**JCR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Date:

1. **Officers’ Reports:**

President (Caitlin Brown)

* Ball this week – lots of fun
* Refurbishment in JCR starts this week – update; task for successor
* Keble Monopoly board
* 22nd May dinner in café – 15-20 students to meet 15-20 refugees; info to follow

Vice President (Megan Donnet)

* Meal deal – pizza and 2 toppings + soft drink for £5
* Lawn re croquet – Pusey can’t be used till after Ball

Treasurer (John Bryant)

* Treasurer hustings in 2 weeks – speak to John
* Punting – go to Porter’s Lodge – 4 slots and 4 punts – recommended

Secretary (Verity Bligh)

* Hustings in 2 weeks

Welfare (Ellie Gomes and Jan Thilakawardana)

* Welfare tea Sunday afternoon after Ball
* Speak to Welfare and peer supporters about exam stress
* Adopt a finalist – more info coming soon

Equal Ops (Flo Odunubi)

* Not at meeting – nothing to report

Accommodation (Anna Barona)

* Not at meeting – nothing to report

OUSU Rep (Richard Matousek)

* Not at meeting – nothing to report

Freshers’ Week President (Bayo Bello)

* Nothing to report

Charities (Dani Alvarez)

* Keble croquet cupper

Entz (Dom, Eddie and Harry)

* Fun week ban after Ball
* Bop yesterday

Arts & Pubs (Una O’Sullivan)

* Running late to meeting – nothing to report

Environment & Ethics (Sofia Carlson)

* Green impact – silver award
* Sustainability survey – freddo for responses

Careers & Alumni (Shakeel Hashim)

* Not at meeting – nothing to report

Academic Affairs (Matt Roberts)

* Not at meeting – nothing to report

IT (Morgan King)

* Keble café closed next week for graduation

1. **Motions**

**2.1. Rugby Cuppers Drinks**

This JCR notes that

1. Keble College RFC 1XV has won their Cuppers semi-final match against St. Catz last weekend and are going to the Final!
2. The rugby Cuppers Final will be held on Saturday 6th May, [TIME TBC] at Iffley Stadium.
3. In the past, teams that have reached the Cuppers final in their sport have received some money from the JCR to provide beverages to supporters at the match.

This JCR believes that

1. We should support successes of all of our sports teams equally.
2. To do so, we should have lots of supporters at the final match to cheer our rugby club on.
3. The final coincides with an unspecified yet significant Keble event, before which people may get thirsty.

 This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Use £200 to the purchase of beer, cider, and non-alcoholic alternatives to be provided to the supporters that come watch the team play, with KCRFC Social Secs responsible for purchasing the beverages.

Proposed by Fraser MacDonald-Lister

Seconded by Ben Lewis

Notes:

* Worked really hard to have kick-off time moved to 2.30pm
* Taxis back to Keble in order to get ready to ball
* Minimum spend is £5

Quorum: 40

YES: 38

NO: 0

ABSTENTION: 2

Outcome: PASS

**2.2. Rugby Cuppers Transport**

This JCR notes that

- Keble rugby club will compete against  Teddy hall in the Cuppers final at Iffley Road on May 6th

- Kickoff is at 2.30pm, and the Keble ball mandates that students must leave college by 5pm

- The game will finish at approximately 4pm

This JCR believes that

- Fans should not have to sacrifice going to the game in order to get ready for the Ball given these timings

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Use approximately £100 to fund transport for fans and players to get them back to College as quickly as possible after the game

- KCRFC will find the cheapest possible transport to enable as many people as possible to get back from the game in time to get ready for the Ball

Quorum: 40

YES: 38

NO: 0

ABSTENTION: 2

Outcome: PASS

**2.3. Netball Cuppers Transport**

This JCR notes that 1. The Keble netball team are one of Keble’s most successful sports teams having both won Cuppers 2016 and come 1st in Division 1 of the intercollegiate league in Michealmas 2016. 2. The group stage of Cuppers 2017 is being played at the Community Arena at Marston which is a 27 minute walk away or an 11 minute taxi ride away. This JCR therefore resolves to: 1. Reimburse the taxi fares of those who come to watch and support Keble netball in the group stage of Netball Cuppers 2017.

Proposed by: Emily Ostridge

Seconded by: Hannah Stone

Quorum:

YES:

NO:

Outcome:

**2.4. Phedre Drama Funding**

This JCR notes that:

*Phèdre*is a classical Greek tragedy, originally written in French by Racine and translated into English by Ted Hughes. The narrative centres around Phèdre, an Athenian queen who harbours an illegitimate love for her step-son, Hippolytus. When her husband, Theseus, is rumoured to be dead, her agony is over and she believes she can declare her love. But what happens when he is declared alive? And what will she do when her love is not reciprocated?

This ambitious adaptation is to be staged in English from 24 - 26 May (5th week) in the New College cloisters, and is directed and performed by students.

The production has a strong Keble contingent with Jan Thilakawardana as marketing director and Jeevan Ravindran as Phèdre.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Give £200 to the funding of this production.

Proposed by: Jeevan Ravindran

Seconded by: Jan Thilakawardana

Quorum:

YES:

NO:

Outcome:

**2.5. Odradek Film Funding**

This JCR notes that

'Odradek' is a beautiful short film made by Oxford students, that is in the final stages of post-production.

The team were unable to raise enough funds to cover the budget before shooting, and are therefore out of pocket now.

Film funding is notoriously difficult to secure, in comparison to theatre.

Keble College is lovely and generous, and cares about supporting the arts!

This JCR therefore resolves to

Donate £200 to the production team to cover the costs of the film shoot.

Proposed by: Una O'Sullivan

Quorum:

YES:

NO:

Outcome:

**2.6. Another Gaze Funding**

This JCR notes that:

-       Another Gaze, a film society showing feminist & LGBTQ+ movies, is being hosted at Keble this Trinity by Keble students.

-       This is partly in an effort to increase the number of events in Keble catered to women and LGBTQ+ people, but is open to anyone with an interest in films.

-       It would be great if we could offer some snacks and refreshments at these events to make them more successful and enjoyable.

-       We’ve also paid out of our own pocket for some of the movies that the library was not able to order.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

-       Donate £100 to Yolanda Shamash. This will go to providing snacks and refreshments, plus reimburse the purchase of movies.

-       Use any leftover money for other feminist and LGBTQ+ events in Keble.

Proposed by: Sofia Karlsson

Seconded by: Yolanda Shamash

Quorum:

YES:

NO:

Outcome:

**2.7. Charity Battels for Homelessness**

The JCR notes that:

A recent Oxford Student poll suggested that 98.5% of Oxford students think homelessness is a problem in Oxford. Several commented that the situation has worsened in the last few years.

In the coming years, this situation is expected to deteriorate. Cuts in funding by Oxford City Council will result in the closing of Julian Housing, which has around 150 beds and Simon House, with 52.

Iffley Open House illustrated this dire situation as well as the sympathy and solidarity of Oxford students and the wider Oxford community. Encountering rough sleepers is a sad reality we witness everyday and something that can only be effectively solved through organised action.

The On Your Doorstep Homelessness Campaign is actively seeking dialogue with the University about their responsibilities, however, student action remains a powerful and positive channel for real change.

The JCR therefore believes that:

The student body is sympathetic and willing to contribute small battels donations every term. Little contributions by every student would amass funds capable of a huge impact and a would send a powerful statement of support for Oxford’s rough sleepers.

The JCR resolves to:

Include an extra £1 charity battels donation every term created exclusively for Oxford Homelessness charities.

Proposed by: Amalia White

Seconded by: Jeevan Ravindran

Quorum:

YES:

NO:

Outcome:

1. **President Hustings**

Fraser:

* Involved in JCR and Keble community, constructive criticism on motions
* Organisation as Rugby social sec
* Listen to problems; approachable
* Can-do attitude; skill set
* Priorities:
  + Bar (happy hour, pub quizzes, music nights etc.)
  + Welfare (drop-ins, text-a-peer supporter)
  + Sport (home crowd, supporters club, cut through noticeboard white noise)

Ronit:

* Give back to community – new ideas and listen to opinions
* President in particular – holistic overview
* Similar positions in past – deputy head
* Won’t step down – dedicated individual
* E&M – time to devote to role and college
* Priorities – small things for big improvement
  + Bar – learn on job
  + Food and bar position in committee – relieve VP; dedicated rep
  + Welfare – own nurse and counsellor
  + Accommodation – negotiate re price
  + Wifi
  + Communal vacuum cleaner
  + Universal chargers in library
* Vote Ronit not RON

Questions:

* Morgan: JCR Website?
  + Fraser: yes – experience with Rugby website – JCR Twitter feed (Ronit’s agenda) – cut through Noticeboard white noise
  + Ronit: yes – Twitter account – not information overload – Keble overhauling own website – filter newsfeed by tags
* Bayo: what’s your greatest (proper) weakness?
  + Ronit: perfectionist – learn when to let go
  + Fraser: worrying too much about what others think – feel safe and comfortable
* Caitlin: changes to constitution
  + Ronit: introduce Food and Bar role
  + Fraser: Food and Bar sub-committee of Entz; combing constitution
* Caitlin: how would you amend fact that no one ever says no to a motion?
  + Ronit: social pressure; close their eyes
  + Fraser: need better understanding about funding – but not trigger happy – yes because bottomless budget; post meeting anonymous voting
* Caitlin: would you say no to a JCR president’s room?
  + Ronit: No
  + Fraser: No
* Caitlin: rent negotiations
  + Fraser: maintenance loan will cover accommodation, influences food and entz, need to be able to pick best option for individuals, not much choice in 2nd year
  + Ronit: price bands are restrictive, more info about SloRo, access and outreach, more smaller price bands
* Caitlin: what would you pidge (vs Freddo)?
  + Fraser: VK, with info
  + Ronit: lollipop, crème eggs
* Caitlin: favourite joke?
  + Ronit: how does Moses like his tea? He Brews it
  + Fraser: what does a cheese say to itself in the mirror? Halloumi
* Will: disparity in sport funding (£50 for netball, £450 for badminton)
  + Fraser: as much funding as needed, equal amounts won’t work, per capita basis, predicted costs from captains, proportional basis, not fair to base off success rates (won’t come back)
  + Ronit: speak to captains and Treasurer, captains’ estimate, sponsors in other sports, popularity
* Sarah: what would you have done to Caitlin?
  + Fraser: grinding year for Cailtin (keys and online Welfare), ticking over small-things, micro and bigger picture
  + Ronit: expected to bump into Caitlin more
* Sarah: 12 months negotiating with people who have been there for 30-40 years – show them that you are not just another pres – can compete on same level
  + Ronit: good thing that we’re there for 1 year, urgency, day to day changes stand out
  + Fraser: prevent repeals, make things definite, people in these roles know nature of jcr president, make every day counts, energetic in every meeting, limited time, 3 8-week terms vs 12 months, intensity of role
* Sarah: what would you want your legacy to be?
  + Ronit: vision – drivers of change – make easier for future presidents – refurbishment + MCR
  + Fraser: representing person for college, known around college as positive person, he made me want to get involved, need quorum for framework to work
* Sofia: how would you respond to veggie food?
  + Fraser: people got behind meat free Monday, response rate to survey, can’t speak for veggies, sit down committee, push through to catering staff
  + Ronit: food and bar position, regular updates, weekly, veggie member on sub-committee, hall/café/pizza bar
* John: Issue with Keble students treating college staff
  + Fraser: encourage dialogue, will chat to staff, pay it back, part of community vs service [name tags], matter as much as students, connection vs angry emails
  + Ronit: staff list (Cailtin’s manifesto), tradition for scout gift, staff appreciation day
* Sarah: Keble mascot?
  + Fraser: in-joke, Keble brick
  + Ronit: duck
* Sarah: Keble brick – mascot - £500 – would you still get it? Who would wear i?
  + Ronit: crowd fund - £1 each, talent show
  + Fraser: opinion poll, everyone should have opportunity
* Me: How would you improve quorum?
  + Fraser: motion on individual basis, as they come up, what we’re offering
  + Ronit: Facebook, twitter, pizza
* John: leave Oxford with a blue, first or spouse? What would you choose?
  + Fraser: Blue, time on something you enjoy
  + Ronit: First, master or PhD, find a spouse then
* Anousha: O’Reilly, improve publicity
  + Ronit: website, moving online vs posters
  + Fraser: more noticeboard, poster

**Challenge**

* Caitlin – haiku – clue to location – selfie – haiku – compile video – Noticeboard by midday Wednesday