**JCR Meeting Minutes**

**Date: TTW5 Sunday May 20th**

**1.** **Officer’s Reports**

President – Ronit Kanwar

* The Constitutional Reform revisions are being pushed through this week - if anyone has a question/wants to read though the revisions contact Caitlin
* Revisions to be put on the Keble Noticeboard soon

Vice President – Verity Bligh

Treasurer – Ben Jacobs

Secretary – Caitlin Ashcroft

Welfare – Claire Castle And Adam Bradbury

Entz – Millie Chu, Lucinda Kirk And Bella Imi

Academic Affairs – Ruha Akhtar

Equal Opps – Savi Chahal

Charities – Callum Coghlan, Seb Pippins And Ali Lane

Arts & Pubs – Mila Fitzgerald

Environment And Ethics – Ludo Finlay

Careers And Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe

Drama – Isobel Hambleton

Freshers’ Week – Yannis Baur

It – Morgan King

Accommodation – Josh Stimson

Ethnic Minorities Reps – Robert Pieters And Ope Oreyemi

Lgbtq – Bessie Yuill And Katie Winstanley

Sports – Jack Morrison And James Worthington

International Reps – Tiger Yuan And Lucas Buzaglo

Ousu – N/A

**2.** **Motions**

**2.1 Stash Officer**

 **Summary:** To create an official 'Stash Officer' JCR position

**This JCR notes that:**

1. Stash is available to everyone in the JCR.

2. The role of Stash Officer is elected by the Fresher’s President as a Fresher’s Committee role, but the vast majority of the workload surpasses just producing the Fresher’s Week T-shirts.

3. The role of Stash Officer continues throughout the year, unlike any of the other Fresher’s Committee positions.

4. The workload of the Stash Officer requires a dedication of time and effort that at least equals the workload of certain other JCR roles.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

1. Create the JCR position ‘Stash Officer’.

2. Elect a Stash Officer annually alongside the Fresher’s Week President. This is to solidify the link between creating stash for Fresher’s Week and creating college stash that makes a profit to fund Fresher’s Week. This will, however, be a responsibility that continues throughout the rest of the academic year.

3. Mandate the Stash Officer to produce all necessary Fresher’s Stash as well as at least one further college stash release during the academic year.

Proposed by: Anna Duff

Seconded by: Katie Winstanley

**2.1 Discussion**

**VOTE:** 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**2.2 JCR Giant Beanbags**

**Summary:** To purchase two giant bean bags for the JCR.
**This JCR notes that:**
· 75 members of the college recently signed a petition calling for two bean bags to be bought for the JCR.
· The JCR is a communal space for the benefit of all JCR members.
· Some members often have no choice but stand during JCR meetings.

**This JCR therefore resolves to**:
· Purchase two ‘giant’ bean bags at a cost of £300 - £350.

Proposed by: Sam Edwards
Seconded by: Francis Walsh

**2.2 Discussion**

**Q. How big are the bean bags?**

* Not huge but a good size
* Easily stored

**Q. Is it a good idea to buy them before the rest of the furniture for the JCR refurb?**

* Not a huge amount of money
* Won’t disrupt the aesthetic of the room (will buy in a neutral colour)

20 for, 6 against, 10 abstaining - **MOTION PASSED**

**2.3 Food and Drink for the Champions League Final**

**Summary:** To donate £200 for food and drink for the Champions League Final

**This JCR notes that:**

1. It is the Champions League Final on Saturday 26 May.

2. Liverpool are one of the finalists. Many JCR members are, however regrettably, Liverpool fans.

3. The JCR has funded similar events in the past, including the 2017 Super Bowl.

**This JCR believes that:**

1. Watching sport is an effective way of relieving exam stress.

2. The enjoyment of sport is immeasurably enhanced by suitable refreshments.
 **This JCR resolves to:**

1. Spend £200 on food and drink for the Champions League Final.

Proposed by: Rufus Sachdev-Wood
Seconded by: Maxwell Jones

**2.3 Discussion**

**Q**. Will this event get past the Dean, given he vetoed an event last week due to the service of alcohol?

* It’s not a large, alcohol-based event - doesn’t disrupt the Entz Ban

**VOTE** 28 for , 2 against, 6 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**2.4 Pets as Therapy Donation**

**Summary:** To donate £200 to the charity 'Pets as Therapy'

**This JCR notes that**

1. “Pets as Therapy” is a charity that does valuable work in improving the health and wellbeing of communities in hospitals, care homes, special needs schools, and universities through socialising with the pets of volunteers

2. This is particularly relevant to members of the JCR following the highly appreciated event run this past Friday in the JCR, at no cost to us. (NB: other charities that run similar events often request donations of upwards of £300)

3. This work is made possible by donations towards the charity

**This JCR believes that**

1. We have a responsibility to donate to worthy causes as we see fit, especially when members of the JCR have benefitted from the services of such an organisation.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

1. Donate £200 to Pets as Therapy

Proposed by: Adam Bradbury

Seconded by: Seb Pipins/Ali Lane (Charities officers)

**2.4 Discussion**

**VOTE** 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**2.5 Constitutional Reform**

**Summary**: To approve the recent revisions that have been made to the JCR Constitution and Standing Orders.

**This JCR notes that:**

· The JCR Constitution is central to the inner workings of the JCR. It describes the right and responsibilities of JCR Members, the protocol for meetings, elections and motions and offers a description of all elected and un-elected JCR positions.

· The Constitution has recently been reviewed and provisionally edited by a small number of JCR members.

· These changes were made to improve clarity, make the process of submitting/passing motions more streamlined and better define the roles of JCR Committee Members and Reps.

**This JCR believes that:**

· A clearer, more accessible Constitution provides the framework for a more efficient, productive and inclusive JCR Community.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

· Approve the recent revisions to the JCR Constitution and Standing Orders.

Proposed by: Caitlin Ashcroft

Seconded by: Ronit Kanwar

**2.5 Discussion**

Q. What are the changes?

* We’ve edited almost every section so it was difficult to provide a comprehensive list
* Most of the changes were centred around making the motion submission process more streamlined, changing the date of some elections, better defining the roles of Rep/Officers and removing redundant/outdated/bureaucratic information and policies
* You’re welcome to contact Caitlin and ask for a copy if you wish

**VOTE** 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**2.6 Funding for Freshers' Week Events**

**Summary**: To donate £800 to help fund events being organised by the Freshers' Week Committee for Freshers' Week 2018.

**This JCR notes that:**

* Freshers’ Week is a big part of every Keble Students transition into University life.
* Freshers’ Week is the first experience of Keble College for every Keble Fresher.
* Every Keble Fresher is part of the Keble JCR.
* The Keble JCR wants every Fresher to feel as comfortable and welcome as possible.
* Freshers’ Week will need appropriate funding to ensure our capability of doing so.
* Keble Freshers’ Week costs a fair amount of money.
* £800 divided by 140 Freshers = less than £6 per person.

**This JCR believes that:**

* It is vital to the JCR itself that Keble Freshers be introduced and take a liking to the Keble JCR as quickly as possible.
* In supporting Freshers’ Week with monetary funds, especially in regards to events taking part in the JCR, this goal can be achieved.

**This JCR therefore resolves to**

* Donate £800 towards Keble Freshers’ Week 2018, to go towards the costs for all events taking place within the Keble JCR during Freshers’ Week.

Proposed by: Yannis Baur

Seconded by: Sophie Hughes

**2.6 Discussion**

**Q. Freshers’ Week has never received money from the JCR previously, what’s different this time?**

* It’s not one Pres taking up £800, it’s about funding Pres from JCR money and injecting more money into other, more exciting/engaging events
* Stash has raised money but we want to give that to next year’s Committee to book in club nights (happens before the end of the year, )
* *Suggestion from Treasurer:* why not pass a motion requesting that the cost of club tickets are covered and paid back after stash officer?
* Not necessarily a realistic motion to pass but a good way to open the discussion
* Making an amendment to Constitution: need to have provision, anything more than £300 should go to the JCR Committee
* *Comment from Treasurer:* We want to use money in a constructive way - we’ve been cautious
* *Q.* Is one more pres likely to engage Freshers’ with JCR?
* *Suggestion from Treasurer*: surely it would make more sense to pass donating money on a cost-by-cost basis?
* *Comment from President Elect*: Yannis has provided a cost by cost breakdown. Think it’s important to engage Freshers’ as early as possible by making Freshers’ Week as fantastic as possible. £800 will not just be dedicated to Pres, will be distributed across the entire week.
* Bayo got a motion passed last term for JCR to cover cost of club tickets until Freshers’ Week Committee could pay it back

**Decision**: Have a conversation with Yannis/Ben/Ronit/Sam regarding possibility of Constitutional change for provision Freshers’ Week Committee?

**MOTION WITHDRAWN** - will be voted on at a later date

**Any Other Business**

* Summer Eights next week - 6 boat competing (incl. Beer Boat), come along to support!