**JCR MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:** MTW4, Sunday 29 October

1. **OFFICER’S REPORTS**

* **President – Ronit Kanwar**
  + Bop cancelled
  + Bar drink
  + College concerned – need to look after each other
  + Be careful about how we do it and situations we put each other in
  + Last boring meeting every (hopefully!)
* **Vice President – Megan Donnet**
  + University challenge
  + New hall feedback form
  + New PS4
* **Treasurer – Ben Jacobs**
  + N/A
* **Secretary – Verity Bligh**
  + Re-writing constitution
* **Welfare – Claire Castle and Adam Bradbury**
  + Contraception orders – updated website
* **Entz – Dom Dootson, Eddie Bains and Harry Yandle**
  + Bop cancelled
  + Dean didn’t email
  + Bop postponed to next Saturday
* **Charities – Callum Coghlan, Seb Pipins and Ali Lane** 
  + Keble Panto – send in gossip, fill in form to be cast or crew
* **Equal Opportunities – Savi Chahal**
  + N/A
* **Academic Affairs and Outreach – Ruha Ahktar** 
  + Subject reps to meet with Freshers
* **Arts & Pubs – Mila Fitzgerald** 
  + N/A
* **Environment and Ethics – Sofia Karlsson** 
  + Veggie pledge
* **Careers and Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe**
  + N/A
* **Drama Officer – Isobel Hambleton** 
  + Splitting up £500 between applications
* **Freshers’ Week – Bayo Bello** 
  + N/A
* **IT – Morgan King** 
  + Make sure JCR door close for security reasons
* **Accommodation – Josh Stimson** 
  + ARCO room ballot out on Friday
  + Must fill in survey
* **Sports – Jack Morrison and James Worthington** 
  + 7 table tennis balls stolen
  + Go through Porters?
* **International Reps – John Mainland and Niles Breuer** 
  + N/A
* **OUSU – Richard Matousek**
  + N/A

1. **MOTIONS**
   1. **Constitutional reform to motions procedure**

This JCR notes that:

1.     The JCR Committee is required to review the JCR Constitution every five years.

2.     The JCR Constitution is a long and dense document, at 29 pages (7 times longer than the US Constitution!)

3.     The Constitution section on Motions Procedure is especially long and dense, including three Standing Orders.

4.     Motions take up the vast majority of time during JCR Meetings.

5.     Changes to the JCR Constitution now require a “Yes” vote with a minimum majority of 4/5 of the quorum.

(This means with a minimum quorum of 35, a minimum of 28 people need to vote “yes” and a maximum of 5 people to vote “no” or abstain, in order to pass a constitutional change)

This JCR believes that:

6.     Both the JCR Committee and student body have an important opportunity to reform the JCR Constitution. This includes streamlining JCR meetings and improving the way we discuss college life.

7.     The status quo, with a long and drawn-out Motions Procedure, disincentives Keble students from coming to JCR meetings and participating in discussions about college life.

8.     Reforming the Motions Procedure would dramatically improve satisfaction with JCR meetings and quorum turn-out.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

9.     Amend the JCR Constitution to replace the first three Standing Orders with the following:

I.    Submitting Motions

1.   There are 5 types of motion that may be submitted to the JCR for consideration:

i.    Ordinary motions

ii.   Constitutional Reform motions

iii. Charities motions

iv.  Drama motions

v.   Emergency motions

2.   All Ordinary motions shall be submitted to the JCR Secretary, in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, by 5pm on the Friday before the meeting.

3.   Constitutional Reform motions are identical to ordinary motions, except they require a minimum majority of 4/5 of the quorum to be passed.

4.   Charities motions are identical to ordinary motions, except they shall be seconded by the Charities Officers.

5.   Drama motions shall be submitted to the Drama Officer [please see “Drama Officer” under “Standing Order 4.18”]

6.   Emergency motions are motions that have been submitted after the normal deadline and need to be passed at the upcoming JCR meeting, both for valid reasons. The JCR President and Secretary shall decide whether or not to admit such motions.

7.   The JCR Secretary shall include all valid motions in the Agenda, which shall be sent out via the JCR mailing list between Friday evening and Saturday morning.

II.   JCR Meetings Procedure

1.   All JCR meetings shall be chaired by an elected JCR member, “The Speaker”.

i.    In the absence of the Speaker, the meeting shall be chaired by a JCR Committee member.

ii.   The Speaker shall act as a neutral chair and shall not participate in the debate.

2.   The Order of Business at JCR meetings shall be:

i.    Committee Reports

ii.   Motions

iii. Matters for discussion

iv.  Any other business

3.   The procedure for debating and voting on motions shall be:

i.    Motions will be shown on the JCR screen. Quorum members are expected to have read the motions prior to the meeting.

ii.   If requested by a member of the quorum, the Speaker shall read the motion out loud.

iii. If requested by a member of the quorum, the JCR will debate the motion. This includes questions, speeches in proposition or opposition and friendly amendments. The Speaker shall then call for a vote.

iv.  In the case of no debate, the Speaker shall immediately call for a vote.

v.   Voting shall be conducted. The Secretary and Speaker shall conduct the count.

4. Quorum is set at 35 JCR members. To be passed, a motion shall require a simple majority (i.e.: a minimum of 18/35).

i.    When voting, votes for, votes against and abstentions all count towards quorum.

ii.   If quorum is not present, all motions shall be postponed until the following meeting.

Proposed by: Ronit Kanwar (JCR President)

Seconded by: Verity Bligh (JCR Secretary)

* Friendly amendments – strike out “by show of hands”, add “friendly” to amendments
* YES: 43
* ABSTENTION: 0
* NO: 0
* MOTION PASSED
  1. **SolidariTEE**

This JCR notes that:

1. The ongoing refugee crisis is a serious issue directly affecting our community and, on a larger scale, our society
2. Advocates Abroad is a charity providing legal aid and representation to refugees in Greece and Turkey.
3. SolidariTee, started by students in Cambridge last year, sells graphic t-shirts to raise money for Advocates Abroad, and last year raised close to £4,000.
4. One t-shirt equals one night of accommodation for a human rights lawyer.
5. SolidariTee has gone national this year, with the Universities of Edinburgh, Liverpool, Durham, Bristol, Imperial University and University College London all pledging donations and selling t-shirts for the cause.
6. The above universities’ students will be wearing the t-shirts on one specific day in November (tbc) to show the media that refugees are welcome in Europe.

This JCR believes that:

1. Keble JCR and its members have a responsibility to be active, open members of the community.
2. Oxford has a strong and growing reputation for student activism

This JCR resolves to:

1. Support SolidariTee by donating £200 to go towards the making of t-shirts that will, in return, be sent to the relevant college representative (Ellie Gomes) to sell to members of the college community.

Proposed by: Ellie Gomes and Tom Bioletti

Seconded by: Charities and Donations Officers

* YES = 43
* ABSTENTION = 1
* NO = 0
* MOTION PASSED
  1. **Greater Change**

This JCR notes:

1. Greater Change is a mobile donation system being developed by Alex Mccallion, a graduate of E&M from Jesus College, along with Aspire Oxford, a homelessness and employment charity.
2. Homelessness is a massive problem in Oxford.
3. People worry that when they give cash to the homeless it is spent in a destructive manner.
4. Oxford is becoming an increasingly cashless city, as is society in general all around the developed world.

This JCR believes:

1. Cashlessness has, and will continue to have, a dramatic effect on the amount of money given to the homeless.
2. A manner of giving which would enable more funds to be raised for the homeless and also ensure that said funds are spent in a constructive manner is a good thing.

This JCR resolves:

1. To donate £200 towards the Greater Change Crowdfunding campaign to help build the system.

Proposed by: Sebastian Pipins

Seconded by: Alastair Lane & Callum Coghlan

* Motion read out
* What is money going to exactly? Build app
* Do homeless people need mobile phone? No
* Goal is £25,000 → funding from other institutions; is it a good use of our JCR money?
* Guarantee money goes straight to Oxford homeless
* YES = 3
* NO = 1
* ABSTENTION = 4
* MOTION PASSED
  1. **Rich Gibbs Charities Motion**

This JCR notes that:

1. Rich Gibbs is the former Café Manager and Deputy Steward at Keble and supports the work of Helen & Douglas House (a charity which provides hospice care to children and young adults) through baking.
2. Rich Gibbs will be hosting a quiz in 6th Week.
3. Under clause 18 (vi) of the constitution the JCR can confer honorary membership.

This JCR believes that:

1. Rich Gibbs has made an excellent contribution to Keble College, not only through his work in the Café and Dining Hall, but also by helping with events such as Pancake Day, free doughnuts outside the library and welfare tea.
2. As someone who has made an excellent contribution to the college, Rich Gibbs should be made an honorary member of the JCR.
3. It would be a kind gesture to donate £200 to Helen & Douglas House in his honour.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Make Rich Gibbs an honorary member of the JCR.
2. Donate £200 to Helen & Douglas House

Proposed by: Morgan King and Michael Hobley

Seconded by: The Charities and Donations Officers

* H&D House as hospice care
* Honorar members → Dalai Lama, Hussain, now Rich Gibbs?
* YES = 32
* ABSTENTION = 7
* MOTION PASSED – HONORARY MEMBER
* YES = 37
* NO = 0
* ABSTENTION = 3
* MOTION PASSED – DONATE
  1. **Movember Charities Motion**

This JCR notes that:

1. Movember Foundation is a registered charity that works to tackle prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention
2. The Movember Foundation is aiming to reduce the rate of male suicide by 25% by 2030.
3. Members of the Keble community are working in a team to raise money for the charity

This JCR therefore resolves to

1. Donate £200 to the Keble College, Oxford Movember team.

Proposed by: Ronit Kanwar

Seconded by: The Charities and Donations Officers

* YES = 38
* NO = 0
* ABSTENTION = 1
* MOTION PASSED
  1. **Green Impact Funding Motion**

This JCR notes that:

1. Keble Green Impact is a group working to improve sustainability at Keble.
2. The group needs funding to be able to successfully make Keble ‘greener’, which would mainly go the printing of stickers and posters, plus funding for prizes for competitions that we will be putting on this year.

This JCR believes that:

1. Supporting Keble Green Impact allows the JCR to make a positive impact towards making the college more sustainable.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Give Keble Green Impact £100 in funding, assuming that anything not used will be returned to the JCR.

Proposed by: Sofia Karlsson

Seconded by: Alessandra Martorana

* YES = 38
* NO = 0
* ABSTENTION = 1
* MOTION PASSED

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** 
   1. **Keble Cocktail Brainstorming**