



St John's College Junior Common Room

GM4, TT25 Minutes

Monday, 16th June 2025

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**1. Minutes from the previous meeting**

Minutes available [here](#).

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

**3. Reports from Officers**

Joe:

- Not much to say. Fresher's week approved. They want a bop theme by the end of week 9.

Elliot:

- Academic Feedback form presented to edpol. Specific concerns taken to tutors/subjects. Form for library meeting tomorrow morning.

Rory:

- 2 new funds set-up. £1000 for undertaking a coaching course for voluntary coaching. Second is for undertaking extra activities outside of term time and outside of Oxford.

Jerome:

- External Affairs done, and becoming President-Elect. Pres Com. Meeting domestic bursar.

Josh:

- Check emails. Pond not happening

Andras:

- Minutes from previous three meetings on website. Loans still ongoing

Welfare:

- Tomorrow last welfare lunch of the year.

Izzy:

- Ruskin students leaving gallery at the end of week 8. People drilling holes in walls

Entz:

- Perch on Wednesday. Will think about fresher's week bop.

Kaya: (not present, but nothing to report)

Leanne:

- Garden Party Done
- Self-defence instructor asking for payment.

Dom Sec:

- Last guest dinner was very good.
- Lights were quick low.
- Had to invest in stronger more durable lighting.

Alex:

- Ran by-election.
- Look into semi-automating over the summer.

Zohaib:

- Have two poor goons from the MCR to audit our accounts.
- Lots of purchases on the card that haven't had receipts for.
- Card back before end of week 9.

Amelia (not present):

- Congrats to Aaron
- Reminder that anyone who wants to get involved in access should email her or Aaron.

Laurence:

- JCR committee dinner was held.
- Academic services committee – library open much later in the vacations.
- Met with Jerome and did best to explain a lot of stuff.
- Absolute faith in Jerome.
- Met with domestic bursar.

- Might not have voted on Conference of Common Room
- Got Sue to overrule Senior Dean trying to Entz Ban PresCom.
- EdPol held.
- Final JCR Meeting.

Joe: Good luck Jerome.

#### 4. Ratifications

Ratification of:

- 1x Entz Rep:
- 2x Class Reps:
- 1x Suspended Students Rep:
- 2x Welfare Reps:

Welfare Rep [Not present] Tom Blackburn and Alex Springford: [Hust by Welfare Officers on their behalf]: They do all the set-up anyway.

No Objections.

No-one for other roles.

#### 5. Agenda items

##### A) The 'Help Fund *SCREAMING MOUTH*'s Debut Concert' Financial Motion

Proposer: Leandro Landolina

Seconded: Lilia Goldstein

This JCR notes that:

- SCREAMING MOUTH is a new performance collective for music, theatre, spoken word and stand-up comedy.
- SCREAMING MOUTH is a small but rapidly growing group that consists of members mainly from St John's (including myself and Lilia), Hertford and Magdalen colleges.
- Our debut concert is taking place on Thursday 19 June at 7pm in the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building with another scheduled for Michaelmas 2025.
- Costumes, props, set design and mainly the hiring of the venue has been very expensive.

This JCR believes that:

- Financial support would thus greatly benefit SCREAMING MOUTH in their preparations for their debut concert.
- St John's students would enjoy the concert thoroughly and tickets to our concerts will always be free for St John's students.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Give £250 from the Kendrew Arts Fund in order to fund SCREAMING MOUTH's debut concert.

Leandro:

- First concert on Thursday.
- Mainly for hiring of JDP as it is quite expensive.

Joe:

- Other JCRs?

Leandro:

- Herford £20
- Magdalen another meeting

## **B) The "Election Results" Constitutional Amendment:**

Proposer: Alex Mylet

Seconder: Zohaib Bhatti

This JCR notes that:

1. The Constitution requires election results to "normally" be announced no later than 24 hours after polls closed.
2. Here, "normally" means except in exceptional circumstances, and only then with approval of the president.
3. The reliance on someone at the SU to manually send results mean it normally takes longer than 24 hours after polls close (when polls close on Saturday or Sunday morning at 7 am) to get the results out.
4. The longer-than-24-hours delay was not agreed to with the president in both by-elections this term.

This JCR believes that:

5. The constitution should be amended to allow this delay to be normal.

This JCR resolves to:

6. Amend Standing Order Table 3A § 23 of the constitution to replace "24 hours" with "noon on the second weekday".

Alex:

- Violated constitution today, happens every time due to need to manually get results from SU.

Laurence:

- Post facto permission to vary.
- Also, what about alternate phrasings/timings.

Alex:

- I thought over variations, but decided this was simplest.

Jerome:

- SU going to change to automate the results

Alex:

- So no point?

Consensus: Keep, can change back

### **C) The 'Keep Campsfield Closed' Standing Policy Motion**

Proposer: Jerome Pailing

Seconder: Euan Warner

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. The Home Office has committed to reopening Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre<sup>1</sup>
- b. Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre was closed in 2018 as part of a push to reduce the number of detainees in line with a view that immigration detention should only be used as a last resort<sup>2</sup>
- c. The final inspection before it closed found that 41% of Campfield House's detainees felt unsafe<sup>3</sup>
- d. Alternatives to detention have been shown to be more effective, more humane, and less expensive than immigration detention<sup>4</sup>
- e. The UN Refugee Agency is of the view that 'there is no evidence that detention deters irregular migration, nor encourages individuals to return home'<sup>5</sup>
- f. The Home Office has urged officials to develop and rely on alternatives to detention when possible<sup>6</sup>
- g. The UN Refugee Agency has stressed the need for alternatives to detention, and has found that alternatives trialled in the UK have provided good evidence for making alternatives to detention business as usual in the UK<sup>7</sup>
- h. Both Oxford City Council<sup>8</sup> and Cherwell District Council<sup>9</sup> have stated their opposition to the reopening of Campsfield House

**This JCR believes that:**

- a. The reopening of Campsfield House would be deeply harmful to detainees, relative to the experience they would have if an alternative to detention was used
- b. The reopening of Campsfield House would not help achieve the objective of cost-effectiveness
- c. The reopening of Campsfield House would not help achieve the objective of reduced net migration, even if we accept that the achievement of this objective would be desirable
- d. Given these beliefs, that Campsfield House should not be reopened, and that alternatives to detention should be implemented in its place

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- a. Sign, as the St John's JCR, an open letter calling for the Home Office to cancel the reopening of Campsfield House, and to implement meaningful alternatives to detention in Oxfordshire [Appendix A]
- b. Add the aforementioned beliefs and resolution to standing policy

Jerome:

- Already on Standing Policy Twice.
- Oscar removed the open letter will sign, email if want to see.
- Waste of time and money.

**D) The “Update the Constitution!” Constitutional Motion**

Proposer: Jerome Pailing

Seconded: Laurence Cooke

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

- a. Some parts of the constitution just need bringing up to date
- b. A few things have changed (such as the whole set up of the Student Union) so it's important that our constitution reflects how things actually work

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

- a. It's so important, as a JCR, to have a credible constitution which can actually play a part in our governance, so it needs to be kept up to date
- b. This motion clarifies role descriptions, bringing them in line with what actually happens and should happen
- c. We should remove parts of the constitution which deal with the Student Union (SU) as it used to be: SU Council has been replaced by Conference of Common Rooms. Therefore, we are looking to remove the role of SU Rep(s) as Presidents now act as the main point of contact between JCRs and the SU (a lot of minor changes will need to be made to the constitution to remove a Rep role)

- d. Many of the Sub-Committees listed in the constitution either don't happen, or are quite independent of the JCR, so this motion brings the constitutional description in line with reality
- e. We are also looking to remove the "Condition of the Republic Report" as Officers are already obligated to bring a report of their activities to each General Meeting (12 times a year), and the JCR and MCR Presidents must write reports at the end of Trinity for the TW Magazine anyway, so an extra report from everyone seems futile when the info is reported so regularly anyway
- f. The other change is to officialise the taking and distribution of minutes from hustings by the Returning Officer – an important thing to do for transparency and accountability in elections
- g. See below all the constitutional changes – and please do scrutinise!

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

- a. Replace Article 22 "The positions that the JCR recognises as "Reps" are: Bike Rep(s), Stash Rep(s), Facilities Rep, Oxford SU Rep(s), Person Responsible for Alcohol and Treats (PRAT) Rep(s), Social Media Rep(s), Sports Rep(s), Entz Rep(s), Punt Rep(s), and Welfare Rep(s)." with "The positions that the JCR recognises as "Reps" are: Bike Rep(s), Stash Rep(s), Facilities Rep, Person Responsible for Alcohol and Treats (PRAT) Rep(s), Social Media Rep(s), Sports Rep(s), Entz Rep(s), Punt Rep, and Welfare Rep(s)."
  - a. Also: in Article 24, replace "Sports Rep" with "Punt Rep"
- b. Replace Article 91 "The JCR General Committee shall select at least one Official to serve as the main point of contact between its members and Oxford SU, normally the Oxford SU Rep(s)." with "The President shall serve as the main point of contact between the JCR and Oxford SU."
- c. Replace Article 92 "The JCR shall allocate its three votes at Oxford SU Council as follows:
  - a. 1st vote to the President, or the Vice President in their place
  - b. 2nd and 3rd votes in the following order of priority:
    - i. to member(s) ratified at the preceding JCR Meeting
    - ii. to JCR General Committee members appointed by the President
    - iii. to ordinary JCR members appointed by the President
  - c. However, per Oxford SU rules, no one person may have more than one vote."

with "The JCR shall allocate its vote at Oxford SU Conference of Common Rooms to the President, who in absence shall delegate the Vice-President, or failing this, the Secretary."
- d. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two §3.d "The Oxford SU Rep(s):
  - i. Shall attend Oxford SU Council, voting on behalf of the JCR and representing its views.
  - ii. Should publicise elections, events, and other important information promulgated by Oxford SU.

- iii. Shall report to the President and meet with them at least once per term.”
- e. Remove Article 77 “An annual report entitled the “Condition of the Republic of St Giles”, usually no longer than 4000 words, shall be written by the JCR General Committee.”
- f. Remove Article 78 “The report shall outline the work and achievements of that committee and shall include recommendations on what further work could be done in un-fulfilled policy areas.”
- g. Remove Article 79 “The former President will approve the Report and normally present it at the first Ordinary General Meeting after the end of their presidency as a motion. This may be accepted, accepted with amendments, or rejected; ensuring further work is taken to produce an accurate report of sufficient quality before presentment to the following meeting(s) until it passes.”
- h. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.a.VIII (JCR President) “Will formulate and present the “Condition of the Republic” Report (§77) in the vacation following their Michaelmas Term in office.”
- i. Add, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.a.VIII “Shall attend meetings of the SU Conference of Common Rooms, or in absence shall delegate the Vice-President, or failing this, the Secretary, to do so.”
- j. Add, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.a.X (JCR President) “Shall, with the Secretary, be responsible for managing the JCR SharePoint, including overseeing the uploading of documents, and the removal and addition of JCR Officers.”
- k. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.b.V.A (Vice President) “[Shall ensure] that a Polaroid picture is taken of each new fresher upon arrival at the College, or at some suitable time soon after their arrival.”
- l. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.b.V.B (Vice President) “[Shall ensure] that every finalist who matriculated in 2017 or later receives the Polaroid taken of them as a fresher before they graduate from St. John’s.”
- m. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.IV (Secretary) “Shall create and distribute the (electronic) term card and contact sheet on its reverse at the beginning of each term.”
- n. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.VI (Secretary) “Shall store all of the JCR’s files and records across their tenure, creating a file (or electronic folder) for the year containing these. This is to include all minutes of College Committees the JCR has representation on.” with “Shall store all of the JCR’s files and records across their tenure, creating a file (or electronic folder) for the year containing these, and, with the President, shall be responsible for managing the JCR SharePoint, including overseeing the uploading of documents, and the removal and addition of JCR Officers. These files are to include all minutes of College Committees the JCR has representation on.”
- o. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.XIII “Shall be responsible for the PRAT Rep(s) and SU Rep(s), meeting with them at least once per term.” with “Shall be responsible for the PRAT Rep(s).”
- p. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.f.III (Access & Admissions Officer) “Shall maintain and update the Alternative Prospectus for distribution at college open days and/or on the



JCR website. Shall Chair the Alternative Prospectus Sub-Committee when formed.” with  
““Shall, with the assistance of the General Committee when required, maintain and update the Alternative Prospectus for distribution at college open days and/or on the JCR website.”

- q. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.g.V (Domestic Officers) “May invite applications for, appoint members of, and chair the “Domestic Sub-Committee.”
- r. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.h.II (Entz Officers) “May invite applications for, appoint members of and lead the “Entz Sub-Committee”.”
- s. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.h.VI (Entz Officers) “Set up and tidy up all events, assisted by the Entz Sub-Committee and JCR General Committee when required.” with “Set up and tidy up all events, assisted by the Entz Reps and the JCR General Committee when required.”
- t. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.b.VIII (IT Officer) “Shall attend Printer Repair training sessions organised by College IT staff and ensure printers are repaired as soon as possible when out of use.” with “Shall attend Printer Repair training sessions organised by College IT staff and work with college to ensure printers are repaired as soon as possible when out of use.”
- u. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.b.IX (IT Officer) “Shall be responsible for managing the JCR SharePoint. This includes overseeing the upload of documents, and the removal and addition of JCR officers (and reps).”
- v. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.IV.A (Welfare Officers) “[Shall organise] two weekly welfare walks – assisted by the other Peer Supporters – and any additional drop-ins appropriate throughout the year;” with “weekly welfare walks – assisted by the other Peer Supporters – and any additional drop-ins appropriate throughout the year;”
- w. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.IV.D (Welfare Officers) “[Shall organise] at least three TW Tea events per term;” with ““at least four TW Tea events per term;”
- x. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.c.IV.E (Welfare Officers) “[Shall organise] at least one Peer Supporter social event per term;”
- y. Replace, in Standing Order Table Two § 3.e.III (PRAT Rep(s)) “Shall report to the Secretary and meet with them at least once per term.” with “Shall report to the Secretary.”
- z. Add, in Standing Order Table Two § 2.p.II (Returning Officer) “Shall oversee the running of hustings, or nominate a suitable replacement, including taking and distributing minutes” (there is already a 2.p.II, but that would be bumped down to 2.p.III and so on)
- aa. Replace, in Standing Order Table Three § 15.a “Each candidate present at hustings shall be entitled to make a speech, subject to a time limit determined and circulated to candidates no less than 24 hours in advance by the Returning Officer.” with ““Each candidate present at hustings shall be entitled to make a speech, subject to a time limit determined by the Returning Officer.”
- bb. Add, in Standing Order Table Three § 15.e “The chair should take minutes and distribute them with the opening of polls”
- cc. Replace, in Standing Order Table Eight § a.II “The JCR President, JCR Vice President, JCR Secretary, JCR Treasurer, MCR President and MCR President-elect shall normally form the

panel appointing the “Summer Ball Committee Executive” positions of Co-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary.” with “The JCR President, JCR Vice President, JCR Secretary, JCR Treasurer, MCR President and MCR President-elect shall normally assist the college’s panel which appoints the “Summer Ball Committee Executive” positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer.”

- dd. Replace, in Standing Order Table Eight § a.VI “The Chairs of the Summer Ball Committee shall be the chosen Co-Presidents.” with “The Chair of the Summer Ball Committee shall be the chosen President.”
- ee. Remove, in Standing Order Table Eight § c “The Domestic Sub-Committee
  - i. Those persons appointed as Domestic Officers shall be automatically elected to the Sub-Committee and serve as co-chairs.
  - ii. The Sub-Committee shall consist of a Chair or Co-Chairs, and three members who shall be responsible for assisting them in the running of JCR Guest Dinners, and any other relevant activities that are deemed reasonably necessary.
  - iii. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member to fill these positions.
  - iv. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall ensure members of the Sub-Committee are guaranteed a place at JCR Guest Dinners.
  - v. Any person, other than the Chair or Co-Chairs, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after:
    - i. The end of 8th Week of each term.
    - ii. Notification, from either the Chair or co-Chairs, of removal from the Sub-Committee at any time.”
- ff. Remove, in Standing Order Table Eight § e “The Entz Sub-Committee
  - i. Those persons elected to the position of Entertainment Officers shall be automatically appointed to the Sub-Committee and shall serve as Co-Chairs.
    - i. Where there is no person in the position of Entertainment Officer, the President may appoint any Official of the JCR to the Sub-Committee to serve as Chair.
  - ii. The Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chair or Co-Chairs, one Creative Rep, one Food and Drinks Rep, one Lights and Tech Rep, one Multimedia Rep, one Music Rep, and two Non-Bop Reps.
  - iii. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member to fill these positions.
  - iv. Any person, other than the Chair or Co-Chairs, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after:
    - i. The last bop of Michaelmas term.
    - ii. Notification, from either the Chair or either of the Co-Chairs, of removal from the Sub-Committee.”

- gg. Replace, in Standing Order Table Eight § f “The Freshers’ Week Sub-Committee
- i. That person elected to the position of Vice President shall be automatically appointed to the Sub-Committee and shall serve as Chair.
    - i. Where the position of Vice President is vacant, the President shall serve as Chair.
  - ii. The Sub-Committee shall always consist of the Chair, the Treasurer, the two Entertainment Officers, and the two Welfare Officers.
  - iii. The Chair may appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member in any additional roles that they see fit to create.
  - iv. Any person, other than those specified in §e II, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after:
    - i. The final day of Michaelmas full term.
    - ii. Notification, from the Chair, of removal from the Sub-Committee.”

with “The Freshers’ Week Committee

- i. That person elected to the position of Vice President shall be automatically appointed to the Committee and shall serve as Co-Chair.
  - i. Where the position of Vice President is vacant, the President shall serve as Co-Chair.
- ii. The Committee shall consist of three Co-Chairs, one of whom is the JCR Vice President, as well as a Food Rep, Stash Rep, at least two Non-alcoholic Entz Reps, at least one of the JCR Welfare Officers, and at least one of the JCR Entz Officers
- iii. The Vice President shall run the appointment process for the Committee and may appoint to the Committee any JCR member in any additional roles that they see fit to create.
- iv. Any person, other than those specified in §e II, shall be removed from the Committee after:
  - i. The final day of Michaelmas full term.
  - ii. Notification, from the Co-Chairs, of removal from the Committee.”

hh. Remove, in Standing Order Table Eight § h “The JCR Website Sub-Committee

- i. The JCR Website Sub-Committee shall be formed and disbanded at the discretion of the IT Officer, and the IT Officer shall serve as Chair.
- ii. Where the position of IT Officer is vacant, and the Sub-Committee is formed, the Secretary, or another suitable member of the JCR Exec Committee, shall serve as Chair.
- iii. The Chair may appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member in any role that they see fit to create.

- iv. Any person, other than the Chair, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after notification, from the Chair, of removal from the Sub-Committee.”
- ii. Remove, in Standing Order Table Eight § a “The Alternative Prospectus
  - i. The Alternative Prospectus Sub-Committee shall be formed and disbanded at the discretion of the Access and Admissions Officer, and the Access and Admissions Officer shall serve as Chair.
  - ii. Where the position of Access and Admissions Officer is vacant, and the Sub-Committee is formed, the President shall serve as Chair.
  - iii. The Chair may appoint to the Sub-Committee any JCR member in any role that they see fit to create.
  - iv. Any member, other than the Chair, shall be removed from the Sub-Committee after notification, from the Chair, of removal from the Sub-Committee”
- jj. Remove, in Standing Order Table Two §3 h. (Punt Rep), sections III and IV.

Jerome:

- Constitution in some bits a bit out of date.
- The SU has changed a lot.
- Clarifying role descriptions.
- Remove Sub-Committees
- Remove Condition of Republic

Alex:

- Friendly amend to one punt rep.
- Friendly amend to one punt rep, two sports reps
- Friendly amend c to delegation as later
- Friendly amend 2.e to 2.p thrice in z.

[Note: all accepted, Amendments made to above]

Zohaib:

- Friendly Amendment (accepted): Punt Rep remove sections III and IV.
- Attempted Friendly Amendment (rejected) Treasurer: remove 6, 7, 8, 10, 12.

## **E) Motion – Release £200 to support The Oxford Belles to perform at Edinburgh Fringe Festival**

*Proposed by Evie Gilder and Seconded by Thaejus Ilango*

**The JCR notes that:**

1. The Oxford Belles are an award winning all-female and non-binary a-cappella student group based in the city of Oxford.
2. The Oxford Belles are planning to attend the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, an internationally renowned arts event, to showcase their talent and represent Oxford.
3. Participation in the Fringe offers a unique opportunity for The Oxford Belles to gain exposure, develop as performers, and contribute to the vibrant music culture of the festival.
4. Attending the Fringe involves significant costs, including travel, accommodation, and festival participation fees, which the group is seeking to fund through sponsorship and donations, totalling to approximately £7,000.

**The JCR believes that:**

1. Supporting The Oxford Belles aligns with the JCR's commitment to fostering student talent and representation in significant arts events.
2. The group's participation in the Fringe would enhance the visibility of Oxford's artistic community and provide inspiration to other students.
3. Financial support from the JCR would ease the financial burden on the group and help them achieve their goal of performing at the festival. Furthermore, it would make participation in Edinburgh Fringe accessible to all members of the group regardless of financial hardship by subsidising accommodation and show costs.

**The JCR resolves to:**

1. Contribute £200 to The Oxford Belles to assist with their costs for attending the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Evie:

- Enough finances to go. Accommodation fees quite high. Money to subsidise accommodation.

Joe:

- How many John's students

Evie: 3

- Other JCR's

Evie: Christ Church

**F) 'Fund *First Aid*' Financial Motion**

Proposer: Thaejus Ilango

Seconder: Evie Gilder

This JCR notes that:

- Thaejus, a member of the JCR, is part of the cast of the original student musical *First Aid*, performing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025.
- The musical enjoyed a hugely successful run in MT24, garnering some impressive reviews.
- As a student production, *First Aid* relies on support from University and College grants to be able to be taken to the Fringe, which is a costly venture.
- All funding will go towards the large venue costs, the construction of our set, our marketing and advertisement, and any further production costs that may arise.

This JCR believes that:

- It is important to support student drama, especially new writing such as *First Aid*, and help bring entertainment to a student audience. The production is a celebration of theatre, the joy of community, and strength in being brought together in spite of and through trying times.
- In such an academically focused environment, it is imperative to support extra-curricular artistic endeavours and creativity to afford students a holistic university experience.
- Pursuits beyond our studies should also be encouraged so that JCR members can commit to projects and hobbies solely for the purpose of enjoyment.
- It is important to find a balance between work and hobbies, and that the JCR should support the pursuit of this balance for its members.
- The Edinburgh Festival Fringe provides an incredible opportunity for students to stage new works that can be seen by a wider audience and picked up on by professionals within the theatre industry.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Donate £200 to First Aid from the Kendrew Arts Fund.

Thaejus:

- BT in Michaelmas, take to Fringe, high costs. Cast pitching in for accommodation.

Joe: Same two questions:

- Just me
- Asked Hilda's and trying to get funding from other places.

### **G) St John's JCR Motion for *The Antipodes***

*Note this motion was removed by friendly amendment as no-one came to talk for it. It has been left in for completeness's sack.*

Proposed by: Hal Gavin

Seconded by: Jan Hubel

This JCR notes that:

- The Antipodes is a 2017 play by the Pulitzer-winning playwright Annie Baker, and had never been staged in Oxford before its performance in 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Trinity Term 2025.
- Hal Gavin was involved in the show as a member of the cast, playing the role of Brian.
- The show still requires funding to outstanding invoices and expenses incurred during its performance run.
- Pécadillo Productions, and the students involved, will not be benefiting financially from the production, as company members are unpaid, and any profits go directly towards funding future Oxford student productions.
- JCR funding is essential to allowing this production to go ahead, enabling us to fund key production expenses, preventing students from being personally out of pocket for their involvement.
- Pécadillo productions have already involved many freshers new to theatre in the production, both through an absurdism workshop in Michaelmas of freshers week and through the trainee scheme of the OUTTS (technical theatre society)

This JCR believes that:

- Supporting the funding of *The Antipodes* is crucial for the success of the production
- This grant funding would go directly towards helping us fund the show's expenses, crucial to lowering the show's breakeven (the number of tickets we need to sell to avoid making a loss) and therefore helping the production to go ahead.
- This money will also help with accessibility to Oxford drama, as the production involves many individuals who have not taken part in Oxford drama previously. Funding grants will go towards reducing the financial burden on individuals who take part.

- Supporting student arts in Oxford benefits a wide variety of individuals and interests, allowing more shows to happen and therefore more individuals to get involved. The vibrant arts scene in Oxford is testament to the generous support of colleges across the university.

This JCR resolves to:

- Give The Antipodes £250 pounds from the Kendrew Arts Fund to help support this production.

*No-one present to talk for the motion.*

Laurence: Friendly amend to delete.

## **H) The Turl Street Homeless Action Financial Motion**

Proposer: Euan Warner

Seconded: Leandro Landolina

### **This JCR notes that:**

- a. Turl Street Homeless Action (TSHA) is a student-led outreach society supporting Oxford's homeless community. TSHA organise nightly walks distributing food and hot drinks, and having a chat with those who are sleeping rough in the city.
- b. TSHA serves three main functions:
  1. To bring hot drinks and food to those sleeping rough in central Oxford
  2. To provide good company and being a caring listener for those facing a difficult situation, aiming to reduce loneliness and brighten someone's evening a little.
  3. To bridge the divide between students and the homeless community
- c. TSHA benefits both Oxford's homeless population and its student volunteers. Offering a low-commitment break from studies, a chance to meet people from diverse backgrounds, and insight into the broader Oxford community, TSHA fosters community spirit, empathy, communication skills and helps students form lasting connections.
- d. In the past, the society has operated in a relatively informal manner. However, TSHA has spent the past 18 months formalising its operations to improve sustainability, responsibility and impact. We have cultivated relationships with established local services such as **Oxfordshire Homeless Movement**, **The Gatehouse**, and **The Porch**, as well as other student groups. As part of our continuing development, we are now seeking to expand our service provision into the vacation periods to establish a more consistent offering for the people we serve, and setup an additional Hub in Cowley. This will, however,



incur additional cost due to extra equipment needed as well as significantly increase our annual expenditure in the long term.

**This JCR believes that:**

- e. The money provided by **St John's College** JCR would benefit its members and community. TSHA provides an avenue by which students can take a break from studies, meet new people, and broaden their horizons. Rough sleepers in Oxford benefit from company, food, hot drinks and warm clothing. Failure to acquire funding from college JCRs may jeopardise the ability of TSHA to continue to provide the current level of support to the homeless community in Oxford.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

Give TSHA **£350** from the financial motions fund so that it can continue to provide food and hot drinks to Oxford's homeless community. In the long term, this would help improve reliability and continuity of service, as well as raise the profile of the organisation in the city, and increase volunteer participation.

Euan:

- Outreach, Tea, Coffee and conversations with homeless community.
- Make sure more sustainable.
- Expand into vacation period.
- Offerings year round – increases term-to-term expenditure.
- Also extending into Cowley.
- Asking for £350 from financial motions to support this.

Laurence:

- Not a registered charity?

Euan:

- No, student organisation.
- Helps students too.

**6. Any other business**

Euan:

- For PRAT, stop buying full fat coke