**JCR Meeting Minutes**

**Date: TTW6 Sunday May 27th**

**1.** **Officer’s Reports**

President – Ronit Kanwar

* Well done to the Keble Rowers - headship for the first time in 41 years!
* Make the most of Hall while you can - only a few weeks until it’s out of action.

Vice President – Verity Bligh

* Last Parents’ Dinner in Hall - still places available!

Treasurer – Ben Jacobs

Secretary – Caitlin Ashcroft

Welfare – Claire Castle And Adam Bradbury

* Welfare Tea and Drop in Running this week as normal
* Please come and pick up your Adopt-a-Finalist Care Package

Entz – Millie Chu, Lucinda Kirk And Bella Imi

* BOP Monday of 8th - say you’re going on the FB page if you wish to attend

Academic Affairs – Ruha Akhtar

* Rally on Tuesday (Common Ground, First Gen, Class Act) to show Solidarity, 5.30pm at the Radcam

Equal Opps – Savi Chahal

Charities – Callum Coghlan, Seb Pippins And Ali Lane

* Croquet still going on - play your next game asap!
* If you haven’t played please do, will be chasing up this week

Arts & Pubs – Mila Fitzgerald

Environment And Ethics – Ludo Findlay

* In the process of buying new bikes - if you’re particularly passionate/interested, feel free to offer to lend a hand

Careers And Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe

Drama – Isobel Hambleton

Freshers’ Week – Yannis Baur

It – Morgan King

Accommodation – Josh Stimson

Bme 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**

Summary: To introduce a clause into the Constitution that motions requesting donations above £200 must be approved by the President and the Treasurer.

This JCR notes that:

• The JCR Constitution is central to the inner workings of the JCR.

• The Constitution has recently been reviewed and an additional change is proposed.

• In order to ensure that JCR resources are used sustainably a further check is proposed when submitting motions.

This JCR believes that:

• For any motion submitted over £200, the Treasurer and President must deem the amount appropriate.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

• Amend the constitution to add a clause which reads: 'For any motion submitted over £200, the Treasurer and President must deem the amount appropriate'

• If deemed inappropriate the motion can not be passed until the involved parties meet and reach an agreed amendment

Proposed by: Ronit Kanwar

Seconded by: Verity Bligh

**Amendment:** If the motion is deemed inappropriate by the treasurer and president, it can be overturned at the next meeting by a 3/4 majority vote

**Discussion**

**Ronit - Speech For**

* Fresher’s Week Motion didn’t pass last week but have set up a budget to ensure funds are provided/the COmmittee have the resources they need
* Convention are normally followed re - passing motions e.g £50 for drama production
* Didn’t have a problem with the money itself but more the process - ensure meetings are had before issues are put to the JCR to avoid situations like this in future
* Motion is not about veto-ing motions but introducing more checks to ensure the correct meetings are had before voting on a given issue
* Can get rid of President/Treasurer if you feel like they’re not representing the JCR values/view appropriately
* Pres/Treasurer have insight into Budgets - they have the understanding/resources to make an informed decision

**Q. Will it not just make life more difficult to pass motion?**

* You’re busy people, will this just result in stock-piling motions
* The potential problems you’re highlighting haven’t happened yet

Ronit (Pres)

* No one has asked for this amount of money before - convention hasn’t been followed
* This motion just ensures convention is followed in future

Verity (VP)

* By enforcing the secondary check, President/Treasurer/ Motion-Submitter are constitutionally bound to due process

Claire (Welfare)

* We rarely get motions requesting this quantity of money - surely this would just be a back-up clause

Ben (Treasurer)

* Just a check to ensure everyone is working on the same page - not giving anyone extra power/taking power away from the JCR

**Q. Will this be reviewed yearly to account for inflation?**

Ronit (Pres)

* Hence why the motion is phrased as ‘deemed appropriate’
* Can review in future - the Constitution is not set in stone

**Q. How will you determine what’s appropriate?**

Ronit (Pres)

* Make sure it’s for the good of the JCR, in line with JCR values

**Q. Would it be possible to amend the Charities Motion Submission process so group projects can request more than £200?**

* Can put through as a separate motion
* Wouldn’t have to go through pres/tres as separate budget

**Q. If a motion was fully costed (and presented to the JCR) AND it’s not a question of the amount of money being spent - why does the opinion of the President/Treasurer matter more than the views of the JCR?**

Ronit (Pres)

* The extra meeting/check is just to make sure it’s been through through/fully costed
* It’s not that the Pres/Treas have a greater right to decide how money is spent but that they are more informed about the state of the JCR finances/inner workings of college.

Claire (Welfare)

* This motion just puts a time-lag on spending large amounts of money
* Makes sense to go through Treasurer - that’s their mandate, to handle the JCR finances

Ronit (Pres)

* JCR Committee Members are elected - they are meant to act in the best interest of the people
* They’re not the sort of people that would act out of self-interest

Ben (Treas)

* The Treasurer loses nothing from limiting expenditure

Q. Could there be a personal motive for voting down a motion?

Ronit

* As mentioned earlier, Pres should define inappropriate as something that doesn’t stand to benefit the JCR community, personal opinions shouldn’t come into it
* If you are dissatisfied with the way the JCR Officers are handling their position it is possible to get rid of them (Vote of No Confidence) - they’re here for you

**Q. No meeting or Pres/Treasurer voted down motion - would you have to justify why you haven’t had the meeting/why you disagreed?**

* Can introduce an amendment to that effect

**Amendment**: Introduce a clause that the President and Treasurer are required to state why they opposed any given motion -or- why they weren’t in a position to have a meeting

50 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Q. Why not just have a simpler rule: ¾ majority for more expensive votes?**

* Not about gaining more JCR support but about introducing secondary checks/back-up clause

**VOTE** 40 for, 4 against, 6 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

Comment (Callum, Charities)

* Charities have had this system, no one’s questioned it

**INTRODUCING A NEW MOTION**

**Motion** - Amend the Charities motion submission procedure in the Constitution to allow group projects to request more than £200 in a single motion

**VOTE** 50 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**3. Elections**

**SU Officer - Emily Morris**

* Went to SU Peer Support Training Program
* Loads of campaigns (Class Act, Environmental etc)
* Used to be Head Girl - started a collaborative project (setting up Butterfly Garden) illustrates ability to organise/provide driving force to achieve goals
* Academic Rep for Medicine
* Had been in student based-committees - e.g Student Council
* Passionate, community-focused

Q. What motions/endeavour would you like to support?

* Not a lot of people attending Target Schools
* Focus more on environmental contract