# MT2014 - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014 - 1<sup>st</sup> Week

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### 1. Apologies of absence:

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# 2. Officers' Introductions and Officers' Reports:

### President (Rosie Petersen)

- 1. New sink in the JCR has been put in regular and boiling water; currently trying to decide whether to decide to provide mugs etc. send a message if ideas
- 2. Paper on freshers week being sorted in the next few weeks

#### Vice President (Jonny Mitchell)

- 1. Asked DB about lunch food prices, concerns these have raised; laundry prices also increased by 20p say the increase is due to the company not college, will look into the prices in other colleges
- 2. Looking to set up a hall food and bar sub-committees, email coming this week
- 3. Message about college, university level commitments that stop people from coming to formal hall looking to allow people to have a portion of lunch food picked up at the café by 6pm, way to get hall food when people are unable to get there at the time

#### Treasurer (Kate Dickenson)

- 1. Punting this week if anyone's interested
- 2. Freshers week committee ensured that committee members and subjects reps got accommodation for free earlier this week

#### Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. None

### Welfare (Zoe Larkin & Joel Hide)

- 1. Peer support drop in sessions once a week
- 2. Consent workshop this week a success, almost 100% turnout, great feedback too
- 3. All been pidged a form for C card scheme, read this another way of accessing free condoms and chlamydia tests fill out the form and get the card, can get them from welfare reps, Boots, health clinics and GPs for free; but can still get them from reps:
- 4. If anyone has any issues with the week, any concerns, please talk to reps or contact the junior deans

### Equal Ops (Rachel Hulme)

1. Run a gender-sexuality discussion group nearly 30 freshers signed up; hopefully run a cinema trip to Pride at some point this term

### Accommodation (Matt Hawes)

1. Organising 2<sup>nd</sup> year ballot this term – OUSU living out talk in 3<sup>rd</sup> week to help make decisions, also get involved with Oxford Tenant Union

#### **OUSU Rep (Hossein Sharafi)**

1. OUSU meeting on Wednesday – there is a third slot for anyone from College who wants to come along and vote on things, see the OUSU agenda

Freshers' Week President (Katie Millard)

- 1. Freshers week happened helping Rosie write a report about how it went; a general review on how it all went; survey coming out to provide feedback
- 2. Thank you to everyone on the committee for making it happen
- 3. Hopefully will do some more fresher-related things, and welfare-targeted stuff
- 4. Another stash order is happening; Sarah Peel will be handing out remaining stash orders in the coming days

#### Charities (Lydia Ream & Sarah Peel)

- 1. Over the summer finally the signatory of the charities account, so if motions have ben passed and haven't yet received a cheque let Lydia/Sarah know
- 2. Any ideas of charities you'd like to support this year?
- 3. Request email for members of the charity sub-committee

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

- 1. Last night's Bop
- 2. Future plans Christmas bop at the end of term, pre-drinks for Halloween, holding an outside-college Bop and 5<sup>th</sup> week blues events
- 3. Suggestions of a joint-bop with another college, so this might be happening
- 4. Position to be elected in 6<sup>th</sup> week, so have a think if you'd like to be involved in this

### Arts & Pubs (Kath Baxter, Lily Mackow-McGuire & Mina Ebtehadj-Marguis)

- 1. Hopefully Art Soc will be held on Friday afternoon in the bar this week art supplies will be provided, life drawing hopefully will be organised at some point as well; the theme this Friday will be decorations
- 2. Like the new facebook page which will be updated with submissions: any photography, poetry, pictures, creative writing etc. and will provide updates of any events
- 3. Hoping to hold an exhibition at the end of term
- 4. Will be recruiting for the Keble Arts Festival sub-committee in the next few weeks get involved, lots of fun!

#### **Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)**

1. New student switch off campaign will be starting in the next few weeks – opportunity to win lots of prizes including ice cream!

#### Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

1. Keble Association will be providing support for internships – there is an application form to show an area of interest to match students up with alumni

### Academic Affairs (Alice Duffy)

- 1. Subject reps helping with essay clinics for any freshers struggling with first assignments
- 2. Will advertise Keble at Large events

### 2. Motions:

**Motion 1: Yorkshire Puddings** 

**Proposer:** Ben Waters **Seconder:** Rosie Petersen

### This JCR notes that:

- 1. Yorkshire puddings are only served to accompany beef in Sunday hall.
- <sub>2.</sub> A large proportion of Keble students are from the north, where Yorkshire puddings are one of the main food groups.

#### This JCR believes that:

- 1. Yorkshire puddings complement a wide variety of meats, and should not be reserved for beef only.
- 2. Students who are used to consuming large quantities of Yorkshire puddings are being put at risk by being forced to go almost cold turkey.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Mandate the vice president to look into the possibility of getting Yorkshire puddings served more frequently at Sunday hall.

#### **Issues Raised:**

- **Proposer:** from Sheffield, where we eat Yorkshire puddings look forward to it ever Sunday, basically eat them with everything, in Oxford Yorkshire puddings are a luxury; get Jonny to mandate; this is a human rights issue!
- How do we feel about Yorkshire puddings to accompany vegetarian meals on Sundays?
   Should be provided with every meal during Sunday formal hall
- **Is there a danger of over-**exposing yourself to Yorkshire puddings, given high levels of obesity?
- Small or large Yorkshire puddings? The ones that hall can provide
- Will this be an excuse to raise hall prices? If hall can afford to give them with beef then they should be provided for all Sunday formal hall meetings
- Will this open the flood gates to regional people wanting meals? Never heard of anyone eating Cornish pasties with their Sunday roasts
- What is a Yorkshire pudding?

#### Time against:

- They are disgusting, a ploy by the Northerners to steal more gravy, disgusting Yorkshire puddings! This will lead to a bandwagon of carbohydrate-based side dishes e.g. poppadum Mondays, pitta bread Tuesdays! How about Eton Mess, a more delicate dish and fewer carbs
- This is quite typical of a white male Southerner? Should eat the foods of where we're based, in the south

VOTES FOR: 61 VOTES AGAINST: 4 ABSENTIONS: 4

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 2: MSF

**Proposer:** Rebecca Beattie

Seconder: Sarah Peel/Lydia Ream

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Médécins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), MSF, are a medical humanitarian organisation. MSF works in developing contexts, often in post-conflict states, where healthcare systems are already very weak.
- 2. MSF are running an emergency Ebola appeal, calling for donations to support their efforts against the spread of the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa (http://www.msf.org.uk/ebola)
- 3. In March 2014, MSF called attention to the Ebola outbreak in Guinea (<a href="http://www.msf.org/article/guinea-msf-reinforces-teams-help-control-spread-ebola-epidemic">http://www.msf.org/article/guinea-msf-reinforces-teams-help-control-spread-ebola-epidemic</a>).
- 4. The total number of confirmed, probable, and suspected cases in the West African epidemic of Ebola virus disease (EVD) reported up to the end of 5 October 2014 (epidemiological week 40) is 8033, with 3865 deaths (World Health Organisation Ebola Response Roadmap Situation Report, 8.10.14)

### This JCR believes that:

- 1. MSF are carrying out crucial, frontline healthcare against the Ebola virus disease, attempting to contain the virus before it spreads further.
- 2. This outbreak of Ebola in West Africa is unprecedented in its scale and devastation, and shows no signs of abating. MSF needs to be supported in their endeavours to combat and contain the disease, so that further lives are not lost.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to MSF.

### **Issues Raised:**

- Proposer: the 3 motions sent by the 2012-13 charities officer who now works in the
  development sector who contacted the charities officers to suggest the following 3 motions,
  in their professional point of view are considered important areas of aid for the current
  Ebola outbreak crisis; everyone's seen the news about Ebola in West Africa so it's a really
  meaningful cause
- How much? £200 for each charity
- How much in the budget? Get £3 from every student per term this hasn't been spent every term for a number of years; will be showing the current budget at the beginning of every meeting
- What are the origins of the motion, how does it work? Previous charities officer contacted the charities officers, those volunteering to propose the motions were unable to attend the meeting today

VOTES FOR: 56 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 4

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 3: WeOwnTV, Sierra Leone

**Proposer:** Miranda Scheps

Seconder: Sarah Peel/Lydia Ream

#### This JCR notes that:

- 1. Sierra Leone has been badly affected by the Ebola outbreak, suffering 879 probable, suspected, and confirmed deaths from Ebola, out of 2789 cases.
- 2. WeOwnTV is a collaborative media education project for disenfranchised youth and young adults, that promotes self-expression as a way to explore our shared humanity and build a foundation for the future. WeOwnTV are based in Freetown, Sierra Leone (http://weowntv.org).
- 3. Filmmakers at WeOwnTV and the Sierra Leone Film Council have produced a series of short video public service announcements (PSAs) for wide distribution on local television and radio to help sensitize the country about the current Ebola disease epidemic.
- 4. The objectives of the campaign are to raise awareness within both rural and urban population across communities in Sierra Leone and by extension Liberia, and Guinea on the Ebola virus symptoms, prevention and care for Ebola survivors (http://weowntv.org/about/ebola-campaign/)
- 5. WeOwnTV are seeking \$10,000 to duplicate and distribute DVDs and VCDs, translate the films into 8 local languages as well as 2 international languages, and air the films daily on Sign Africa billboards and via other non-traditional outlets.

#### This JCR believes that:

- 1. Lack of community awareness of Ebola and its risks are playing a huge role in its fast transmission.
- 2. Grassroots, community based groups such as WeOwnTV need to be supported in their outreach efforts, to reach as many people as possible, and engage in prevention of the spread of Ebola.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to WeOwnTV to support its work.

#### **Issues Raised:**

• Proposer:

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VOTES FOR: 39 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 9

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 4: WE-CARE Foundation, Liberia

**Proposer:** Holly Meehan

**Seconder:** Sarah Peel/Lydia Ream

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Liberia is the worst affected of the West African countries in the Ebola outbreak: of 3924 probable, suspected, and confirmed cases, 2210 people have died (WHO, as of 5.10.14)
- 2. WE-CARE Foundation was founded in 1992 in Liberian civil war. Starting with a book chain program, today, WE-CARE trains teachers, writers, publishers and produces engaging and relevant children books for the schools and the reading public (http://we-carefoundation.org/about-us-2/)
- 3. Last month, WE-CARE launched its Ebola response programme, 'Waiting out the Ebola crisis' (<a href="http://we-carefoundation.org/blog/2014/10/03/we-care-foundation-launches-waiting-out-the-ebola-crisis">http://we-carefoundation.org/blog/2014/10/03/we-care-foundation-launches-waiting-out-the-ebola-crisis</a>) in Monrovia, Liberia.
- 4. The programme is aimed at distributing over 10,000 packages containing Ebola prevention fliers, bumper stickers, books, notebooks and pencils. This is in direct response to the schools remaining closed because of the health emergency, and the need for children to keep learning as they wait for the containment of the deadly Ebola disease.

#### This JCR believes that:

1. Small groups such as WE-CARE need support to reach poor and marginalised communities with educational and reading services that are otherwise not being provided in light of the Ebola crisis.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to the WE-CARE Foundation to support its work.

#### **Issues Raised:**

• Proposer:

VOTES FOR: 43 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 5

THIS MOTION PASSES.

## 4. Speaker Hustings

#### **Candidate: Alexander Grew**

Would make a good speaker; good at talking in front of people; have read the
constitution; would work well with the rest of the committee on interpreting the
constitution, helping the motions and making the meetings run smoothly; Jack will
be a tough act to follow

#### **Questions:**

- How do get your hair like that? Takes a good few hours
- Will you bring a ukulele? Yes
- Bed time musical? Yes
- What has been missing from the position of speaker? The ukulele! More music, no beating

<u>Hustings challenge:</u> please write a song about being speaker to perform in half and hour at the end of the meeting

### **Votes**

FOR: unanimous

AGAINST: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

RON: 0

# 5. Any Other Business

- Keble Ball Committee looking for committee members for this year (see email), lots of fun, 2 free tickets, ball swap with Cambridge; please apply, will be holding interviews this week; any questions email Eshan Shah or Sarah Peel
- Happy birthday Zoe Larkin!
- Does anyone know where the Playstation is?
- Recycling bags?! Jake Palmer
- JCR meeting in the ARCO basement for this meeting only