



St Anne's College
JCR Motions – General Meeting
Week 6, Michaelmas Term, 14/11/2021

Motion: To contribute funding to a Behavioural Economics experiment, as part of FHS studies

Proposed by: Philippa Noble

Seconded by: Sanaa Mughal

This JCR notes that:

Funding in the past has been given to various projects, for drama, societies, and academic events.

While students taking a module in Behavioural Economics are required to carry out their own project (as one of their 8 Finals papers) with incentives for participants, there is no available funding within the department and students must find funding on their own.

This JCR believes that:

1. That this money will be used so that a successful behavioural economics experiment can be carried out, by incentivising the necessary number of participants (over 100).
2. The JCR can and should support students in their academics where their department does not.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. To release £150 for spending.

Further Comments from proposers

- PN- Department failed to tell her that she needed funding for this experiment.

Debate

- What would this funding come under?
 - Come under 'other'
- What is the money for?
 - Have to be able to provide a participation fee, and extra incentives. Might have to hire a room to run the experiment, still in planning so don't currently have all the details but can be released later.

- Does everyone on your course have to do the same?
 - No, it's unique to the person on the course. £150 is the exact same as other course mates.
- Is anyone at Anne's doing the same course.
 - No- so won't be anyone else asking for money for this.
- Do we have £150?
 - We can find the money. Treasurer is worried about slippery slope if we start giving funding for money for courses- this can't be a regular thing, the JCR can't afford to.
 - PN notes that this is only because there is no other funding available.
- Will you be raising the issue of funding with the department, as it isn't fair for the department to expect students/JCRs to fund this.
 - Will get on this- course only running for 3 years.
- Isn't there a hardship fund that exists for this?
 - PN not sure if she would qualify for hardship- not sure if it is in the spirit of the fund.
 - VA it is broader than we think.
 - We can take a vote, and look at how we can get the funding.

Vote

For- 21

Against- 0

Abstain- 6

MOTION PASSES

Motion: Stitch/iron on college crests

Proposed by: Bronwyn Riani

Seconded by: Kate Osment

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
The cost of puffer jackets is prohibitively expensive to some students, and can be wasteful as most students already have a jacket they wear every day before they arrive.
This JCR believes that:

Cost wise and environment wise it would be good to offer iron or stitch on patches alongside puffer jackets, and if they were promoted as the norm, it could save students money. It would be good to make them eco-friendly, so the purpose is not defeated.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Sell iron on patches as a part of the stash.

Further Comments from Proposer

- Some colleges already do this- seems silly to buy another jacket if a student already has one that they use on a regular basis.

Debate

- Is this something that we can actually do?
 - Yes, is something that we can get, maybe not through a stash company.
- How would you find out whether it's eco-friendly? And what about cost?
 - No matter what, it's going to be cheaper than a puffer jacket. And there are companies that exist that do eco-friendly patches.

VOTE

For- 28

Against- 0

Abstain- 1

MOTION PASSES

Motion: Petitioning St Anne's College to adopt the SU's 'New Definition of Transphobia'

Proposed by: Adam Possener

Seconded by: Vivian Abrokwah

This JCR notes that:

1. The definition of transphobia found in Appendix A will, in this motion, be referred to as "the proposed definition of transphobia"
2. In this motion, the word 'trans' is inclusive of any and all non-cisgender identities
3. According to the 2018 Trans Report written by the SU LGBTQ+ Campaign,
 - a. 98% of trans students at Oxford report mental health issues
 - b. a further 65% report that the University has had a negative impact on their mental health

- c. 63% of trans students have experienced discrimination from the University, with 97% of this being reported as transphobic discrimination
- d. 35% of respondents reported this transphobic discrimination as coming from staff and administrators of the University
- 4. Anecdotally, the prevalence and severity of transphobia at the university has not improved, and has perhaps even worsened, since the Trans Report
- 5. Claims of transphobia are frequently not reported or pursued, and are frequently written off when they are reported as simply being accidents or misinterpretations
- 6. The proposed definition of transphobia was written by trans students in conjunction with LGBTQ+ Campaign, based on the Trans Actual and Lib Dem definitions of transphobia
- 7. The proposed definition of transphobia has been endorsed by LGBTQ+ Campaign and WomCam
- 8. The SU has adopted the proposed definition of transphobia and will lobby the university to adopt it

This JCR believes that:

- 1. It is important to have a specific, detailed definition of transphobia to be able to effectively combat it
- 2. For a definition of transphobia to accurately represent the interests of trans people, it is important that it be written and/or approved by trans people
- 3. Adopting a definition of transphobia written by and for trans students will show that the student body as a whole cares about trans students' welfare
- 4. It is crucial that colleges lead the way in terms of adopting this definition and encouraging the university to do so; otherwise, there is likely to be little change

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- 1. To mandate the JCR President to write to the college President (Helen King QPM) summarising the 'Notes' and 'Believes' sections and asking:
 - a. that the Governing Body adopt the proposed definition of transphobia as a policy in their Bylaws
 - b. that the President (Helen King QPM) encourages the central university administration to adopt the proposed definition of transphobia.

Further comments from proposer

Can't force the college to adopt it- but passing it suggests a sense of solidarity and will hopefully encourage college.

Are there any events on next week for trans awareness week?

We will be flying the trans flag all week next week. There are events being planned.

VOTE

For- 25

Abstain- 2

Against- 0

MOTION PASSES

Motion: Increasing the gender affirmation fund

Proposed by: Adam Possener

Seconded by: Isabella Oliver

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 are higher instances of mental illness and stress for transgender and gender non-conforming (GNC) students, as can be seen in the OUSU 2018 Trans Report.
- Obtaining items such as binders, concealing underwear, packers and breastforms 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.
- St Anne's JCR established a gender affirmation fund in Hilary 2021 of £150 per term.
- The fund covers items aiding in gender expression, including (but not limited to) the items listed above.
- The LGBTQ+ Rep reimburses trans and GNC students from this fund on a case-by-case basis up to a recommended £40 per student. The Rep also must maintain anonymity of students requesting reimbursement from this fund by acting as an intermediary between the treasurer and the student seeking reimbursement.

This JCR believes that:

- The transgender and GNC community at St Anne's deserves 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 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.
- There is always more that can be done to support the transgender and GNC and this JCR should actively participate in promoting trans rights and tackling transphobia.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Increase the gender affirmation fund to £250 per term.
- Increase the recommended cap to £60 per student but allowing reimbursements over this amount on a case-by-case basis.
- Expand the fund to include travel to and from medical appointments related to gender identity.

This has already been cleared with treasurer.

Follows a trend amongst colleges for which the funding has been increasing.

For -24

Abstain-2

Against- 0

MOTION PASSES

Motion: To donate £300 from the charities' budget to the St Anne's JCR Movember push

Proposed by: Proshanto Chanda

Seconded by: Sam Davis

This JCR notes that:

Men's health is an often overlooked issue in modern society, and with November being men's health awareness month, it is incredibly relevant right now for the JCR to take action to support the facilities and tools dedicated to improving men's health. Many male members of the JCR committee, and of the wider JCR, are currently growing out facial hair in support of Movember, a global charity which supports men's mental health

- The average life expectancy of men globally is 6 years less than the life expectancy of women

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 10.8 million men live with a prostate cancer diagnosis – so there are almost 11 million men currently living with the symptoms of the disease and the side effects of the treatment. Prostate cancer is also the most common form of cancer affecting men in the UK • There is estimated to be about 836,000 men who are living with, or have lived with testicular cancer. It is also estimated that there are over 74,000 new cases each year, globally. Testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer affecting young men • Suicide is the leading cause of death in men ages 20-34, with 3 out of 4 suicides being men
<p>This JCR believes that:</p>
<p>Movember is currently the leading charity working to improve men’s health By 2030, they aim to reduce the number of premature deaths in men by 25% The JCR should support the male JCR members growing out facial hair in support of Movember by donating to the St Anne’s team</p>
<p>This JCR therefore resolves to:</p>
<p>Donate £300 to the St Anne’s Movember team. Link: https://uk.movember.com/team/2410101</p>

Further comments from proposer

Do we have the money?
Yes, totally fine. From the charities budget which hasn’t been touched yet.

Could there be a charity that is more gender-neutral, like mind, that we donate to?
Could put in a motion for this for the next meeting- we have enough money in the budget for this.

The uni in general has a challenge to see which college can get the most donations in a month- would be a good way to push this drive.

Vote

For- 25
Abstain- 0
Against- 0

MOTION PASSES

Hustings- VS Rep. Hannah Wang

Why do you want to be visiting students' rep?

Want to be visiting students' rep because with personality, and the way she has integrated in Annes community, she could do a lot for VS. Have a group chat, people talk about the interactions they have with others. Can use what she has learned from that to plan events, make people feel more welcome, and could be a good liaison for students who are coming in the terms to come.

Any ideas for any things you would do for the new students at the beginning of each term?

First thing I wanted to do was a thanksgiving- not a holiday that's really celebrated here. Would be nice to have a dinner or game night with other VS to welcome them, and also with the whole JCR.

Two separate communities to be integrated into - current VS, then whole JCR.

Thanksgiving is quite an American tradition- will all VS be able to go?

Already spoken to other VS about this, and they want to experience this- also a lot of VS are American.

Thanksgiving- thinking about non VS, or people with American families, would it just be open to VS or others?

If she were to become rep, this would be planned- getting funding and making this work logistically would be the challenge.

Wants to include everyone, but there are costs/ logistics challenges with opening it up to the whole college.

Would be hard to organise that for this thanksgiving, however. The best idea would be exclusively for VS.

Could organise something like a potluck/ everyone brings their own dish for VS. set it up in the Danson room- something similar has happened before.

This has been discussed and would be a good idea- this could certainly work.

College does thanksgiving lunch on thanksgiving- Fabian could organise this alongside, and would work with the VS rep to do this.

VS often feel trapped in a VS bubble- how can we get VS integrated into the Annes community.

Suggested a crewdate, that integrates different colleges, from VS to non VS, so that we could allow VS to meet others outside of this 'bubble'.

Sometimes, VS feel not as comfortable attending events advertised for 'everyone'

Suggested a 'bring a brit' crewdate.

Hustings challenge- plan the thanksgiving event with Fabian (International students rep)

END OF MEETING

