Keble College JCR General Meeting Minutes HT2013 – Sunday 3rd March 2013 – Eighth Week

Apologies:
Mike Fedosiuk
Robin Anderson



2. Officers' reports:

President (James Newton):

- 1. Thanks to Entz for the BOP!
- 2. I hope you guys saw my email about looking after the JCR. Was very disappointed.
- 3. Website up and running soon (promise!).
- 4. I'll be advertising my position of Pres soon so start thinking!
- 5. We're looking at a new committee position looking at Keble alumni and careers officer.

Vice-President (Luka Boeskens):

- 1. Thanks for filling out the bar survey, use it as a base for next term
- 2. Bar doing well now

Secretary (Alex Connolly):

1. No notices.

ENTZ (Sascha Eady):

1. No notices.

Equal Ops (Robin Anderson):

1. Thank you for someone applying for his position

Arts and Pubs (Bea Xu, Hal Hainsworth):

- 1. Prep for arts week going well, first week in trinity!
- 2. Fig. going well but we do want more things submitted, deadline during the holidays. No more illustrations please.

Academic Affairs (Suzie Markland):

1. Applications for Keble at Large received, meeting this week

Environment and Ethics (Fiona Elliot):

1. No notices.

Welfare (Ellen Peihl):

- 1. Thanks for coming to Chlamydia testing.
- 2. Extended deadline for peer support applications.

Accommodation (Laura Gill):

1. Bar did well, need to have a meeting about survey results

Treasurer (Georgie Clifford):

1. The sky stuff is sorted, termly levy will reduce to 79p.

Charities (Gargie Ahmad):

1. Raffle tickets available now!

Freshers' Week President (Emma Alexander):

1. Loads of applications for committee, sending a survey round for freshers' week experiences.

OUSU Rep (Mike Fedosiuk):

- 1. Israel motion beaten
- 2. Gay marriage supported

4. Hustings (brought forward by Chair)

Equal Opportunities:

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Candidates: David Harris

Would you want to expand or continue Robin's queer talks? Harris: Happy to continue anything to do with LGBTQ

Challenge: Muster a group behind a cause of your choosing

3. Motions:

Motion One: Anonymous voting

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The current system of voting in JCR meetings is vulnerable to peer pressure
- 2. The JCR should represent the honest opinions of the undergraduate student body

This JCR believes that:

- 1. Anonymous voting is a fundamental principle of a democratic organisation
- 2. Any voting system should be as convenient as possible

This JCR resolves to:

- 1. Mandate the President and Secretary to hold a referendum on the voting system in JCR meetings
- 2. Should the referendum be held and votes fall in favour of anonymous voting, trial some methods of anonymous voting in the first two JCR meetings of TT13

Proposed by: Andy Paine Seconded by: Hal Hainsworth

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** Voting whether we want a referendum or not. Usual thing to have in a democratic system. Difficulty in implementation so holding a trial run. Gauging interest.
- Trial these attempts at anonymous voting, what will this do? **Reply:** We will try a couple of types and then put a motion through whether we want it or not.
- Quite a big change so we will probably do a referendum
- Various methods?
 - 1. Looking at the floor during voting
 - 2. Piece of paper and a box.
- Testing the waters

VOTES FOR: 30 VOTES AGAINST: 3 ABSENTIONS: 7

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Two: Charity Motion: ODA Uganda 2013:

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Oxford Development Abroad is a university-wide organisation, run by students which aims to assist developing countries with small-scale, community-initiated, sustainable development projects in the developing world.
- 2. ODA coordinates volunteers for a variety of projects in Uganda, Nepal and Bolivia. They send a number of students for 4-8 weeks over the summer to carry out community development programmes. Last year, in Uganda, ODA volunteers assisted the construction of water tanks at schools and protected springs in order to provide clean water in villages for more than 1500 adults and children who previously drank from stagnant swamps. They also provided training on building smoke free stoves, reducing the incidence of respiratory related diseases one of the biggest killers in Africa.
- 3. ODA gives in-depth training to the volunteers before their departure and provides highprofile speaker events to the entire university.
- 4. ODA plans to continue its work with similar projects this summer.

The JCR believes that:

1. The work of the ODA volunteers makes a crucial difference to the lives of the people where the projects are run. Volunteers must fund all personal costs themselves. Without central fundraising to cover minimum overhead costs, these valuable projects can't go ahead. The future of this year's project relies upon raising these funds.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to Alex Connolly's fundraising for ODA, making the cheque payable to Oxford Development Abroad.

Proposed: Alex Connolly **Seconded:** Gargie Ahmad (JCR charities and donations)

Issues Raised:

- Where does it stop?
- So others are applying too?

VOTES FOR: 32 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 8

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Three: Cuppers Money

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Go-Karting is an expensive sport and outside the budget of the typical student.
- 2. The cost of the Cuppers event is £55 per team member

This JCR believes that:

1. Keble should be able to put forward a team for the Cuppers Karting this coming week

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £60 towards Keble's Karting team for Cuppers

Proposer: Tully Kingsbury Seconded by: Alan Aberdeen

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** A lot of interest for go-karting cuppers, but people put off by the money issue
- What's the extra £5 for? **Reply:** We're paying for some it ourselves.
- You could ask for more if you wish. **Reply:** We weren't sure what an acceptable amount to apply for
- We can set up an annual budget for you if you want?
- Do we have a chance of winning this event? I want to be assured that we will have the best possible team.
- **Amendment posed:** Insert "If we don't come in the top half then they have to come to the next JCR meeting dressed as the Stig?" in resolves to. *Accepted as friendly*
- Amendment: Increase "£60" to "£120" Accepted. Now reads: "Donate £120, and to mandate the team members to come dressed as the Stig to the next JCR meeting if they fail to come in the top half of the race."

VOTES FOR: 40 - Unanimous VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Four: Charities Motion: Project Hope:

The JCR notes that:

- 1. Children in Nablus in the West Bank have the right to a good education regardless of their nationality.
- 2. There are high levels of poverty and unemployment in the refugee camps around the city of Nablus and very limited chances of a good education.
- 3. Schools in the refugee camps finish at 12:30 and there are no further activities provided for them.
- 4. Learning English or French opens up new opportunities to Palestinian children such as studying at university and improved job prospects in a tough economic environment.

The JCR further notes that:

- 1. Having a support framework as well as more activities and lessons on offer is an important way of ensuring these children do not lose hope in the difficult circumstances which they live.
- 2. Project Hope in Nablus (West Bank) provides valuable free language tuition, technology classes and free time activities for over 1000 Palestinian children in poor areas and refugee camps.
- 3. The NGO is independent of any political authority and has good relations with the local community.
- 4. A Keble member will be volunteering with Project Hope for 2 ½ months from April to July.

The JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to Project Hope and mandate the charities officer to transfer the funds to the charity.

NB. This donation has nothing to do with the costs incurred by the Keble student in his volunteering.

Proposed by: Edward Knight (year abroad – represented by Jacob Lancaster) **Seconded by:** Gargie Ahmad (JCR charities and donations)

Issues Raised:

- **Representative:** He's on his year abroad and so I'm representing him, this goes towards funding for the charity not his personal costs. Not a political cause.

VOTES FOR: 39 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 1

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Emergency Motion: Motion Five: Arts Week Funding

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Keble Arts Festival (KAF) is a college institution, beneficial to all who call Keble home.
- 2. KAF normally receives all its funding from the Keble Association (KA).
- 3. Having asked for £2400, we only received £1000 from the KA due to funding limitations on their behalf 4. Despite the fact they were unable to grant us the full amount, the KA noted the strength of our proposed programme.

This JCR believes that:

1. Keble College deserved the best KAF possible.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Grant £250 to the KAF to help make up some of the deficit.

Proposed by: Hal Hainsworth Seconded by: Hamish Birrell

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** Arts week coming together well, lots of activities, but these naturally incur costs. This year is more ambitious, costing more, KA provided insufficient funds.

Applying to a number of societies to make up the difference. Great line-up at the moment but need the money to make it a full success.

- How can we find out what's happening? **Reply:** Deadline for events is two or three weeks' time, then advertising will follow. Things need to be confirmed and this rests on funding.
- Why wasn't the motion sent around the JCR? **Reply:** Emergency one sent in today very late.
- When did it become a festival? **Reply:** Three weeks ago.

VOTES FOR: 39 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 1

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4. Any other business:

Raffle drawn. JCR President wins second prize. Shouts of "Corruption!" audible.