**JCR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Date:

1. **Officers’ Reports:**

President (Caitlin Brown)

* Refurbishing JCR – put name on Google Doc to collaborate
* Osney Open House – add as emergency motion that allows President the mandate

Vice President (Megan Donnet)

* Open questions as hall feedback form – more you put in, the more you will get out of it
  + E.g.: “I want a pasta bar”
  + Will bring all suggestions to bursar
  + Free Freddos for completed forms

Treasurer (John Bryant)

* N/A

Secretary (Verity Bligh)

* N/A

Welfare (Ellie Gomes and Jan Thilakawardana)

* Wine and Cheese was really successful
* Feedback form this week
* Ali Rodgers wants exam related events – e.g.: stress, revision etc.

Equal Ops (Flo Odunubi)

* Not present
* Please apply!!

Accommodation (Anna Barona)

* Not present

OUSU Rep (Richard Matousek)

* Not present

Freshers’ Week President (Bayo Bello)

* Deadline to apply for committee is tonight

Charities (Dani Alvarez)

* Not present
* Promises Auction was great success

Entz (Dom, Eddie and Harry)

* Bop was big success
* St Benet’s came and paid £2.50 for each entry – will continue next term

Arts & Pubs (Una O’Sullivan)

* Keble Arts Club will order some new paints
* Films to be shown next term

Environment & Ethics (Sofia Carlson)

* Cardboard boxes from Café for packing up

Careers & Alumni (Shakeel Hashim)

* Not present

Academic Affairs (Matt Roberts)

* N/A

1. **Motions**

**2.1 Torpids Refreshments**

* This JCR notes that:
* Keble is an Oxford college. Rowing is synonymous with Oxford.
* 7th week of this term is Torpids Regatta, with the final being held 12-5pm on Saturday of 7th week
* This year, Keble are submitting 5 men’s boats and 2 women’s boats into this regatta
* Supporters at such events are great
* Last week we passed a motion to give £100 to women’s football for the same function

* This JCR therefore believes that:
* Rowing chat is poor, therefore we need to tempt supporters down to the Isis with alternatives
* Booze and food should be provided for supporters and teams
* Tensions run high during rowing races
* Booze and food help to create an amicable atmosphere
* This JCR therefore resolves:
* To agree to the JCR President (also rowing secretary) spending £200 to contribute towards buying food and refreshments for supporters and the teams
* To collaborate with the MCR to share the costs of funding refreshments equally
* Proposed by: Caitlin Brown
* Seconded by: Fred Dimbleby
* Motion amended to £200
* Quorum = 38
* YES = 38
* MOTION PASSES

**2.2. PostExistence Student Film**

This JCR notes that:

PostExistence is an ambitious 'lo-fi' short film about a man who struggles to cope with the loss of his wife, through using a machine which allows him to explore alternate worlds in which she hasn’t yet died. The narrative centres around the philosophical thought experiment of Quantum Suicide, which states that if the many world theory is true, and if someone were to have died, by necessity, there must be alternate worlds in which they didn’t. With this established, the film examines the lengths to which someone will go to in order to get precisely the life they want. In a universe where everything can be reset, at what point would we choose to stop, accept what has happened, and move on?

This film is shooting on location in Oxford this Easter Vac, from the 17th to the 24th March. We will be using professional camera, lighting and grip equipment, which means our budget is higher than is usual for student films.

The producer and lead actor of this film are Keble students, and if the JCR chooses to fund it, we will put on a screening in Keble as soon as the film is ready.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Give £200 as a grant to the PostExistence production.

Proposed by: Úna O'Sullivan

Seconded by: Rory Grant

* Quorum = 38
* YES = 38
* MOTION PASSES

**2.3. Fairtrade Refreshments**

This JCR notes that:

Fairtrade is an organisation that helps over 1.65 million farmers and workers across 74 countries by setting a minimum price that gives fair pay to farmers; insisting on improved working conditions; giving the cooperative’s a premium to invest back into their community; and having rules about sustainability to protect the environment. [[1]](https://owa.nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=5YS7Vv4lILG7KBMJ74Vq-XmXIzVUJ-69rBVue0s-pfmbb2PGBmTUCGgAdAB0AHAAcwA6AC8ALwBvAHcAYQAuAG4AZQB4AHUAcwAuAG8AeAAuAGEAYwAuAHUAawAvAG8AdwBhAC8AIwBfAGYAdABuADEA&URL=https%3a%2f%2fowa.nexus.ox.ac.uk%2fowa%2f%23_ftn1)

Supporting Fairtrade is a way of sending a message to companies about what is important to us as consumers. The public awareness raised by Fairtrade fuels the pressure for corporate social responsibility of companies. [[2]](https://owa.nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=IiZBnan3hZ9UokMh7p--uC5pVmn7mRqJzSCJ7gjeipqbb2PGBmTUCGgAdAB0AHAAcwA6AC8ALwBvAHcAYQAuAG4AZQB4AHUAcwAuAG8AeAAuAGEAYwAuAHUAawAvAG8AdwBhAC8AIwBfAGYAdABuADIA&URL=https%3a%2f%2fowa.nexus.ox.ac.uk%2fowa%2f%23_ftn2)

The JCR has already passed a motion representing its commitment to supporting Fairtrade and claims that it will ‘Mandate the JCR committee to always consider buying Fairtrade products when putting on both events and JCR meetings.’

In seventh and eight week it is National Fairtrade Fortnight where there is a campaign run by Just Love and OUSU across the whole university to encourage more people to buy and use Fairtrade.

There is an Open Mic Night happening in 8th week. In celebration of Fairtrade Fortnight and the commitment college has already made to Fairtrade, it would be fitting to provide free Fairtrade snacks for those who attend.

Similarly, there is a Wine and Cheese night happening in Fairtrade Fortnight run by the Welfare Officers. To show the JCR’s commitment to Fairtrade, it would be fitting to provide a selection of Fairtrade wines. The Fairtrade wine would be slightly more expensive than the Bar’s house wine to source as although bottles can be bought for £7, the bar charges a £5 Corkage fee.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Donate £50 to go towards buying Fairtrade snacks for the Open Mic Night.

Donate £65 to go towards buying Fairtrade wine for the Welfare Wine and Cheese evening. This would buy 5 bottles of wine and cover the corkage fee set by the bar.

Proposed by: Bethany Sanderson

Seconded by: Ellie Gomes, Jan Thilakawardana, Una O’Sullivan

* Amended to £49 for Cheese and Wine Night
* Quorum = 38
* YES = 38
* MOTION PASSES

**2.4. Fairtrade to E&E Role**

This JCR notes that:

·      The JCR recently passed a motion in support of Fairtrade.

This JCR believes that:

·      Properly supporting Fairtrade requires continuity between years.

·      The best way to ensure such continuity is to include this in the duties of one of the JCR Committee members.

·      The mandate of the E&E Officer could successfully be extended to include this.

The JCR therefore proposes:

·      To add the following to the constitutional Duties of the E&E Officer:

v. coordinate efforts to support Fairtrade in college.

Proposed by: Sofia Karlsson (E&E Officer)

Seconded by: Caitlin Brown (JCR President)

* Quorum = 37
* YES = 37
* MOTION PASSES WITH 100%
* Added to Constitution

**2.5. BranchUp Charity**

The JCR notes that:

1.     Branch Up is a student-led charity that provides disadvantaged and underprivileged children in the Oxford area with extracurricular activities.

2.     Many of the children involved with Branch Up face significant difficulty and stress at home and at school – Branch Up’s activity days give young people access to new opportunities, build meaningful and constructive relationships with each other and our student volunteers, and improve their social skills and confidence.

3.     Branch Up runs three activity days per term, from ice-skating to kite-making, and trips to areas outside of Oxford such as Odd’s Farm and Crocodiles of the World.

4.     Normally between 15-20 kids attend Activity Days accompanied by 15-20 volunteers.

5.     They also run a weekly youth group for children who have a parent in prison. No prior experience is necessary, and all expenses are covered.

6.     Volunteering with Branch Up gives you the chance to gain valuable skills and meet many like-minded people.

7.     The budget for each Activity Day is £700

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1.     Donate £200 to Student Hubs so that it may be used by Branch Up to partly cover the cost of a future Activity Day in Trinity Term.

Proposed by: Sudhakar Brodie

Seconded by: Dani Alvarez

* Quorum = 37
* YES = 37
* MOTION PASSES

**2.6. Yellow Grass Student Film**

This JCR notes that: Sam Zwolinksi’s ‘Yellow Grass’ is a twisting psychological thriller about the price we are willing to pay for a better life. The film is set in a not-so-distant dystopian England. It follows Robin, a resilient and resourceful young refugee, running from the demons of her past. Her journey leads her to Joseph Scarlett and a derelict warehouse that holds a life-changing secret… As Robin is swept up into Scarlett’s word of hope and salvation, she discovers that all is not quite what it seems and that something hideous is hiding in the basement. Drawing on film-noir and science fiction ‘Yellow Grass’ looks at what happens when technology gets into the wrong hands. This film is shooting on location in Oxford this Easter Vac, from the 9th to the 15th April. We won the bid for this piece of new writing in the OUFF easter projects competition. The producer, DoP and designer of this film are Keble students, and if the JCR chooses to fund it, we will put on a screening in Keble as soon as the film is ready. This JCR therefore resolves to: Give £200 as a grant to the Yellow Grass production. Proposed by: Matt Roberts Seconded by: Rakan Dajani

* Quorum = 37
* YES = 37
* MOTION PASSES
  1. **Osney Open House**

Emergency motion that gives Caitlin as JCR President the mandate to sign an Open Letter to Osney Open House (owned by Said Business School?)

* Quorum = 37
* YES = 37
* MOTION PASSES
* Kicked out because not allowed or not safe?
* Will get Jeevan to come and explain
* Pass motion then fact-check?
* Risk assessment carried out – unsafe areas cordoned off
* Don’t know other which other presidents have signed it
* “Support the residents and supporters of Osney House – stay there or provide alternate accommodation until April”
* Said planning work this week – motion implying they should pay for alternate accommodation
* Unoccupied for 7 years – proposed development starting now?
* Joint letter to state services (University of Oxford) and Said Business School – not the council
* Provide alternate empty university land
* Council will be involved if going to court?
* OUSU statement: positive support statement with no further action needed
* Letter is not legally binding – just stance in support
  1. **Open Mic Night**

This JCR notes that:

\* A small team of Keble students is running an Open Mic night for Keble musicians on Tuesday of 8th week, with the intention for it to become a regular event each term

\* The bar is unavailable that evening due to the football black tie, and therefore the event is being held in the JCR. As a result, attendees would have to go to the bar to buy refreshments which could potentially discourage a good audience turnout

\* The ‘Female Gaze’ spoken word and music event during KAF17 had a large turnout, so we already know that events along these lines are popular with Keble students

This JCR believes that:

\* In order to encourage participation in the event and support its reputation, we should provide drinks for both the performers and the audience

\* This event provides an opportunity for non-classical musicians at Keble to share their talents in a safe and friendly environment

\* We all love a good sing-a-long every now and again

This JCR therefore resolves to:

\* Provide the organisers with up to £150 for the purchase of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks for the night

\* Ensure that any leftover drinks are given back to the JCR or the Welfare team for use in future events

* Also submitted as emergency motion
* Provide free alcohol and encourage Charity collection
* Quorum = 37
* YES = 37
* MOTION PASSES

1. **Hustings**

**Male welfare officer – Adam Bradbury**

* Why welfare role is important – most important life transition
* Need strong support network
* Welfare training and learn on job
* Open and approachable
* Want to do justice to the role – especially during Fresher’s Week
* Future plans
  + Fresher’s Week friends stick but some people aren’t ready
  + Continue meet and greet throughout Michaelmas
  + Mental health support needs more visibility
  + Resilience workshop

**Female welfare officer – Claire Castle**

* Importance of welfare reps
* Support and community
* Themed events, teaming up with Entz e.g.: movie nights
* Friendly face around college
* Tea and chat
* Interested in peer support – use personal experience with mental health to help others
* Advertise events more in advance

**Questions**

* Ellie – no one comes to welfare events
  + Claire: theme and advertise on Facebook; polls for availability
  + Caitlin: pin on Noticeboard
  + Adam: schedule around college students’ weeks
* Matt – do you both get along?
  + Adam: live on same corridor; good friends
* Ellie – how to use peer supporters?
  + Claire: assign peer supporters to a staircase – name and face
  + Adam: big step to go to welfare drop-in; safety net but doesn’t necessarily need big attendance
* Sofia – what songs would you add to Welfare Spotify playlist?
  + Adam: music to lift you
  + Claire: “For stress” playlist – Coldplay chill song
* Jan – events to coordinate with MCR?
  + Adam: geared towards Freshers; work with sports team to span both groups
  + Claire: keep it personal; advertise events to JCR and MCR
  + JCR-MCR college families? Allie Rodgers wants to further integration – HB Allen Centre
* Fraser – take Welfare to people rather than public drop-ins?
  + Adam: Christian Union text-a-toastie; Resilience workshop to recognise signs of anxiety etc.; neighbourhood watch
  + Claire: tea deliveries; public drop-in environment; bedroom environment isn’t allowed; just seminar rooms (wheelchair accessible)
  + Ellie: peer-support online chat – meeting with OUSU next week – need strict guidelines – should be up and running next term
* Ellie – any constitutional changes in mind?
  + Mental health service for staff and emergency contraception
  + Caitlin: drive for on-site counsellor

**Jan’s challenge**

* 1. 150-word section for Welfare officer by tonight
* 2. 30 sec advert for Keble condom – Keble themed innuendo, cameo from Fo and jingle at the end – deadline Wednesday noon.

**Ellie’s challenge**

* Self-care page – post film by Wednesday noon
* Election 6.30am-6.30pm Wednesday