discouraged from bringing out and talking about these issues. We could have better spent the time building a more supportive environment in which to discuss these issues.

[applause]

Hugo: Says he watches “fun” porn, not horrific violence. And please note that it’s not just men v women; there are more and more women also watching different types of porn.

Keir Macdonald: If you ban porn on the college network, you must be very specific in defining it, for if people don’t know this and come to college and feel it is a no-porn environment, but then discover that people can still access it via other channels, they will be unpleasantly surprised, and it would be tantamount to the JCR lying about its attitudes.

For: 16

Against: 53

Abstentions: 26

Motion defeated

Football table motion

Proposed: Jonny Adams

Seconded: Christina Toenshoff

The JCR notes that:

- 1) The current table football table is broken and of a low quality.
- 2) Before breaking, the table provided entertainment to a great number of JCR members.
- 3) The table football table was one of the main reasons members chose to spend time in the JCR.
- 4) Funds are available in the current budget for investment in an item of a high enough quality to last many years.
- 5) The Danson room is an especially important meeting room in Fresher’s week, table football is a good way to meet new people and socialise.
- 6) The table football in the bar is not free and only available for use when the bar is open.

The JCR believes that:

1) A new table football table would provide entertainment to current members and incoming students for next year.

2) The Danson room should be an enjoyable place for JCR members to spend their time, especially for incoming freshers.

3) This table should be of high quality, to prevent the waste of JCR money and to serve as a long term investment for the JCR.

The JCR resolves to: Spend up to £600 on a high quality football table for the beginning of Fresher's week.

Discussion/Debate:

Tiber: What if it does break again?

Jonny: We'll go for the proper international brands so that we can try to ensure quality. I don't want to have to motion for new tables every term.

David: Quality isn't the same as durability – the one in the bar isn't very good but has lasted a long time.

Anna: Can't we just fix it?

Oscar: I've tried maintenance myself, and it still just falls apart quite quickly.

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Motion passed

Beaver suit motion

Proposed: Andy Hall

Seconded: Oscar Boyd

The JCR believes that:

The beaver is an important part of the cultural identity of the college and its use at sporting events, open days and freshers week greatly enhances the calibre of these events.

The JCR notes that:

The beaver suit is in dire need of replacement, it is missing an eye a zip that works, one of the feet has gone missing and its face keeps falling off.

The JCR resolves:

To spent up to £250 on a new beaver costume for the use of the jcr.

Discussion/Debate:

Joe: This is really good for access, to get people's attention and to lead them to far away St Anne's.

For: unanimous

Against: -

Abstentions: -

Motion passed

The JCR notes:

Both Wolfson and Rayne have balconies that overlook the quad.

When under the influence, some members of the JCR find these tempting to jump from.

Extreme sports are fun.

Stairs take a long time to walk down.

The JCR believes:

The health and safety of its members is of utmost importance

Members of the JCR should not be hindered by stairs.

The JCR resolves:

To purchase a 15x15m extreme sports airbag emblazoned with the St Anne's crest to place on the quad beneath the Wolfson balconies for the price of 22000 euros

Proposed: Oscar Boyd

Seconded: Tiber Karadag & Michael Connolly

Discussion

Series of airbags in order to prevent discrimination against other buildings;

Will it be tested to air-bag standards?

More difficult to get up stairs, so possibly a rocket system

JCR Sleepovers?

For: 20

Against: 15

Abstentions: 3

Motion Passed