

JCR General Meeting

MTW8 27/11/22

Danson Room



Meeting Introduction

- Ayesha: 2 motions, should be fairly speedy, one is a constitutional amendment.

Motion 1: Split the LGBTQ+ Rep role on the JCR committee into separate LGBTQ+ sexuality and gender roles for future years.

Proposed by: Finn Newman

Seconded by: Rosie Jacobs

This JCR notes that:

- Queer identity involves both sexuality and gender and experiences of the two forms of queerness are distinct and unique, though they involve lots of overlap.
- A cis individual with a queer sexuality may not necessarily be able to adequately represent an individual who is trans or vice versa.
- Most colleges have some form of trans rep, and it is an oversight of the Anne's JCR to have never instated a similar role.
- Trans identity is particularly targeted at the moment, and it is important that we instate a role dedicated to representing and supporting queer gender identities to ensure their comfort and safety in college.

This JCR believes that:

- The breadth of queerness must be adequately represented in the JCR and the SU and the current role in the committee could easily fail to do so should the person elected be trans and straight or cis and queer.
- Trans people deserve safe spaces and events that only other trans people can adequately organise for them. The current role has the potential for trans identity to be completely side-lined should a cis person be elected to the role. With trans people being such a targeted group, we need to act now to protect their interests in college.
- As a result of the proposed change, both groups (including those that fall into both categories) will be better represented in the JCR and the two reps must work as a pair to ensure this is the case.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Create two LGBTQ+ rep roles, an LGBTQ+ Genders rep and an LGBTQ+ Sexualities rep.
- Hold elections for these two roles as we would for the current role in Trinity term.

Amend the constitution so that the description for the two roles reads thus:

LGBTQ+ Sexualities Representative:

1. Provide LGBTQ members of the JCR with specific assistance, information and support beyond the responsibilities of Welfare
2. Provide JCR members with information and advice on LGBTQ matters
3. Help lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, questioning and straight JCR members with problems of sexuality
4. Liaise with University-wide LGBTQ bodies, such as the Oxford SU LGBTQ Council
5. Liaise with the Genders representative, working as a pair to ensure full representation of all queer identities

LGBTQ+ Genders representative:

1. Provide LGBTQ members of the JCR with specific assistance, information and support beyond the responsibilities of Welfare
2. Provide JCR members with information and advice on LGBTQ matters
3. Help transgender, nonbinary, gender-nonconforming, and questioning members of the JCR members with problems of gender
4. Liaise with University-wide LGBTQ bodies, such as the Oxford SU LGBTQ Council
5. Liaise with the Sexualities representative, working as a pair to ensure full representation of all queer identities

Discussion

- Finn: this is actually extremely important, I think there are only 4 colleges that don't have a rep for gender identities. It's weird that we don't have one.

Questions

1. If one of the rep roles is full and the other one isn't what happens?
 - a. Forgot to add that but responsibility falls on each other. Will make the necessary changes.
2. Do they run as a pair?
 - a. Run separately, not as a pair like entz. Do have to work together though

Voting

Constitutional amendment so no abstentions and need $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass

For: 28

Against: 1

Motion passes

Motion 2: Donate £100 from the charities budget to OMA

Proposed by: Bethan Cornick

Seconded by: Alfie Davis

This JCR notes that:

- Oxford Mutual Aid (OMA) are a local charity providing food and other essential ideas to the local community
- OMA are collecting Christmas presents for families who may not be able to afford Christmas this year
- The cost of living crisis is causing a particular strain on families over the festive period this year

This JCR believes that:

- Everyone should be able to enjoy Christmas this year, irrespective of the cost of living crisis
- The charities budget has the funds to contribute to OMA's Christmas fund

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Donate £100 from the charities budget to OMA

Discussion

- Beth: OMA contacted a lot of oxford colleges, we are collecting food bank items and christmas presents in the danson room so please donate. Asked for funding. We also asked what they prefer, said they would enjoy the money and buy the presents themselves as well because then they can allocate it exactly to what they need.

Questions

1. What is the charities budget?
 - a. Not allowed to disclose exactly how much it is, if anything rolls over what is left goes to the charity of the year. It comes from an optional levy of 3.50 a term per person.
2. Is it part of a bigger country wide charity or is it a local charity?
 - a. It was set up in the first lock down, completely independent within Oxford. The college has supported them during covid in the past.

Voting

For: 28

Abstentions: 0

Against: 0

Motion passes