Keble College JCR General Meeting MINUTES

# MT2014 - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 - 8<sup>th</sup> Wee

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## 1. Apologies of absence:

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## 2. Officers' Reports:

## President (Rosie Petersen)

1. Living wage negotiations – get in touch if you have something to put forward

## Vice President (Jonny Mitchell)

- Trying to push through substitute meals scheme frustratingly slow! Hopefully will be introduced sometime next week
- 2. Get onto Armstrong RE: washing machines, looking into other options too
- 3. Introduce parents' meals nights

#### Treasurer (Kate Dickinson)

- 1. Finance committee on Wednesday about living wage
- 2. Stash should be here on Tuesday

#### Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. None

## Welfare (Zoe Larkin & Joel Hide)

1. Not here

### Equal Ops (Rachel Hulme)

1. Event themes for HT please get in touch – issues esp. passionate about

## Accommodation (Matt Hawes)

1. None

#### OUSU Rep (Hossein Sharafi)

1. OUSU Council – pushing for getting prelims papers returned

## Freshers' Week President (Katie Millard)

1. Not here

## Charities (Lydia Ream & Sarah Peel)

1. Panto on Wednesday

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

1. Christmas bop on Thursday with entz-elect as last event

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

- 1. Recruited KAF committee meeting for this this week
- 2. Art Soc on Friday in lead up to Love Actually screening (see fb event)
- 3. KAF week in 5<sup>th</sup> week HT

## Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)

1. Recycling bags for the final time!

#### Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

1. None

## Academic Affairs (Alice Duffy)

1. Last Keble at Large tours this week – any suggestions e.g. trips to old school then get in touch!

#### 3. Motions:

**Motion 1: OUSU Trophy** 

**Proposer: Hussein Sharafi** 

**Seconder: Archie Blisset** 

## This JCR notes that:

- OUSU Council is often long, dull and draining. To endure an entire session of OUSU
  Council, requires bravery, persistence and a strong commitment to student
  democracy.
- By attending OUSU Council JCR members can gain a better understanding and appreciation of the important (but often unnoticed) role OUSU plays in their university life
- Keble JCR has three votes at Council, the President's, the OUSU rep's and a third vote for any Keble JCR member wishing to attend Council.
- Unlike the JCR President and OUSU rep who have the prestige of their elected positions to comfort them, the third voter selflessly braves the horrors of OUSU Council, receiving no reward or recognition for their noble actions.

#### This JCR believes that

- A greater Keble presence at OUSU Council meetings will prove beneficial, ensuring that we are involved in the making of decisions that affect us.
- JCR members who attend OUSU Council as third voter, are heroic champions of student democracy who deserve recognition and respect.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Spend £57.99 on a trophy for "Keble Champions of Student Democracy," with the names of all those who have attended this term as third voter engraved on a plaque below.
- Mandate the OUSU Rep to ensure the names of all third voters are engraved on the trophy plaque at the end of each term. Engraving costs will come out of the OUSU Rep's Budget.

## **Issues Raised:**

• **Proposer:** main reason was because there is nothing to use the OUSU rep budget (good way to use it); OUSU council has a lot in common with vaccinations – if vaccinations are free people will increasingly drop out after the first time, because people don't understand the value of vaccinations as they don't understand the value of OUSU council, giving people a

sack of rice they are more likely to go to the second vaccination; mandate as OUSU rep to advertise the benefits that OUSU Council can bring; want to know general opinions, want a more expensive trophy (!!)

- Amendment: increase the price of the trophy to £67.99 favour: 18 abstentions: 7 against: 15 passed!
  - In proposition: bigger trophy, means bigger plaque space which means it will last longer
  - What is the % increase in the number of names on the bigger trophy? Front plaque will have 'Keble champions of student democracy'
  - How much does it cost to engrave per cost? £8 fits in with budget
  - What happens if someone comes more than once? Down to the discretion of the OUSU rep
  - Corporate interest disclosure? Oxford engravers
  - Where is this money coming from? General spend will cover (money from college) the trophy and the engraving costs will be covered by OUSU rep budget – sports money is
  - How much is the general spend at the moment? £20,000 haven't spent that much
  - This price includes the first engraving the title plaque
- How do you spend your £30 budget? On the engravings
- How many people have gone to OUSU so far? We've had 2 3<sup>rd</sup> voters per term
- Have you thought about something more economical, for valuable things e.g. can we have stickers with your face on them? There are few photos of Hossein existing; the point of the trophy is that it signifies permanence, hopefully the trophy cabinet will remain in the JCR forever, people want to exist for all time
- Something different? E.g. medals, T shirts etc.
- **Options for a cheaper trophy?** Amendment passed to buy a more expensive one Time against:
  - £68 is a stilly amount of money if you think about it, cheaper alternatives are viable; ludicrous amount of money
    - o This is a long term investment price was increased to allow the JCR to vote on it

VOTES FOR: 11 VOTES AGAINST: 24 ABSENTIONS: 8

THIS MOTION FAILS.

#### **Motion 2: JCR President's Crown**

**Proposer:** Kath Baxter

Seconder: Katie Davies

## This JCR notes that

- 1. JCR meetings can be long and this can discourage people from weekly attendance during
- 2. JCR President Rosie Petersen is great
- 3. She was bought a crown by the Chapelside corridor for her birthday this year

#### This JCR believes that

- 1. Rosie's greatness deserves recognition
- 2. The crown was a large personal investment on the part of Mathew Hawes, accommodation manager
- 3. Costume and dress up makes all things, including JCR meetings, more exciting.

#### This JCR therefore resolves to

1. Mandate Strongly advise the JCR President to wear her crown to all future meetings in even weeks of term for the remainder of the academic year

#### **Issues Raised:**

- Proposer: Matt spent a lot of money on this crown, let's celebrate Christmas by celebrating Rosie's greatness as President
- Matt Hawes is listed on this as Accommodation Manager, has he replaced JK?
- Is Rosie only great on even weeks? Friendly amendment strongly advise Rosie to wear the crown all weeks
- **Does this undermine the serious work the JCR does?** Shows the entertainment that goes alongside the serious work the JCR does
- Does this set a precedent for future JCR meetings
- Under the impression this was a democracy not a monarchy? Crown only signifies fun, that Rosie is great
- Closed crown or open crown? Closed, very regal
- Rosie don't really need to be

**VOTES FOR: 6** 

VOTES AGAINST: 22 ABSENTIONS: 13

THIS MOTION FAILS.

## **Motion 3: JCR cushions**

**Proposer:** Kath Baxter

Seconder: Katie Davies

#### This JCR notes that

- 1. The JCR is a great space to socialise in, especially after the recent addition of the sink and cupboards
- 2. However, it is largely underused
- 3. The JCR sofas are practical and durable, but not the most comfortable

#### This JCR believes that

- 1. Cushions would both make the sofas more comfortable and make the JCR look more inviting
- 2. Decorating cushion covers could be a fun activity for a Keble Art Soc meeting.

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#### This JCR therefore resolves to

- 1. Purchase 8 cushions at the cost of £10.49 (http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Cushion-Inner-Inserts-Cushion-Pads-Scatters-Hollowfibre-Filling-Pack-2-4-6-8)
- Purchase 8 plain cushion covers to fit these for £11.12 (http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/White-Dark-Tone-Plain-Solid-Cotton-Canvas-Cushion-Cover-Pillow-Case-Custom-Size-/321159758648?pt=UK\_Home\_Garden\_Cushions\_Throws\_LE&var=510132079287&hash=ite m4ac69d0338)
- 3. Mandate the Arts Officers to organise decoration of these cushions in Art Soc at the beginning of next term.

#### **Issues Raised:**

- **Proposer:** would be quite nice to buy ourselves a Christmas present for the JCR, something any JCR member would have the opportunity to decorate them
- Is this price per cushion or in total? In total
- How big? 12x12 inches
- Can we reserve one of them as an OUSU one to embroider the names of OUSU council attendees to them? Yes, taken as a friendly amendment; Hossein to do the stitching
- If we want to get bigger ones, more expensive? Amendment to increase the money spent to up to £50 *friendly*
- Shall we get a JCR beanbag? This should be a separate motion
- How would you police the decoration of the cushions? At Art Soc meeting activities ensure that nothing stupid is included

VOTES FOR: 43 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES.

## 4. Matters for Discussion

- Cuntry Living crowd funding for HT publication (Kath Baxter)
  - Kath and Elle are Cuntry Living reps for Keble, had more requests for copies than ever before, will be getting 10 copies for free but are asking people to print a few more copies so everyone who requested a copy of Cuntry Living can have one – have supported a lot of Oxford publications recently, so what are the JCR's thoughts?
  - Is this a one off? This year has been asked for more than 500 copies, usually get funds from club nights etc.

- Is Cuntry Living too political for the JCR to get behind? Not personally, a zine about a group discussing issues about sectionality and feminism
- Cuntry Living is something that everyone can post about online –
   but the magazine is edited, anyone can submit
- Do we know what size of donation they want and how many more publications? Could be smaller than previously e.g. £10 for 10 more copies
- Should we have a JCR motion or post on the noticeboard to get individual crowd funding
- InDesign for fig. (Kath Baxter; Arts and Pubs; KAF Committee)
  - Various ideas the software is the easiest way to sort out the layout for a magazine – fig is part of KAF; quite expensive subscription
  - Through Laura Whitehouse last year's KAF used OUSU's indesign package
  - Or talk to college about getting the software in the computer room so everyone can use it
  - o "I don't want this minuted" have you considered pirating it? No.
  - Some departments can get this discounted or for free? Not sure about the rest of committee having access to this through departments; but an issue that might be sustained across the future KAF committees

## 5. Any Other Business

- Can we fix the lights in the JCR room
- Last day of Movember get donating to the Keble page
- Thoughts on 2 more controllers for the Playstation submit a motion in HT
- Whippets Varsity rugby match at Iffley on Tuesday
- 2 arts events Wednesday at Cellar 'from the horses mouth' spoke word and jazz, Tuesday at Freud the Oxford Art Movement 'the body electric' exhibition – both run into club nights
- Tuesday Keble is going to Sheldonian carol servie, free mince pies and mulled wine in the bar beforehand