# **HT2014 – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> Week**

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# 1. Apologies of absence:

Rishi Chotai Jake Palmer Severin Limal

Nicole Chiu Louisa Adams

# 2. Officers' Reports:

# President (Sean Ford)

- 1. Rent negotiations meeting with Bursar and OUSU President
- 2. Bike shelters met with bursar speaking with college architect this week can happen quite easily if cost effective plan is available then can happen in TT

# Vice President (Chris Allnutt) in absence

1. None

# Treasurer (Rishi Chotai) in absence

1. General spend and surplus budget

# Secretary (Katie Davies)

- 1. Nominations for welfare officers, equal opps, freshers' week president and newly open charities and donations are now officially open see email after this meeting for more details
- 2. Charities and Donations officer has resigned this week this will be open for election in  $6^{th}$  week as well as a by-election so the tenure of this candidate will be re-elected as normal in TT  $6^{th}$  week
- 3. Please apply deadline for nominations is Thursday midnight this week, please send an electronic copy and hard copy in my pidge
- 4. Hustings and next week's meeting will be on Saturday night at 8pm due to KAF launch on Sunday night should be a fun meeting, there will be pizza

# Academic Affairs (Matt Gompels)

- 1. Academic feedback sessions working on the format with senior tutor
- 2. English students, PPE, medics, engineers and modern linguists will be chosen very important, need people to turn up, only take an hour, survey to reflect college/tutorial experience, need to be successful otherwise college will reject them

# Welfare (Flo Barnett & Ollie Robinson)

- Running for welfare tenure ends on penultimate day of TT this year, have to be elected this term need Peer Support training the whole of next term, no problem alongside Prelims – happy to talk to anyone interested
- 2. Self-defence back this coming Sunday 4-6 in Roy Griffiths room

### **Equal Ops (David Harris)**

1. Wednesday is mental awareness day



- 2. LBGTQ month from Saturday onwards wear rainbow colour, different colour each day of week after next see noticeboard for details of the colour
- 3. Apply for equal opps this year
- 4. Got a new LBGTQ flag which will be put up on last day of the month

# Accommodation (Angus McDonnell)

1. None

### **OUSU Rep (Nicole Chui)**

1. None

# Freshers' Week President (Emma Alexander)

1. Resigned

# Charities (Georgina Ndukwe)

1. Please apply for charities position

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

- 1. Half-way hall is tonight need to wear gowns, black tie,
- 2. Set up entz sub committee
- 3. Bop planned for end of KAF in conjunction with screening of rock horror show Baby love in costume on Saturday of 6<sup>th</sup>

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

- 1. KAF in 6<sup>th</sup> week
- 2. Sticker competition: stickers in put in everyone's pidge, photos of stickers in unusual locations to win a KAF jumper

# Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer) in absence

1. This week have provided the lodge with bike helmets

# Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

- 1. 8 very productive career sessions with Mike Moss
- 2. Careers evening in 7<sup>th</sup> week with entrepreneurs to talk and meet students

# 3. Motions:

# **Motion 1: Clarifying Quorum and Voting Procedure**

Proposer: Sean Ford

Seconder: Katie Davies

# This JCR notes that:

- 1. The constitution is unclear both on how votes on motions are to be conducted and to what qualifies as meeting quorum
- 2. Current interpretation states that in order for a motion to be valid it must satisfy both conditions: those voting for or against must equal 35 or over and that those voting for must be larger than those voting against
- 3. This has led to situation in which an abstention can delay votes, and be a more effective form of dissent than voting no
- 4. According to clause 78 of the constitution any change to the Standing Orders requires a two-thirds majority

This JCR believes that:

1. Understanding the voting procedure is probably one of the more important things to get right

This JCR resolves to:

- 2. Add further clauses to the Standing orders:
- SO 2.30 The voting options available to the members of the JCR are: for, against and abstention.

SO 2.39.iv – A quorate decision is one in which the total number of votes including for, against and abstentions equals 35 or more.

### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: 2 big things that came out about recent discussions on voting: constitution does
  not say anything about voting and abstentions, important to have in voting; biggest problem
  with quorum is 35 for and against ridiculous that abstentions vote has more power, so for a
  vote to pass there needs to have 35 people in the room with more votes for than against
- What if people don't put their hands up in a vote? If people don't put their hands up then they are not participating in debate so votes are not reported, does not count; biggest problem is that people are sinking the vote by abstaining
- If this passes then is it for the rest of the meeting? Effective immediately
- This change doesn't effect this vote presently

VOTES FOR: 40 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES

# **Motion 2: Varsity Hockey Sponsorship**

Proposer: Deanna Greenhalgh Seconder: Anna Hubbard

# This JCR notes that:

- 1. Keble College has a strong tradition of being sportingly successful.
- 2. The Keble ladies hockey team (captained by Deanna and Anna) retained the league title last year (for the third time) and are looking to be strong contenders for Cuppers this year demonstrating the strength of Keble hockey.
- 3. It costs Oxford University Hockey Club around £8,000 to host the Varsity hockey matches at Iffley and the Southgate Hockey Centre in London. These costs do not include any of the social activities associated with the Varsity matches. The matches are only partly funded by the club's main sponsor.
- 4. In addition, the OUHC receives no funding from the Oxford University Sports Federation for the Varsity matches.

### This JCR believes that:

1. With four players representing the college in university hockey at Blues (Anna), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Joe Foster) and 3rd (Deanna, Felix Hamer) team level, all of whom also contribute significantly to college hockey life, playing for Keble's ladies, men and mixed teams, a donation of £200 would demonstrate Keble's support for sporting students.

- 2. A donation of £200 would see that Keble gets official recognition in the form of a personalised section in the Varsity programmes.
- 3. Furthermore OUHC would also give discounted entry to any Keble students wishing to watch the Blues Varsity match.

#### Therefore this JCR resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to OUHC via these four students to help cover the costs of hosting the Varsity matches.

### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: costs OUHC over £8000 to host Varsity matches this year 2s and 3s at Iffley, everyone invited; sponsporship does not cover all the cost, significant chunk of funding needs to come from fundraising by the players; main costs: venue for the day, blues matches in London which is a national league hockey centre which is more expensive, majority of the money donated will directly benefit the hockey players, umpires, match officials; people concerned that it costs lots of money: mainly venue hire and match officials, but none of the social aspects will be funded in this way players pay for this themselves; if there are not enough donations then players have to fund it themselves; OUHC does a lot for the university: cuppers, league, development training, outreach programmes within Oxford; other JCRs incl. Queens, Hilda's, St Catz (more players than some other JCRs); sports Fed Oxfrod university does not contribute to hockey varsity but does for other sports clubs
- Has this happened before in any other year, no other sports club, so why should this not be taken as a personal sports cost? Not in knowledge, not in Keble, Blues Fund is very specific not all expenses are refunded, already a lot of other expenses for a Blues player incl. subs, kit, pre-season training, does not count for blues fund application
- How is this different from last week? Re-worded to clarify things from last time, money still
  going directly to the club not to individuals, but will still make sure JCR gets recognition it
  deserves
- Do players have a quota they have to fundraise i.e. £50 each? Everyone has been strongly encouraged to raise as much money as possible
- Are there any colleges where this has failed? Not to knowledge, know only of the people who were successful in their JCRs
- Should support JCR members but if this goes direct to the OUHC then this is a JCR giving money to the club than the players, why can't we extend the blues fund specially for the players? Blues fund is separate from JCR so difficult to get this past
- In all solutions money will still always goes to OUHC does it matter if it supports our members?
- Does the money come out of the general spend budget? Yes
- Why have you fallen short on funding this Varsity? Oxford has to field most of the costs as it
  is hosted at home, not a case that sponsorship has pulled out just that there is not entire
  funding
- If you need the money this year, but don't want it to become that every other year hockey players ask JCRs unfair on other university sports players and can set Varsity budget however much they ned sending wrong message to OUHC, even though JCR does support its sports playing members? Lowest the budget can be, have set costs of the matches, costs are not frivolous spending etc.
- More appropriate to reimburse funds from individuals afterwards?
- Frivolous costs? Actual costs of photographer and videographer is £50
- People come to the JCR for various reasons, drama etc., trophies this is about supporting our members only £200 yes shouldn't become a precedent but should support them this year?

- Proposed *friendly amendment* donate the money on the condition that OUHC ensures they cut costs as much as possible and make sure it doesn't happen again
- This is being framed as if all sports players will come to get money for their purpose e.g. last year we spent £700 on a croquet set, no such precedent set
- How will OUHC fix this next time if sponsorship falls through? not on the Varsity committee, will raise money as well as possible next time

### Time against:

From the Treasurer:

I would like to raise the same points in opposition to this motion that were raised last week. Although I understand the reasons for this motion I think there are a number of factors people should consider when voting:

- 1. The JCR budget is not unlimited. The general spending budget remaining for this year is approximately £750 (correct prior to this meeting).
- 2. All University Sports have additional costs and would like to claim for additional money. Passing this motion would lead to a significant number of other University Sports Players at Keble coming to the JCR for funding and this is clearly unsustainable. I understand the opposition that not all of these motions would have to pass but it seems unfair to give money to one University Sport and not others when there are a number of sports in the same situation how do we decide which are the 'most worthy' causes.
- 3. I very much sympathise with Deanna and Anna but don't think the cost to put on Varsity Hockey has been cut as much as it could be and I don't think it's the JCR's job to fund the budgeting problems of University Sports Clubs Also, there is no chance that Varsity Hockey won't go ahead.
- 4. Keble is one of the few Colleges that has a 'Blues Fund' for those that aren't aware this is a way to support any member of College that plays a sport at the University Level (it does not have to be blues). I understand that University Sport players incur additional costs and a portion of these are reimbursed through the Blues Fund. The JCR is not in a position to reimburse all expenses incurred by University Sport players and if was to reimburse everything not paid back by the Blues Fund, every year that would total over £5000. I can look into having this 'Varsity Expense' added to the list of expenditures people are allowed to claim back on the Blues Fund and that shouldn't be a problem. I feel this is a much more equitable way of resolving this and is precisely the reason why we have a Blues Fund.
  - If the OUHC is missing its budget then Blues shouldn't be playing in London
  - Combining 2 different arguments not against supporting Keble students, against OUHC in setting higher Varsity budgets that they can get money from the university's JCRs, they have an executive committee and treasurer they should be organising their budgets well
  - Fixed costs cannot be changed; no other sports have previously come to the JCR for money, shouldn't set precedent for other sports clubs
  - Players contribute a lot to college hockey

VOTES FOR: 21 VOTES AGAINST: 11 ABSENTIONS: 11

THIS MOTION PASSES

Motion 3: T-shirts for Keble at Large

**Proposer: Matt Gompels** 

Seconder: Katie Davies

### This JCR notes that:

- 1. Keble at Large does a load of great outreach work both in College and Birmingham as representatives of the College.
- 2. At present Keble at Large are forced into wearing their own clothes or Boriana's shabby Open Day T-shirts, and it would be good for the society to have an identity of their own.

#### This JCR believes that:

1. Keble at Large would look far more 'snazzy' and professional in some bespoke T-shirts.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Reimburse Matt Gompels up to £200 for the purchase of T-shirts for regular Keble at Large members.

### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: most college outreach societies have shirts when they host school visits and more importantly when they go to schools – nice logo; wouldn't cost £200 so will give back any money
- What budget is this out of, in one meeting would have halved general spend?
- Will these t-shirts be passed onto next year's team? Team isn't that big, cheaper to buy in bulk, 10-12 students go to Birmingham so 30-40 t-shirts order would last longer nice way to incentivise students helping out; KA and alumni office already fund around £700 a year for train fares etc. so can't ask for more really
- Do you have a JCR officer's budget? Only about £30, society has to apply for alumni funding each year
- Propose an amendment half amount of money? Cheaper to buy in bulk, don't intend to spend this fully --- not an amendment
- Having spent the day in Birmingham, do good work can do good work students really looked up to us would be really nice to look more uniform as a group

VOTES FOR: 41 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES

### **EMERGENCY MOTION 4: Oxford Film Fund**

Proposer: Chris Clay

Seconder: Tully Kingsbury, Jan Paszkiewicz

### This JCR notes that:

- 1. Tully Kingsbury, Jan Paszkiewicz and Chris Clay have made it to the final round of the BP Ultimate Field Trip (UFT) competition and so are required to make a four minute video.
- 2. Increasing the publicity of Keble College is good for both the college and the JCR. The UFT is a well-publicised event, with articles written about it in The Telegraph and New Scientist.

- 3. A team from Oxford that made it to the final last year were held back by low quality recording equipment.
- 4. Rental of good film equipment will cost no more than £50.

# This JCR believes that:

- 1. The JCR should help members in their endeavours to succeed.
- 2. Winning a national competition would add to the collection of things in our shiny new trophy cabinet.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

- 1. Refund Chris Clay the rental costs of a camera from the Oxford Film Fund.
- 2. The total refundable amount shall be no more than £50.

### **Issues raised:**

- Proposer: good cause, good to raise awareness; competition about helping energy companies cut energy costs; good to raise publicity for the college
- What is the competition? Find a way to get energy companies to cut energy use chose cutting gas flares which account for 1% of global carbon emissions using transportable electrolysed aluminium
- What is the prize? £500 each and a trip to America
- What would you put in the trophy cabinet? Electrolysed aluminium, certificate, something good...
- We have paid lots out of the general spend budget already can we get them to pay it back if they win? Not fair to those with motions at the end of the meeting, people know how much money there is before the start of the meeting so can vote against
  - o This is exactly what the JCR is for, an academic competition
  - Amendment revoked

VOTES FOR: 41 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES

4. Any other Business:

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