



oom

GM1, HT25 Agenda

Monday, 10th February 2025

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1. Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes available [here](#).

2. Matters arising from the minutes

None

3. Reports from Officers

Laurence (President):

- Names of those who applied to Ball Working Committee sent to college (well done)
 - o MCR might contribute to this too
 - o Domestic Bursar will be in touch with those who are successful
- Overhaul of vacation scheme is still in consultation – not at governing body yet
 - o Will be for the academic year after next
- Education Policy attended
 - o State school intake down 10% last year – lower than University average

Oscar (Secretary):

- Working with Joe on the new accommodation form coming out soon.

Zohaib (Treasurer):

- Continuing with job as per usual

Joe (VP):

- Work continuing on housing ballot – motion submitted today part of this. I have changed some room scores (as per the constitution)
- An email will be coming soon explaining exactly what to do for the room/housing ballot.

- Have been working with Oscar on a form that will be sent out soon so people can look around rooms before the housing/room ballot. Will be a new scheme allowing people to opt-in to letting people look around their current room.

Dom Secs:

- Halfway Hall was a success, and the first guest dinner seemed to go down well.
- Looking forward to running the next guest dinner (Friday Wk 6) - ballot releasing soon.

Welfare:

- Karaoke working well
- Valentines' plans upcoming and should be good fun
 - o **Dom Secs** thank the Welfare Officers for help with guest dinner
- Mini-massages coming back!

Entz:

- Art's Week BOP is on Saturday
- Fill out form if you plan on bringing guests (Junior Deans unhappy if random members from other colleges turn up)

Rory (Sport):

- Reimbursement ongoing

Kaya (BAME):

- BAME Dinner had some issues with decorations (miscommunication with events)
- Important to remind people to turn up if they have signed up for the dinners (also applies to upcoming LGBTQ Dinner)

Jerome (External Affairs):

- Finished off Univ formal swap: seemed to go down well
- Looking to do this every term
- Alumni coming to give talk in 7th Week
- Some form of talk from master's students (likely 5th Week)

Josh (Environment and Ethics):

- Went to Garden Perambulation Committee
- Eco celebration materials have been purchased (nothing to do with exams)

Andras (IT):

- Website and loan scheme going well
- Trying out JCR Calendar on the JCR Website – please add events if you are on committee
 - o Vice President thanks Andras for filling up printer

Izzy (Arts):

- Art's Week ongoing
- Launch party happened yesterday – look at calendar online (Instagram, Facebook, JCR Website), play on Thursday Friday

Elliot (Academic Affairs):

- Form closes on Friday
- Want to promote the academic feedback forum on Instagram Page
- Full calendar being sent around soon

4. Ratifications

Ratification of:

- 2x Entz Reps: **Lia Jobanputra**, vacant
- 2x Bike Reps: **Ben Smith, Isabel Elsner**
- 2x Facilities Reps: **Andras Bard**, vacant
 - It was mentioned that some of the rooms (JCR, TV Room) could do with some general TLC, which would be the concern of the new facilities rep.
- 1x SU Rep: **Amelia Taylor**
- 2x Class Reps: Vacant, Vacant
- 1x Suspended Students Rep: Vacant
- 1x BAME Rep: **Lydia Ojeyemi**

5. Agenda items

A) The “Purchase Sheet Music for St Johns x Keble Wind Band” Financial Motion

Proposer: Leandro Landolina

Seconded: Lilia Goldstein

This JCR notes that:

- Many members of the JCR play musical instruments and have expressed interest in joining the wind band of St John's and Keble colleges.
- The St John's and Keble wind band rehearses on Fridays from 7-8:30pm in Keble Chapel and currently contains 12 St John's JCR members.
- Musical arrangements including a conductor's score and instrumental parts are very hard to find online for free, especially those of high quality.
- Keble college JCR have funded the purchase of one musical arrangement (conductor's score and parts) already.

This JCR believes that:

- f) The musicians of the JCR would therefore benefit from the purchase of another musical arrangement.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- f) Give £100 from the Kendrew Arts Fund in order to fund the purchase of a new musical arrangement

Leandro: New band meets at Keble regularly. It's very welcoming.

- We are asking for £100 for a score which is very important.
- There are 12 John's members (around ½ of members) and growing
- Keble have already funded one of the scores
 - o Money provided here does not cover the full cost

B) Motion to Support *Jekyll & Hyde*

Proposed:

Claire

Yao

Seconded: Hasina Ibrahim

This JCR notes that:

1. *Jekyll & Hyde* is a theatrical adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novella, presented as a gripping and powerful musical.
2. This production aims to make theatre more inclusive and accessible, including by featuring a live British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter.
3. Theatre productions often face barriers to accessibility for individuals with disabilities, limiting audience inclusivity.
4. Broken Wheel Productions, the team behind *Jekyll & Hyde*, is committed to fostering inclusivity by:
 - o Selling tickets to Oxford students at an affordable price.
 - o Training students in technical theatre, including lighting, sound, and stage design, to cultivate the next generation of theatre practitioners.
 - o Prioritizing accessibility measures, including the incorporation of BSL interpretation.
5. Producing a large-scale musical is a resource-intensive endeavor, and financial support from JCRs is often crucial to achieving its artistic and outreach goals.
6. Members of our College community are involved in this production: Claire Yao, Hasina Ibrahim.

This JCR believes that:

1. Funding for this production would primarily support costs associated with costumes, lighting, sound, accessibility measures (including the BSL interpreter), and other production expenses.

2. Supporting initiatives that prioritize accessibility, and outreach aligns with the values of inclusivity and social responsibility.
3. Backing the arts fosters creativity, community engagement, and personal development within and beyond the university.

This JCR therefore resolves to:
 Provide a grant of £100 to support *Jekyll & Hyde* from the Kendrew Arts Fund, helping to cover production and accessibility costs.

Lilia:

- The play is running later in term.
- Production company committed to accessibility (BSL interpreter, low prices)
- John's members involved in the play
- Asking for £100 for costs ranging from costumes to the BSL interpreter

Joe:

- Do you know how big the cast is? If there are two John's students involved, how significant of a contribution to the overall cast/crew is this?

Lilia:

- Not sure

C) The "Replace Stolen Airbeds" Financial Motion

Proposer: Leandro Landolina

Seconded: Euan Warner

This JCR notes that:

- A. The Airbed Scheme, run by the JCR Domestic Officers (Leandro Landolina and Euan Warner), allows members of the JCR to loan an airbed for a maximum of 2 days at a time.
- B. Members of the JCR reserve their airbed on an online booking form and then collect them when required from the JCR.
- C. Three airbeds have been stolen.
- D. All members of the JCR who borrowed an airbed recently have been asked to return their airbeds and all have said they have done this already.
- E. A number of members of the JCR who had guests staying over were unable to use the airbed that they had booked as it was missing.

F. A number of guests of JCR members have had to sleep on the floor or work out alternative sleeping arrangements at the last minute.

G. The Domestic Officers' budget accounts for the replacement of broken airbeds at the beginning of each year, but it does not account for stolen airbeds each term.

This JCR believes that:

H. The members of the JCR would therefore benefit from the purchase of another three airbeds to replace the stolen ones.

I. The members of the JCR would therefore benefit from the creation of a new JCR Rep Role (see 'Create "Airbed Rep" JCR Role' Constitutional Motion).

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- J. Give £99.94 from the Financial Motions Budget in order to
- a. purchase three replacement airbeds (@£20.99 each),
 - b. purchase three replacement airbed pumps (@8.99 each)
 - c. spend on postage and packaging (~£5.00).

Leandro:

- Airbed scheme is vital to the college, allowing people to have guests
- Three airbeds have been stolen since the beginning of term, resulting people finding "alternative sleeping arrangements"
- This motion is to cover what the regular budget does not cover

Laurence:

- Is it better to use the budget up then financial motions
- Too early in the year

Leandro:

- Each event is roughly £500
- Forecast that we will be over budget this year, which is why we need this support now

Joe

- Is this a serious issue? Will the last guest dinner be provided by McDonald's?

Laurence:

- How are you so overbudget?

Leandro:

- Lights were broken, need to buy replacements for them

Laurence:

- In the future, it is recommended that officers speak to Zohaib when budget is running low towards the end of the year. He will balance the budget later
- However, extenuating circumstances allow for this particular support

Leandro:

- Increased alcohol manager pay as people were unhappy last year
- Increased photographer pay for similar reasons

Andras:

- How are we going to prevent further thefts?

Leandro:

- Either use the creation of a new rep role to monitor but currently speaking to Porters

Joe:

- Could use a deposit scheme

Leandro:

- A lot of work
- Plan is to use Porters – if not, we will want to create a new Rep Role

D) The “Regrading Rooms” Housing Motion

Proposer: Joe Dunn

Seconded: Laurence Cooke

This JCR notes that: *(Facts about the current situation/constitution)*

- a. The current grading of certain rooms (see below) is unfair and have required review by the Vice-President
- b. The room regrading deadline, as per the constitution, has now passed – and as such, no further changes will be made to the grades of JCR rooms after this stage.
- c. All applications for room regrading have been dealt with, and the according grades have been reissued.

This JCR believes that: *(Why the situation/constitution should be changed)*

- d. The following regrades have been conducted in order to make the housing ballot more fair and have been done in accordance with the room regrading procedure. The Vice-President would be happy to talk through them if anyone feels they are unfair or unjustified.
- e. The following grades have been issued largely as a point of circumstance, and therefore, should be temporary, applying to this ballot alone.

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

- f. Regrade the following rooms:
 - a. MR14-1 = -25 points
 - b. MR14-2 = -25 points
 - c. MR14-3 = -30 points
 - d. MR14-4 = -25 points
 - e. MR14-5 = -25 points
 - f. MR14-6 = -25 points
 - g. MR14-7 = -15 points
 - h. MR14-8 = -20 points
 - i. MR25-6 = -10 points
 - j. MR29-1 = -10 points

Joe: This is part of my constitutional role – people have asked me to adjust their rooms given extenuating circumstances.

- I have visited these rooms – some I did not offer changes to
- Issues include a lack of running water, repeated black mould, loss of Wi-Fi
- Deadline to submitting changes has passed, so now we can move ahead with the ballot

Amelia: could be good to know next year what you can have points reduced for

Joe: When we have opened this up in the past, the VP has been swamped with claims

- It is more feasible to make sure that everyone knows what to expect from a room, which is a case of updating the college handbook

Izzy E.: does this apply to rooms in TW?

Joe: Yes, but the TW rooms are all so similar that it is unlikely that points are going to be changed much

Leanne: Is the housing ballot first-come first-serve

Joe: Everything will be released soon in an email explaining the process

Zoe: Is there any way to check what points we had last year?

Joe: I will release all the points on a draft version of the ballot explaining points and previous rooms. If you have been promised points off, you will receive them.

6. Any other business

Andras: What's going on with the SU?

- Joe: SU explained last year's situation and explained what the concept of "institutional collapse" is to Leandro who had inquired gingerly about the issue.

Libby R.: LGBTQ Dinner Week 6 (26th)