



## 1. Apologies of absence:

Angus McDonnell  
Laura Whitehouse  
Louisa Adams  
Matt Gompels

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## 2. Officers' Reports:

### President (Sean Ford)

1. Rishi and I finished rent negotiations over the vac, big JCR website post explaining the outcome - got offered 6.1% highest in Oxford, adjusted BNI to 3.5% incl. A freeze on food prices and yet to be announced scheme on hall prices.
2. People will be stepping down soon hustings in 4<sup>th</sup> week, nominations in 3<sup>rd</sup> week – freshers start thinking about it, do come and talk to us about the role

### Vice President (Chris Allnutt)

1. Bumper-meeting with DB last week, scaffolding in Pusey will be there until the end of term told meend of last term will be taken down after the vac; asked about extending brunch until 12.30; magic gate has been locked overnight 12-6 not ideal for some people so will try and look at this later
2. Will install a gate at the lodge, lots of tourists recently
3. Summer hall in 7<sup>th</sup> week probably Thursday more announcement in time
4. Doors by the bike shed still usable? But looking into locking the Keble Road one too

### Treasurer (Rishi Chotai)

1. Punt booking sheet in the lodge

### Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. None

### Academic Affairs (Matt Gompels) in absence

1. AFS – PPE students and modern linguists will have an email soon

### Welfare (Flo Barnett & Ollie Robinson)

1. Fruit bank on Friday try and do it punting if people are keen
2. Welfare fare coming up, an great ideas let us know: new and improved with extra inflatable etc.

### Equal Ops (Rachel Hulme)

1. None – coming up later

### Accommodation (Angus McDonnell) in absence

1. Sent an email to 1<sup>st</sup> years important information about the ballot upcoming

### OUSU Rep (Nicole Chui)

1. OUSU voted to cancel the safety bus at the end of academic year – students can call up at the end of a night out, allegations of inappropriate behaviour on th bus meant to be a safe place, manned by volunteers from Brookes refused to sign special contract; runs only 25% of the year and expensive; looking into taxi firm

2. OUSU looking to lobby the University to allow for better facilities open to visiting students who don't have access to everything as they haven't matriculated

#### Freshers' Week President (Katie Millard)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> years keep getting subject reps

#### Charities (Lydia Ream)

1. Keble Olympics on the same day as Welfare Fare, anyone wanting to help please get in touch

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

1. Keble photo well attended – thanks to Rishi for organising
2. Bop went really well
3. Looking to organising something the rest of term, all day event or afternoon sessions incl. free ice pops, Pimms

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

1. Art Soc will go back to Friday this week

#### Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)

1. Talked with JK about recycling bags would be in the lodge by 2<sup>nd</sup> week – lodge hasn't heard and lodge is refusing to accept them, to do with space etc. – could put them in the JCR pidge? Supposedly people been misusing them

#### Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

1. Received an email about this – Keble Association grants esp. internship grants: people KA aims at less so international interns, but those who can't afford even small-scale internships e.g. cost of living in London

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## 2. Motions:

### Motion 1: Online Canvassing

Proposer: Sean Ford

Seconder: Katie Davies

This JCR Notes that:

1. The current arrangement is that candidates are able to print posters and advertisements for their campaign
2. As well as this being a poor use of paper, it is also less effective given how much communication is done online now
3. This will not change the nature of canvassing and candidates will be unable to even mention their opponents
4. As a change to the Standing Orders this motion only requires a 2/3rds majority in a single meeting

This JCR Resolves to:

1. Remove the clause from the standing orders, that prohibits online canvassing and to remove candidates access to printing at the JCR photocopier (RIP)

### Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** one of two substantive change out of the constitution redraft, want to hear what people thought about this: currently around 2 A5 sheets per JCR members and 40 A4 sheets,

waste of paper; not unfair to say that people encourage people to vote for them; word of caution still not allowed to negatively advertise for others; good for the environment; would be careful not to spam the fb noticeboard

- How would you limit the fb posts? Have a limit on the number of noticeboard posts per candidate
- Would this allow online canvassing but remove paper canvassing? People can still do this but JCR won't fund this anymore, allow
- Good idea to still limit the amount of paper used despite the fact the JCR isn't funding it?
- So long as there are explicit rules for the candidates? No rules existing about what you can say just about negative canvassing

**VOTES FOR: 37**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**ABSENTIONS: 1**

THIS MOTION PASSES.

### **Motion 2: LGBTQ Rep**

Proposer: Sean Ford

Secunder: Rachel Hulme

This JCR Notes that:

1. Currently the LGBTQ officer position is not working due to various flaws in the constitution i.e. they are not elected until after fresher's week, they lack a position on the committee
2. LGBTQ issues are very important and are caught in the Catch-22 of having a titled role, but one which has very minimal power and capabilities
3. Equal Opportunities Officer is the perfect vehicle to take on these needs, especially given that this role itself can be said to lack direction
4. As a change to the Standing Orders this motion only requires a 2/3rds majority in a single meeting

This JCR Resolves to:

1. Change the constitution, so as to remove the LGBTQ officer and transfer their responsibilities to the Equal Opportunities' officer
2. Also incorporate responsibility for international students into the Equal Opportunities position

### **Issues Raised:**

- **Proposer:** this was the more controversial change, basically this year's LGBTQ rep nothing about the job but the job structure is flawed: don't get elected until 1<sup>st</sup> week MT but most important part of the job is freshers' week to establish them in the Oxford scene; Equal Ops seems to be the perfect thing to talk about these issues but since there is a specific rep there is less of an incentive for the committee member to talk about; so better to give the power to the committee member Equal Ops
- bit strange to add the international students bit as well? A lot of the college have this role important change to be made to the Equal Ops role
- relationship to the university society? Meant to be the liaison, reason other than importance to represent these issues, university societies would previously liaise with JCR committees

but no longer the case, over the time these got phased out and incorporated into committee positions; think it is not attacking this cause

- Large part of the role would be taking students of that persuasion to those nights linked to the society, equal ops officer would take them to these nights, not allowing the experience as much? Possible for a person as Equal Ops to represent more than what they are, don't have to be of a certain sexual persuasion
- can't represent all minorities but there is a practical role incl. club nights, societies etc. a good impetus to get the rep involved earlier incl. freshers' week etc. but the problem is that the person with experience of the scene is the only person
- important to have someone who has similar experiences to you esp. not comfortable with their sexuality, so important to have a role model who knows a bit more, lots of things that they might know more about? But for other minorities there is not necessarily a person representative of that minority, there are university societies etc.
- but it is the uncertainty that is crucial for LBGQT students i.e. accepting people who are coming out in university which is why it's important even when there is a small number of students in Keble, still good to have someone with real life experience? Naturally over time people will evolve their role with experience changing over the year
- might be a case with equal ops that they might not have the answers
- but no reason why the LBGQT officer is of a certain sexuality to provide this
- If we do change the LBGQT officer to the equal ops, still think it's important to explicitly show in the job title that they are equal ops and LBGQT, if people are coming to college and have to search around who they have to ask? If that's what people think then happy to change, election point should be changed of the rep or equal ops officer to before MT; still don't know what the job description for the rep is
- if we did change to combined with LBGQT in later year LBGQT people might just run for this, then might there be a focus for the job rather than the equal ops role
- Just because there aren't that many minorities then we shouldn't be going changing the constitution to suit this but hopefully this will change in the future? previous equal ops officers haven't had to represent that many minorities
- Can't we just make the LBGQT rep a committee officer and move the election forward? There are a lot of members on the committee who don't get that many jobs done, some committees are getting too big; reason why there are separate officers
- If you made it a committee position might be problematic to define the role with the equal ops role, the most important thing is for awareness for freshers coming in, something that is a worry for them so definitely needs to be publicised
- Focus on freshers week, why not a person on the committee responsible for LBGQT implied to carry on throughout the year?
  - People don't only have problems with that sort of thing just at the start of university
  - But main two things are freshers week and LBGQT month, equal ops officer on the freshers week committee already – already quite a lot of crossover so not that many changes the be made, still possible to get people into help
- Equal ops officer is to help people have equal opportunities but LBGQT coming out has a whole other welfare aspect not just equal ops? If it's a welfare position the rep job has no training for that, better to reference people who need help to support system in wider university society, shouldn't really be doing welfare.
- Rep role experience more about discussing it but more about referring them to the society
- Completely getting rid of the role is a bold move, but most important in the first week having someone as well on the freshers week committee and then for the rest of the year within the equal ops role
- Strength of the non-committee position is that they have an intimate knowledge of their interest that might not be covered so well by the equal ops committee officer

- Is a definition thing about the role, give the rep to have a position on the committee with a defined role for a specific duty for freshers week
- If this motion doesn't pass then can the equal ops officer have some element of responsibility for LBGTQ because it still comes under the remit of equal ops and more practical LBGTQ role should still be appreciated? If it fails then something else needs to be brought forward too
- Change to have on the freshers week committee – proposed amendment to mandate the freshers week president to have an LBGTQ officer on their committee *taken*
  - Cultural and visibility thing, need to advertise it during freshers week
- Even if it is implied the freshers week role might be year-long might dissuade people to come to college without help? If the equal ops is defined in the job title with LBGTQ duties then might make the role even more prominent
- Can we add the LBGTQ committee rep to sit on the freshers week committee, just a line to add to the constitution? Still want to streamline the constitution seems to not make sense
  - Vote down the motion and make a new one for next week, still important to amend it; don't want to have several different amendments next week
  - Any amendment would change the motion so much
  - Need to have a space to discuss it within the JCR meeting
  - Too contentious and important an issue to decide now, need

Time against:

- Need to work on the role, develop it, look at other colleges for LBGTQ vs. equal ops to work with the balance between committee officer and rep; need to have a rep ready for freshers week and knows what to do and publicise the role more effectively than it has been before

Proposition:

- Found the role unusual in the constitution, want to change it in the future so will take as long as it takes

**VOTES FOR: 4**

**VOTES AGAINST: 25**

**ABSENTIONS: 5**

THIS MOTION FAILS.

### **Motion 3: Constitution Update**

Proposed: Sean Ford

Seconded: Katie Davies

This JCR Notes that:

1. The constitution is out of date
2. The constitution is due to be reviewed by governing body in the next few months
3. It is overly long and fragmented to the point of being unusable
4. Any constitutional change requires 2/3rds majority in two consecutive meetings or unanimous support in one.

This JCR Resolves to:

1. Change the constitution in accordance with the attached document with the exception of changes to electoral procedure, the LBGTQ and Equal Opportunities Officer

### **Issues Raised:**

- **Proposer:** the constitution goes to governing body every 5 years have to present it this year; lots of updates incl. mentions of the sports budget, RAG officer, horrendous order: formulated everything in one place; 203 changes, 7 pages shorter, not that many substantive changes nothing in terms of content that have been changed and things that have been irrelevant have been removed; please pass this one
- Sean has put a lot of work into this, in terms of streamlining nothing really that is contentious
- Few typos etc. are allowed to edit these things? As it is there were some formatting errors so will finish the editing if this passes
- One part the President has the power to reject a motion? If it does not meet the functions of a motion or does not meet the aims of the JCR
- What about SCR relations as well as with the MCR? This will go in the standing orders, this has been changed – main thing is to put things in one place rather than several
- Slips up with mentioning his/her? What about gender pronouns? Will look into this in the edit

**VOTES FOR: 35**

**VOTES AGAINST: 1**

**ABSENTIONS: 1**

THIS MOTION HALF PASSES – NEEDS 2/3 MAJORITY AGAIN NEXT WEEK.

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### **4. Any other Business:**

- What happened to Rishi and the WBCD money, talk about a repayment system? Due at the end of TT, will speak at the end of his exams, agreed at the end of TT
- Feel that the way that motions lead JCR meetings is a narrow framework for discussion, need to have a means to change things as we discuss them rather than waiting a week to create several other motions? There is a section for the meeting for 'matters for discussion' are trying to involve this, the only thing we change things is through a motion – idea to change the problems of the JCR is ridiculous
  - If you want to bring a motion for something to be changed, want to discuss the motion rather than the issue; if you have a problem with a particular issue; annoying that the LBGTQ thing hasn't been an issue for the rest of the year, don't complain that the system is working against you
  - Is there a way of promoting things to be discussed before the meetings, might improve the membership of meetings? Idea to advertise things to bring forward to discussion not necessarily to do with a motion
- College have through the gym committee can have some money to make posters of Keble sports men and women, so any people playing Varsity sports will have posters

made and put up in the gym/around college – so please let Ollie know about fixtures etc.

- Can they be put in the JCR? Initially for the gym, wherever they put the posters is up for discussion
- 5 comments – gate being locked, how much is this a problem – preliminary thing?
  - 3, 3, 2, 4, 3 (5 being bad)
  - You can open the car parking gates still in the middle of the night, so might be a problem
  - The porters can unlock the door, but a problem for disabled people, trouble to get a porter so from this perspective would be a 5/5 – lots of other 5s around college too that need to be looked at
  - Why didn't they tell us before? Talked about it in the JCR meeting last term, also had a meeting; we weren't asked about its implementation
  - Why do they need to lock other gates than the magic gate, the Keble Road gate also takes a long time to close too
  - Noise has been a much bigger problem outside the lodge, so ask the porters to be more proactive in keeping noise down; but had also been an issue for being living in De Breynne; maybe more concentrated outside the lodge? But also need to think about keeping the noise down as a student body
- On certain controversial issues there might be a system to advertise a specific meeting for this so people can get together and talk about it
- To gauge interest, people who has a key interest in this to have a proper discussion about it, time is getting on a bit
  - Matters for discussion being combined with any other business
  - Matters for discussion should be advertised before the meeting whereas any other business should be smaller things to talk about
- What happened to the condom machine? Very difficult, OUSU being useless can't find out which type of condom boxes they have, machine companies want us to buy the condoms from them, lots of machines run on £1 which is probably too much; something that MCR are looking at too and hopefully next year's welfare will look into C card to collect free ones from pharmacy
  - Leave a load at the lodge?
  - Flo and Ollie can put some in their pidges, happy to do that to see if it works
- Shall we leave the LBGTQ meeting to a specific single issue meeting perhaps chaired by Sean like with blinds to a separate date rather than discussing it now?
  - Someone wanted to do a poll between now and next week before the meeting next week
  - Equal ops with people with a genuine interest in a lunchtime or in the café to discuss this particular issue