Keble College JCR General Meeting MINUTES

# HT2014 – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week

# 1. Apologies of absence:

Nicole Chui Flo Barnett

# 2. Officers' Reports:

## President (Sean Ford)

- 1. GB meeting in 4<sup>th</sup> week: college regulations rewritten, AFS, LBGTQ flag, informal hall
- 2. Anyone with a story about funding from the KA, please include for a speech needs to be given

## Vice President (Chris Allnutt)

- Kitchen investigation college wants to start trialling informal hall on weekdays, have to go via GB so will come later, also want to have later opening hours for the café; DB quite receptive regarding the online survey
- 2. Washing machine reporting, looking into it don't want to change providers unless reporting is more frequent, looking into ways to make it easier to report problems

## Treasurer (Rishi Chotai)

1. Booked punts for TT

# Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. Please send in motions earlier than Thursday afternoons!

# Academic Affairs (Matt Gompels)

- 1. Academic Feedback Meetings if you have something (constructive) to say about their subject then send Matt an email
- Welfare (Flo Barnett & Ollie Robinson)

## 1. None

Equal Ops (David Harris)

1. LGBTQ month in February – Milk the film on Saturday in the JCR2 (there will be biscuits) Accommodation (Angus McDonnell)

- 1. Anyone wants to join the bar sub-committee send an email
- 2. College phonebook on its way
- OUSU Rep (Nicole Chui)
  - 1. None
- Charities (Georgina Ndukwe)

1. Charities sub-committee motion this evening, please apply if this passes

# Entz (Deanna Greenhalgh, Greg Albery & Severin Limal)

- BOP last night went well (applause) Matt Hall sent an email to the Dean suggesting it was one of the best one, positive news about possibly extending the end time of the next one, will liaise with the Dean
- 2. Need to decide when the second BOP of term will be Saturday of 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday of 8<sup>th</sup>
- 3. 2 more BOPs? Can only have 3 a term if the budget is decreased: 2/3 budget spent on drinks tokens (are these necessary?) and £100 on security guard mandated by the college
- 4. Drinks can't go lower than £1.50

- 5. Over 200 people (!!)
- 6. College suggested we won't have to pay for the security guard so extra money for future events entz budget already huge as it is, can't really increase it

Arts & Pubs (Iona Dixon, Louisa Adams & Laura Whitehouse)

- 1. Apologies for not holding Art Soc on Friday will be on this Friday
- 2. KAF submissions to fig. then please do, deadline coming up

## Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)

- 1. Recycling bags JK concerned about the issue, spoken to the Scouts to deal with the issue, any further concerns get in touch
- 2. JCR bikes 2/3 serviced, need to chat to DB about agreement with Oxford Bike Company
- 3. OUSU E&E meeting: divestment campaign away from fossil fuels and sweat shops
- 4. Looking into increasing wildlife in and around college set up a meeting about that
- 5. Can we look to have a permanent seat cover for the Women's JCR bike?

# Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

1. Mike Moss careers session - email Emma if interested to sort out times

# 3. Motions:

## Motion 1: PS3 (re-submitted from last week - did not reach quorum)

Proposed by: Rishi Chotai Seconded by: Jacob Wedderburn-Day

This JCR Notes that:

- 1. The bar is not open at all times
- 2. The PS3 has been in the JCR for the last week and has caused no problems

This JCR resolves to:

1. Keep the PS3 in the JCR with the option to move it to the bar for special events at the discretion of the JCR Committee

## Issues raised:

- Last week:
  - 1. keep PS3 in the JCR but clause to move it back to the bar at the discretion of the JCR, i.e. if the bar numbers fall friendly amendment
  - 2. Vote for where it should be:
    - a. In JCR: 14
    - b. In bar: 3
    - c. In JCR2: 20
    - d. Therefore will amend the motion: 'keep the PS3 in the JCR2....'
  - 3. VOTES FOR: 18 VOTES AGAINST: 7 ABSENTIONS: 16

THIS MOTION FAILS – motion didn't reach quorum so will be re-voted on next week

- Proposer: JCR Committee's position: disruptive in the bar, in JCR there is security fine in here, need to contact the nurse etc. about JCR2, can watch DVDs on the PS3 if in the JCR
- Would sport take priority yes, when PS3 first bought TV was given priority

## VOTES FOR: 35 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 1

THIS MOTION PASSES Still a constitutional problem regarding abstentions and quorum

## Motion 2: Wifi in Liddon

Proposed by: Alex Connolly Seconded by: Alex Fox

This JCR Notes that:

1. the Wifi reception on eduroam is poor in Liddon refurb 4/5

2. eduroam is a free service provided by the university

3. Students can use ethernet cables but wifi is far more convenient and means one can work in different locations in one's room.

This JCR resolves to:

1. mandate the Vice president to bring up this issue with the domestic bursar and ask whether we can have some more router points in order to boost the eduroam signal in Liddon refurb L4/5

#### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: eduroam is a free university service, poor in this accommodation block, fewest amount of wireless routers in there
- Friendly amendment '...to boost the eduroam signal throughout college'

Time against:

• From Sam Littlely, IT Rep: Basically, it's a bit pointless. WiFi is an ongoing issue, and Steve Kersley (the Keble IT Manager) is doing his best. There are a couple of issues that make it a lot less simple than just putting up a few extra routers:

WiFi hotspots can only operate on a small set of frequencies, and hotspots on the same or similar frequencies interfere if they are too close

Somewhat obviously, the Keble buildings are old, and we want to avoid ruining them with WiFi hotspots everywhere

Whilst eduroam is provided by the university, the college has to pay for the infrastructure to provide it to students.

In addition, each device on the network must be assigned a unique IP address, and Keble only has a limited supply. Because of this, and because the IP addresses for the wired network are fixed, we are recommended to use the wired network as opposed to wireless whenever possible. You will also get far better connection speeds from the wired network. The last thing to say, is that if you want to still try for extra routers (it may be that L4/L5 doesn't have its full complement), it's Steve Kersley's responsibility, not the DB's, so it's probably better to go straight to him. Last year we had a meeting with him and the librarian, and it was mentioned that they'd like to have another, so that's probably the best route to solving this.

If I'm allowed to do so without being present at the meeting, I'd propose an amendment along the lines of mandating the VP to arrange a meeting with Steve Kersley and the Librarian to discuss this and other issues as we did last year.

- ^ friendly amendment accepted ('therefore resolves to...')
- If it's Keble's job to provide the infrastructure and there is a problem with the architecture then should college provide Ethernet cables for free? something to be brought up at another time

• Under the impression Keble unhappy with using eduroam in accommodation, what's the difference with keble wifi

VOTES FOR: 36 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES

## Motion 3: Oxford Food Bank

Proposed by: Maddie Ojakovoh Seconded by: Rishi Chotai

This JCR Notes that:

1. A vast amount of food is wasted in College

2. Oxford Foodbank provides 5000 meals a week for people living in poverty, from food which would otherwise have gone to landfill

This JCR believes that:

1. having ties between College and Oxford Foodbank can only be a good thing and supporting local causes is important to the JCR and should also be important to College

This JCR Resolves to:

1. Mandate the Environment & Ethics officer to speak to the relevant authorities about whether such an arrangement is possible and what it would take for it to be put into place;

the officer should report back to the JCR at next week's meeting.

#### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: Oxford Foodbank is a local charity where members of the community volunteer their time to provide free food to those with low incomes, some students already involved in it a good cause for Keble to be involved in
- Very easy to get involved through the Oxford Hub, fill in a form online get college involved with providing food; is this possible?
- DB very keen on cutting down on wasted food likely to be tempted to refute this, look to cut down on wasted food than giving away
- Brought up on Domestic Committee? Costs college more to give food away (silver trays) than it's worth, based on DB's prior experience something has changed
- 'arrangement' purposefully vague to allow for possibilities when this is looked into
- Jake to bring it up anyway even if the motion doesn't pass

VOTES FOR: VOTES AGAINST: ABSENTIONS:

THIS MOTION FAILS – not enough quorum

#### Motion 4: Charities Sub-committee

Proposed by: Georgina Ndukwe

Seconded by: Edward O'Brien

### This JCR notes that:

1. The Charity and Donations role in the JCR is currently fulfilled by s single officer.

2. Part of the role of the Charities and Donations Officer is to organise fundraising events every term for RAG and the JCR elected charity.

3. Organising several events a term (such as open mic nights, Keble pantomime) on top of other duties can place unsustainable time constraints on an individual.

## This JCR believes that:

1. Raising money for charity is a good thing.

2. "Many hands make light work" and "x heads are better than one" (where x>1).

#### This JCR resolves to:

Set up a Charities sub-committee of 6 students who would work with the Charities and Donations officer in organising Keble's charity events.

#### Issues raised:

• Proposer:

VOTES FOR: VOTES AGAINST: ABSENTIONS:

THIS MOTION FAILS - not quorum

## Motion 5: Offsetting carbon from long-haul flights

Proposer: Jake Palmer

Seconder: Georgina Ndukwe

This JCR notes:

- 1. Flights produce large quantities of carbon in the combustion of fuel; for example a return flight to Perth from London adds 2530kg to the atmosphere per person
- 2. The increased level of carbon in the atmosphere contributes towards climate change which has numerous environmental effects from seal-level rises to increased levels of extreme weather events at a global scale
- 3. With the opportunities that the university affords its members due to its generous funding schemes it allows students to take flights, or longer flights, that they might not otherwise have done

This JCR believes that:

- 1. It is ethically imperative to mitigate the production of carbon where possible and thus reduce the adverse effects on communities internationally
- 2. Where possible and relevant it should help to take responsibility for the actions of its members in an environmental context

This JCR therefore resolves to:

 Donate £3 to the Woodland Trust for every trip a full JCR member takes that is in excess of 2,500km (as determined by Google Earth) up to a maximum of £200 annually to aid the maintenance and restoration of British woodland and help increase carbon offsetting

#### Issues raised:

• Proposer:

VOTES FOR: VOTES AGAINST: ABSENTIONS:

THIS MOTION FAILS - not quorum

#### Motion 6: Bike Shelter

Proposed by: Sean Ford

Seconded by: Greg Albery

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Keble college currently has no bike shelter for undergraduates
- 2. Further to this, Keble's sporting reputation and location mean that bikes are a necessary part of student life
- 3. The lack of bike shelter, is causing damage to bikes and making them both unsafe and costly to repair
- 4. Any bike shelter would be an infrastructural change to college and therefore will need the support of Governing body as well as that of the JCR

This JCR resolves to:

- 1. Mandate the JCR President to bring the issue to college, by contacting the Dean and Bursar
- 2. On the condition that the proposal is deemed plausible by college, the JCR President will be mandated to bring a formal paper to Domestic Committee in 7<sup>th</sup> week of term

#### Issues raised:

• Proposer:

VOTES FOR: VOTES AGAINST: ABSENTIONS:

THIS MOTION FAILS – not quorum

# 4. Any other Business:

- Statement from Matt Gompels last term in a charities motion asked for £250 for Menegitis UK for a half marathon; this was unconstitutional as maximum donation is £200, so tore up the cheque and accepted another for the appropriate amount
- Freshers elections for the committee over the course of the next 2 terms so keep coming to the meeting to stand a good chance of attaining a position
- Jack's bedtime story. Ideas coming next week Ben Poster's road to Russia, the never-ending annexe after-party, what happened to the third JCR bike?, 'just so stories'