

JCR General Meeting

MTW6 05/02/22

Danson Room



Meeting Introduction

- Ayesha → welcome, there is Pizza! 2 motions and announcement about elections
- Teresa → Applications are now open for Exec positions within the JCR committee: pres, vice pres, treasurer, secretary, entz reps and welfare reps. Manifesto deadline will be the saturday before the next meeting (18th), hustings will be in the next meeting (19th) and then elections will be on the following Wednesday (22nd). Please spread the word and feel free to ask any questions, a follow up email/message will be sent out soon.

Motion 1: UCU motion

Proposed by: Alfie

Seconded by: Teresa

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Academic staff at the University of Oxford in the University and Colleges Union are going on strike for 18 days during Hilary term 20232. They are doing so because they believe they are not being fairly treated by the University
<i>This JCR believes that:</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Academic staff deserve fair compensation for their labour;2. Both students and staff suffer from staff's current unfair working conditions;3. Student support in the dispute will help the UCU come to a quicker resolution with the University.
<i>This JCR therefore resolves to:</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support academic staff at the University of Oxford in the University and Colleges Union through their period of industrial action;2. Implores its members to show solidarity with strikers by not crossing picket lines on strike days3. Donate £80 to the Oxford UCU Hardship Fund.

Discussion

- Alfie → Just want to be a statement where the JCR supports the strikers and encourages students not to cross the picket lines.

Questions

1. Ayesha → what budget would this come from?
 - a. Sawyer → motions budget
2. Ayesha → Just to clarify, what is a picket line?
 - a. Alfie → basically a barrier where workers are with signs to try and stop people from coming into buildings or workplaces where they are having strikes.
3. Patrick → What if there are no picket lines for your department?
 - a. Ayesha → Some departments are not part of the union, but like showing solidarity in general. Obviously if work is important you don't have to abstain from entering, but just in general if you can
4. When are the strikes?
 - a. The SU sent out an email with all the days. Individual departments might sent out updates but no one is required to say whether they will be striking or not so that's not necessarily the case.

Voting

For: 24

Abstentions: 2

Against: 0

Motion passes

Motion 2: Music Society

Proposed by: Theo André-Watson

Seconded by: Alex Andrews

This JCR notes that:

The music society's money is currently in the hands of the larger JCR treasury. It is currently inconvenient and inefficient to have to go through the JCR to access funds when other societies have direct control and access to their own bank account.

This JCR believes that:

It would be more simple, easier, and convenient to place control of a music society bank account in the hands of the committee of the music society in order to aid college music groups.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Create a bank account for the music society with the signatories being that of treasurer and one other committee member.

Discussion

- Theo → Music society is growing, so it is much easier just to have that pot of money available. Costs need to be reimbursed through all of the different groups the music society is in charge of. Will allow us to put on more events, things people can pay directly into. Concerts, formals ++

Questions

1. Ayesha → how does it work now?
 - a. Theo → Currently we have to request money from the treasurer.
 - b. Sawyer → there is a form you can fill out for reimbursements. Totally for the new bank account, but would have to go through John and the college in order to go through the whole bank account making process. Took almost 4 months to transfer the JCR treasurer account from Kane, so this will take a while too. But happy to put name down and help with the process.
2. Ayesha → worry is that if every society wants to open up its new bank account will take a while. Here we can have the JCR support the formation of a new bank account, but will need to take it to college and see what John says regardless.
3. Do the funds rollover per year or is it per term?
 - a. Theo → was told per term, and then what doesn't get spent disappears
 - b. Sawyer → usually the accounts are calculated on a per year basis so happy to have it roll over.
4. Rosie → Reps use the reimbursement system, why should it be different to music soc?
 - a. Theo → there are other things, it really is just a convenience thing especially as the society keeps getting bigger. The main issue is that the society is organised differently as loads of groups feed off of the main society. There are so many different channels to go through to get things reimbursed. It's a lot more complicated.

Voting

For: 25

Abstentions: 0

Against: 1

Motion passes