



St Anne's College
JCR Motions – General Meeting
Week 8, Hilary, 06/03/2022

Motion: Donate £200 to United Help Ukraine

Proposed by: Rosa King

Seconded by: Will Allfrey

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| This JCR notes that: |
| The Russian invasion of Ukraine has already caused thousands of casualties and displaced millions of people. |
| This JCR believes that: |
| Those people need medical aid and humanitarian relief in the form of food, warm clothing and other necessities. |
| This JCR therefore resolves to: |
| Donate £200 from the charities budget in addition to the money already raised to United Help Ukraine, a charity providing relief to internally displaced people in Ukraine. |

VOTE

For – 60

Abstain – 0

Against – 0

Motion Passes

Motion: Open elections for ball committee

Proposed by: Chloe Glynn

Seconded by: Sam Davis

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| <i>This JCR notes that:</i> |
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This JCR notes that the last St Anne's Ball was in 2017 and could not take place in 2020 due to Covid 19. Traditionally, a college ball takes place every 3 years so that everyone can have this experience.

For a ball to take place, a committee must be in position. According to the constitution elections should have taken place upon resignation of the last committee.

This JCR believes that:

- A ball has been highly requested among the JCR and it is time to go ahead with the planning as Covid restrictions ease.
- For a ball to take place in Michaelmas 2022 we would need to elect the President, Vice President and Treasurer imminently, so they can appoint the rest of committee with enough time to plan the ball.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Open elections for ball committee as soon as possible so that the elected positions are in place by the start of trinity.

6. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE BALL COMMITTEE

The St. Anne's Ball Committee shall consist of

- Ball President
- Ball Vice-President
- Ball Treasurer

And any further positions created by the President of the Ball Committee as he/she deems necessary for the organisation of the ball. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Ball Committee shall be elected by the JCR Membership according to the general procedure defined in Part 3, Section 10 of the Constitution. Upon the resignation of the President, Vice President or Treasurer, an election shall be held according to the aforementioned general procedure in order to fill the vacant position(s).

For all further positions the President of the Ball Committee shall interview applicants and make appointments accordingly.

The JCR President and the JCR Treasurer shall be ex officio members of the Ball committee and act as a link to the JCR committee.

- Can we open elections as soon as possible – Ball committee needs time to plan the ball.

VOTE

For – 58

Abstain – 0

Against – 0

Motion passes

Motion: EcoTrash Funding

Proposed by: Kelsey Monteith

Seconded by: Kane Moylett

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| <i>This JCR notes that:</i> |
| Trashing is an annual Oxford tradition that occurs after students take examinations in Trinity Term and is an important aspect of many students' time at Oxford. It involves students covering each other in substances such as shaving foam, confetti, and coloured powders which can be harmful and toxic to the environment. EcoTrash is a company that sells eco-friendly trashing materials which have a lower or minimal impact on the environment such as biodegradable glitter and confetti Website - https://ecotrash.co.uk/ |
| This JCR believes that: |
| St Anne's should support a transition towards more environmentally friendly trashing materials by raising awareness of the environmental impact of trashing and promoting the use of sustainable and biodegradable alternatives |
| This JCR therefore resolves to: |
| Provide £300 in funding to purchase EcoTash products, such as 30 'Rainbow Packs' for distribution amongst students. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (After communicating with the company, they have agreed to provide a 10% discount for this bulk order, so this would cost £270) |

- (After communicating with the company, they have agreed to provide a 10% discount for this bulk order, so this would cost £270)
- They will do a 20% discount on a £500 order- could be worth looking into year on year as a regular supply.
- A £300 order gets 30 packs.
- It would come from the motion related budget- plenty for this term.

VOTE

For – 56

Abstain -2

Against – 1

Motion passes

Motion: One time payment of ~~£50~~ £100 to support student production of *Mojo* by Jed Butterworth

Proposed by: Lucy Thompson

Seconded by: Liv Franks

This JCR notes that:

- *Mojo* is a 1995 play by Jed Butterworth. Set in a seedy Soho nightclub in 1958, *Mojo* follows its eclectic quasi-gangster employees' descent into paranoia and anarchy after they discover the club owner's cut in half. With the threat of a rival gang looming, their resident musician missing, presumed dead, carnage descends over the course of a summer afternoon.
- *Mojo* will be performed in TT W3 in the Michael Pilch Studio and produced by a student production company: *Nocturne Productions*
- Lucy (member of St Anne's) will be production manager for this production.
- Any profit taken from *Mojo* can be used by *Nocturne Productions* to fund larger theatrical and film projects, therefore contributing to the amelioration and development of the Oxford drama scene.

This JCR believes that:

- Funding is extremely important for student-led productions since all other money is only acquired after ticket sales. Money is therefore needed pre-ticket release to fund costume, props, set, lighting, sound and marketing expenses.
- It is important to support student drama after an extended period of limited artistic and theatrical projects during the pandemic.
- St Anne's helping to fund this project would present an excellent opportunity for the JCR to encourage the extra-curricular involvement of its members and equally help provide entertainment for its members, the university and beyond. This is particularly important in the highly stressful environment of Oxford where finding relief from academic pressure is paramount.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Contribute £50 towards production and marketing costs for *Mojo*.

ON FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE REQUESTED AMOUNT WAS CHANGED TO A ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £100 INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINAL £50.

VOTE

For - 59

Abstain- 1

Against- 0

HUSTINGS

PRESIDENT –

Simon Abehsera-Cohen:

- Lots of experience doing this kind of role – role at school was similar to what the President does currently/
- Really important that everyone gets heard, feels supported, and with the right committee the JCR would be able to continue on.
- Wants the JCR to be a place where people are comfortable to come forward with ideas and concerns.

Questions

- How would find a balance between your degree and your JCR role?
 - We have a whole JCR team – we work together, share responsibility. Confident in having a good JCR team.
 - Won't feel like work, as he will enjoy it.
- Anything that you think needs to be changed/implemented in the JCR?
 - Don't currently have any issues with the current JCR – wants everyone to feel free to come forward if they feel they have things that could change.
 - Wants to be a catalyst for change for others.
- What do you feel most anxious about?
 - Dealing with the heads in college- liaising with people above him, but will try his best to strike a balance between the college and students wishes.

VICE – PRESIDENT

Ayeesha Chakravarti:

- Like to be able to continue the work that Will and the rest of the JCR are doing
- The job of the VP isn't to come up with a bunch of ideas and implement them – VP's main objective is to be a good liaison between the President and the JCR and the rest of college
- Very unbiased and level-headed
- Good at maintaining amicable relationships with people – Wants to do whatever she can to support Simon.

- Will be able to resolve conflict in the JCR - believes that when the JCR miscommunicates it all breaks down.
- Wants to represent the student body here, take on thoughts and criticisms, and directly communicate with college.

Alfie Davis –

- Wants to be VP as he would enjoy the job – being part of Annes, getting to know people better.
- Being VP is about representing everyone – wants to be a focus point for people's concerns.
- Really good at organising, planning, helping to plan bops/fresher's week and making sure people are as engaged with the community as possible.
- Experience- Ran own student organisation with 50 members for 2 years, has experience with working with a budget, working in a team.
 - Team captain of debate team.
 - Prefect at school.

Declan Kiely

- Wants to be VP as the JCR is important to all of our experiences here. Lots of experience had from before oxford will allow him to ensure the JCR is ran effectively.
- Got a lot of experience in making sure that feedback works both ways between JCR committee and students – bring the experience that he has gained to make sure that JCR represents students as well as possible, and maintain transparency in the JCR.
- VP has a lot of responsibility for fresher's week- wants to open it up to all students by planning a range of events.

Elliott Loukin

- JCR is incredibly important- is the system that takes the idea of the student body into account and acts upon them.
- Wants to ensure that communication between JCR and students is as easy and smooth as possible.
- It can be difficult to form a motion for the JCR- anonymous online voting form could be introduced to submit motions/feedback for the JCR.
- JCR is a large team – VP has to work with all the reps, with everyone.
- Worked in teams beforehand, in organisational roles:
 - In the ball team for his school.
 - Set up the debating team for his school.
- Has experience communicating with higher organisation, lots of teamwork and communication needed to get it done.
- Goal of VP is to act as glue for the whole team.

QUESTIONS

How are you coping with your workload at the moment- can you balance the VP role and your degree?

- EL- Does medicine , which is a stressful degree. He's on top of his workload Adding responsibilities of VP would be something he would thrive on rather than struggle with. Wouldn't be work as much as something he would enjoy doing and putting his all into.

- DK – PPE, busy degree. Coping well with work. Spare time that could be set aside for committee work- time management isn't a particular issue.
- AD- Geography is my passion – JCR would be the same thing. Committed so will be 100% into it, on top of work both JCR and degree.
- AC – Also do PPE. Is a struggle, it hasn't been high flying the whole way through. Haven't been used to schoolwork for the whole year- on top of it now, has been a process, and it is about how much you're willing to put into it as much as how much time you have for it. Truly believes she would be able to manage it.

What do you like about St.Anne's?

- AD – When he came to Oxford, felt pressured, like he had to – heard the horror stories about Oxford like discrimination - Anne's is a totally different place to those stories = Proud to say he goes to Annes.
- EL – The relationships he has made with some of the people here – at Annes, people are much more welcoming and much more open. Tutors at Annes have been super supportive. Personal connections he has made here.
- AC – Visited Oxford on the Open day 2019. Was convinced at first, she wasn't going to apply. Thought it wasn't for her. Loves the buildings, kitchens are good, so easy to feel like a student in a bubble rather than living in a castle. People are so calm, and can feel relaxed walking around.
- DK – Everyone in this room, all of the people at St. Anne's. Nowhere else could make you feel so at home. Being further away from the city centre, closer to some of the green spaces in Oxford.

Why are you the best candidate for the role?

- DK – Got a lot of experience in managing organisations, making sure that they are working effectively, chairing meetings, organising events, and will be able to take that forward and ensure that everything works effectively in the JCR ensuring there will be a good relationship.
- AC – Some people may not think she is the best candidate for the role, and that's fine. Important that people vote for who they believe in. However, she is standing as she thinks she will do a good job – she is approachable, kind, friends with a lot of the JCR and thinks that is a very important part of being VP.
- AD – Approachable as a person, really enjoy planning and organising, has experience, can give 100% to the role and is well suited to the role.
- EL- Kind of person that you can approach, have conversations with, give ideas. Had responsibilities and experience in the past. Part of doing medicine is being open and approachable with patients. Can transfer those skills into the JCR. Have good people skills, can take into account other people's opinions.

How can you resolve conflict within the JCR?

- AD- Have to look at what priorities are when it comes to dealing with conflict. Dealing with things 1 on 1, being sensitive if dealing with personal issues, making sure that issues are resolved as quickly as possible.
- EL – Conflict is inevitable – will arise because both parties will think they are right. Can consider both opinions impartially, set aside personal issues, and consider the ideas clearly, and come to the best conclusion through discussion.

- DK- Dealing with conflict it is important that people trust you to be able to mediate that conflict- try to avoid taking sides where possible, if there is conflict between two people, so that both sides feel listened to. Everyone on the JCR will have brilliant ideas- want to be able to use everyone's passion and ideas if at all possible. In most cases, that is possible. Key is to not get sucked into the conflict and to try and find a way that everyone can feel that they have been listened to.
- AC – Important to remember that the JCR is a democracy- if it is a conflict that arises due to the process, it has to be dealt with by the JCR as a whole. With personal issues, it is important that everyone understands each other as people as much as colleagues. Can be sorted out as people who like and respect each other, rather than with ego.

SECRETARY

Teresa Habib Meriggi:

- Very organised
- Enjoy meeting new people
- Always on her phone – easy for people to get in touch with her.
- Had a lunch with a previous PPEist- made her really think about what she wants out of the experience of uni.
- It's important that Anne's is an inclusive community – she has certainly felt that so far, and wants to get involved in that community and become a part of what makes it work.

How do you specifically want to go about being secretary – what's your note taking process?

- Pretty good with separating the two – can multitask, focus on taking notes as well as contributing to meetings.

How can you improve the newsletter?

- Comfortable with using technology, open to ideas and improvements.

TREASURER

Sawyer Suzuki:

- Worked at a convenience store in Japan.
- Treasurer needs to be a good support for other people in the committee. In the store, was that guy that supported others.
- Fairly organised – had to manage bookings at the convenience store.
- Has good vibes- down to earth, will help him being more approachable.
- Wants to get Anne's a student discount at a restaurant.

How good at you at replying to emails, organising budget etc.

- Was student council president at his school, and worked very hard to organise.

Which restaurants are you thinking of getting a discount at?

- Doesn't know for certain – want to get the opinions of others.

WELFARE

Daniel and Matilda

- M – I'm calm, friendly, approachable. Would get the job done well. Want to improve the welfare teas, want to advertise them more and get more people coming to them. Have a certain theme for each week – one week could be board games, could get an ice cream van.
- Also want to look at the welfare schemes that we have at the moment and changing it. Can improve certain schemes and run others more efficiently.
- D – Wants to make themselves available and well-known to other students so they know who to talk to.
- Personally, very empathetic, non-judgemental.
- M – want to work more closely with other reps (BAME, women's, disability, international) to create welfare events that can be more specific to the challenges that those groups face.

Ted and Adele

- A – as an international student, know it can be tough to feel away from home. Would love to make the welfare teas better, have an activity every week like table football or tennis.
- Wants to do events like walks/swimming in port meadow.
- Wants to provide things like colouring books, other small welfare related items.
- Wants to get a Headspace subscription.
- T- had a lot of experience with friends who have had issues with welfare – struggled personally with things such as gender, sexuality, and can use his experience with these struggles to be able to help other people access those if they need them.
- Wants to provide online resources such as guides on how to access the uni resources and create some kind of St. Anne's talking space, where we can match up students who want to talk to somebody else in Annes (totally anonymously.)

How do you plan on attracting more people to welfare teas?

- D + M – Highlighting the theme, asking people what they want, making sure the welfare teas are relevant to them. Good opportunity to get people engaged at the start of the year, getting people excited for the event.
- T + A – A challenge to get people to come along to these things – a lot of our ideas will need testing. Went to a welfare tea a few weeks ago, and noticed there were one group who seemed to know each other well and were chatting, and some others who weren't as involved. Could consider something to make it more inclusive, and getting everyone to talk to one another. Promoting on the Instagram and sending out on the mailing list, and making sure that people are aware of what's happening.

Could be talking to people with some serious struggles in your role – how can you separate your mental health from other people's and protect yourself so that you are able to do your job well?

- T + A- Definitely is an issue to consider. We are very good friends, and can help one another with issues if one or the other is struggling. Role as welfare isn't necessarily to take on all the responsibilities – we can guide people in the right direction.

- D + M – We would get training to deal with that kind of thing. Would try not to be in that situation where one welfare rep is the only point of contact for a person who is struggling heavily. Again, the pair can support one another – they are good friends, and can work together to help people in the best way possible.

If you notice that someone is struggling around college but don't want help, what do you do?

- T+A It's difficult when you can't step in and help – the way around this is to contact people who are close to that person, and gently encourage them to check up on them – keeping the line of communication open.
- D + M – Just keeping in touch with them – the little things, small communications. The harsh truth is that you can't help someone who doesn't want your help – have to respect personal boundaries. But keeping those resources advertised, and keeping in touch helps.

ENTZ

Scarlett and Tom

- S – Want to be ENTZ reps as its important after covid to start this next year with a bang in terms of events. Got really good ideas in terms of Bops, wants to change things in terms of vibes in the college bar, more seating, new artwork. Tom is tall can spot him in clubs. Good at organising.
- T – Scarlett would be a great ENTZ rep. Lots of connections in the uni, knows a lot of people, been on lots of crew dates so can organise them especially for people who don't usually experience them.
- S- want to up the social media page, make it more interactive and up awareness for events as well as doing more non-alcoholic events.

When planning events, how would you deal with opposition from college?

- Showing enthusiasm and not taking no for an answer. Good at liaising with people, and making sure that the people higher up are happy as well as the students.

How would you face criticism of your approach to events?

- We will learn the stresses of it – very thick skinned, aren't really offended/affected by criticisms. Making people feel comfortable in the events that we hold, and being approachable as possible. Dealing with issues like current ENTZ dealt with Anne Summers.

What is the worst college bar, and crew date location, you've been to?

- Teddy Hall – it's very small, expensive. T doesn't like queens; you can only pay on the bod card.
- Worst crew date destination – Angry Thai. They are the least tolerant of people on crewdates. The food is slightly better at temple lounge, and the environment is slightly nicer.

Non-alcoholic events- do you have any specific ideas?

- We would advertise it the same way in which we would for other events.
- Non-drinking poker nights, want a table tennis championship, swimming in port meadows, pool tournaments.
- Want to get students involved in choosing events they want.

HUSTINGS CHALLENGES

President – Take a picture of Helen King, John Banbrook and John Ford.

Vice President – Next year you'll get £400 to spend on things for the Danson room. Make a list of things you would like to add into the Danson room, and put them in a Facebook post.

Have a conversation with 2 people that you've never spoken to before.

Secretary – Next week is giving week – lots of events in college, very busy. Make the newsletter for next week with all the events on and publish on the FB page.

Treasurer- Go to Tesco, and with a budget of £15, get as much of your money's worth as possible – try and feed yourself for as long as possible, making sure you don't buy a load of the same things.

Welfare – Plan a welfare tea for a Saturday with a budget of £30.

ENTZ – Go to either Bridge or TVC before it is open, find Ben Brown, collect tickets from him and network with him.