



JCR General Meeting 7 - Minutes HT21, Sunday 21st February

General Announcements (Sanaa):

- JCR Events:
 - Hannah will be hosting an online quiz next Sunday to celebrate the end of LGBTQ+ history month.
 - Our new welfare Instagram page will be launched this week, please follow it for more JCR and welfare updates.
 - It's community week! Please come along to as many events as possible to support and celebrate our Stanner community.
 - Elections:
 - Applications for next year's executive JCR committee positions (President, Vice-President, Bursar, Secretary, Welfare (x2) and Entz Reps (x2) are open!
 - Send your manifesto ([as a PDF](#)) to rachel.stevenson@st-annes.ox.ac.uk
 - Hustings will commence during the next general meeting (28th February) and the election will be held on the following Wednesday (3rd March)
 - We are organizing a drop in Q&A session with the current execs – keep an eye out for updates on the JCR Facebook page.
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Motion: Establishing a gender affirmation fund

Proposed by: Hannah Holden

Seconded by: Maya Walker

This JCR notes that:

- Gender dysphoria is a feeling of distress associated with a disconnect between a person's perceived gender, and their gender identity.
- There is evidence of higher levels of anxiety and stress in LGBTQ+ students, as can be seen in the OUSU 2018 Trans Report.
- Obtaining items such as binders, concealing underwear, packers and breast forms can help to combat gender dysphoria, and therefore improve welfare and mental health.
- These items and treatments can also improve welfare for gender non-conforming (GNC) students who may not experience gender dysphoria.
- Such items can be expensive, or incur shipping costs, discouraging people who would benefit from these items from buying them. For example, the average binder costs £30 but must often be shipped from the US. Good quality breast forms may cost over £60.
- Many other colleges have gender affirmation funds, including Wadham, St John's, Magdalen and Somerville.

- St Anne's JCR already runs a similar scheme, providing students with condoms and menstrual products.

This JCR believes that:

- The transgender and GNC community at St Anne's deserve our continued support.
- All students who may benefit from these items deserve equal access to them.
- It is the duty of the JCR to improve the welfare of all of its members where possible.
- Having this fund in place would show to current and prospective students who may be trans, GNC or questioning that St Anne's is a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for them.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Provide £150 to be used by students for items aiding in gender expression.
- Mandate the LGBTQ+ Rep to reimburse trans and GNC students from this fund on a case-by-case basis up to a recommended £40 per student.
- Mandate the LGBTQ+ Rep to maintain the anonymity of students requesting reimbursement from this fund by acting as an intermediary between the treasurer and the student seeking reimbursement.

PROPOSERS:

- This is well within our budget (£1500 split between all equalities reps)
- There is a good chance that we will not spend the full amount each term
- It's both feasible and helpful, therefore why not?
- Even if it did stretch the budget (which it won't) it would still be worth it for the impact that it will have on the supportive outlook of the St Anne's community
- Ultimately, these items are a kind of healthcare and should, therefore, be accessible for all who need them.

QUESTIONS:

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DEBATE:

- 1) Supporting the motion:

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2) Against the motion:

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VOTE:

For: 25

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

The motion has passed

Motion: Donate £400 of the charity budget to the Red Cross

Proposed by: Jake Mainwaring

Seconded by: Lorne Hyde

This JCR notes that:

- Many charities (including the Red Cross) have suffered from a drop in donations and revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Red Cross works in the UK to support vulnerable individuals, including but not limited to rough sleepers, refugees, asylum seekers, and victims of human trafficking, in many important ways.
- The Red Cross works internationally with the Red Crescent Society to help individuals in crisis around the world, including but not limited to individuals in war zones, individuals who need food or water, and individuals who need lifesaving medical attention.
- The Red Cross has organised substantial food and prescription deliveries to the most at-risk of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic.

This JCR believes that:

- We have a large charities' budget.
- Our donation to the Red Cross would support their charitable work in the UK and around the world.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Donate £400 of the charities budget to the Red Cross.

PROPOSER:

- We have a large charity beget so we may as well use it to positively impact some of the most underprivileged and vulnerable.
- Due to the closer of charity shops during lockdown restrictions, charities such as the Red Cross need these funds immediately, therefore we need to take action now.

QUESTIONS:

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DEBATE:

3) Supporting the motion:

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4) Against the motion:

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VOTE:

For: 24

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

The motion has passed
