

JCR General Meeting

MTW6 13/11/22

Danson Room



Meeting Introduction

- 3 motions, 12 candidates for hustings

Motion 1: Donate to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Proposed by: Bethan Cornick

Seconded by: Tom Whitehead

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on the 6th February has caused mass devastation<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Over 17 million people have been affected◦ Over 41,000 people have been killed• Funding is needed to continue the rescue and recovery operation
<i>This JCR believes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Anne's has the funds to support the aid appeal
<i>This JCR therefore resolves to:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donate £100 to the White Helmets: a volunteer organisation working in Syria to support search and rescue operations and transfer of injured survivors to hospitals• Donate £100 to Support to Life Association: a non-profit organisation based in Turkey supporting the needs of earthquake survivors

Discussion

- Beth → Have specifically chosen charities within Turkey and Syria, want to avoid charities that pay their CEOs lots of money. We want ones that are effective within the countries themselves.

Voting

For: 46

Abstentions: 1

Against: 0

Motion passes

Motion 2: RSH Representative

Proposed by: Alfie Davis

Seconded by: Krishh Chaturvedi

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a result of the Bevington Road redevelopments, there has been a significant shortage of rooms on the college site• As a result of this, more students will be living off site than ever before in recent memory, many of whom will be current first years living in the Robert Saunders House accommodation• Robert Saunders House is a significant distance from the main college site• Both the St Anne's MCR and many other colleges have JCR reps for each of their off-site accommodation blocs• As the college continues to expand and develop, there is potential for students to be required to live in off-site college accommodation in the coming years
<i>This JCR believes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The community provided by the college is vital in the upkeep of the welfare, social life and uni experience of all students• As the Robert Saunders House accommodation is a significant distance from college, students are at risk of being isolated from the college community, as well as having JCR events not be easily accessible for them• Such a distance, as well as the unique experience of this off-site-accom, will make it difficult for the Domestic Affairs Officer to accurately reflect the views of all students on matters pertaining to accommodation and other domestic issues• It is important for the JCR committee and domestic rep to serve the needs of all students
<i>This JCR therefore resolves to:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend the constitution to allow for the creation of a RSH representative when necessary, as well as allow for the creation of any other alternate housing representatives should the need arise for future JCRs.• Have the incoming Domestic Affairs Office appoint a RSH representative
Add the following clauses (viii and ix) to section 3.11 of the constitution so that it reads as:
The Domestic Affairs Officer shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• viii - Oversee and appoint at their discretion an informal housing committee consisting of at least the following whereby all members work with the Domestic Rep:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A representative for each major accommodation complex that is both physically separate and a significant distance from the main college site. This does not pertain to include private or college rented properties.b. Each rep shall be named after their respective accommodation (e.g. the Robert Saunders House Rep).c. Each reps term-time accommodation must be the same as the accommodation they represent for the entirety of their tenured. Each accom rep should:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Represent the views and promote the interests of those living in their respective accommodation to both college staff and the JCR committee

- ii. Ensure those living in their respective accommodation remain included in, and engaged with, the college community through promotion of on-site events, holding their own social events within their buildings and any other measures the JCR committee deems appropriate
 - iii. Attend domestic forum and JCR committee meetings alongside the domestic rep
- iv - Representatives to the housing committee are picked by the Domestic Affairs Officer at their discretion with confirmation from the Executive Committee.
 - The Domestic Affairs Officer must then notify the Domestic Bursar, Accommodation Office and any other relevant staff of whom they picked as the respective Housing Representative

change so it reads change to 8 and 9 subclauses - send change to Sam

*change to "appoint at their discretion"

Discussion

- Alfie → Sara's idea last term but we weren't sure about it. Now we know that not everyone in RSH is going to be a fresher (Grad students too), the role wouldn't be the same as just having the regular committee being from the same year. If we had an RSH rep, they can organise events and coordinate welfare stuff. An appointed role means there are no elections and it's a lot easier.
- Krishh → we wanted to do it now because now we know its going be a mix of people in RSH, so we need a new role.

Questions

1. Sara → is there anything to do with transport that they can sort out? E.g buses, coordinating with college etc.
 - a. Alfie → the constitutional amendment says any measures so they can do whatever they'd like e.g work with environments rep about the bike scheme.
2. Finn → what's gonna happen when RSH goes back to being just for post-grads after the bev development?
 - a. Alfie → We can change the wording so that it says they are appointed at the discretion of the domestic rep so there isn't any need to if there is no RSH anymore for undergrads.
3. Ayesha → do they really need to come to every domestic rep meeting?
 - a. Alfie → at the moment for all of the accommodation reps for the MCR they come to every meeting.
 - b. Ayesha → Not sure if college would be keen on that as there could end up being a lot of reps at the meeting
 - c. Alfie → will ask the domestic forum what they think first informally, and if they're ok with it then we can bring this forward to the college to approve as a constitutional amendment.

Voting

Need $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass, no abstentions because constitutional amendment

For: 47

Against: 0

Motion passes

Motion 3: War with Hughs - First Strike authorisation to defend ourselves from St Hughs (note this is a joke motion!!)

Proposed by: Alfie Davis

Seconded by: Simon Abehsera-Cohen

Thirded by: Scarlett and Tom (Entz reps)

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Hugh's (Who's) is the most irrelevant, ugly, pointless and far out college• Razing it to the ground would be of shared benefit to the entire Oxford community• Nobody who attends the college will be successful in life• The best thing to come out the college is Teresa May and that says enough• St Hugh's is taking their frustration and anger at this irrelevance by planning to declare war on the innocent, prosperous and much-loved St Anne's
This JCR believes that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Who's JCR is blaming the college irrelevance that caused their ball to flop on the St Anne's entz team• Their college ball would have been a failure anyway as their entz team is incapable of running a successful event, unlike the extremely popular, loved and successful anne's entz. Also their video-editing skills are awful.• Given the slimy, underhand nature of the college, Hugh's students are likely behind the outrageous crime-against-humanity of stealing our switch from the Danson Room• The college is filled with rats, both literal and figurative, and thus as vermin, they must be exterminated• Their college crest is shit and ugly, as is the colleges architechture and old-ass (not in a cute way) dining hall, whereas our beaver mascot is beautiful and a work of art• We must strike first to defend our college from aggression• If they want war they will have it babes, they couldn't even fight for their own ball so how are they gonna fight us.• Hugh's students must be put out of their misery once and for all
This JCR therefore resolves to:
Declare war on St Hugh's NOW <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEADERSHIP<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Declare the JCR president (Simon) supreme eternal most magnificent commander in chief of the full military force of the college◦ Declare Scarlett Hamilton and Tom Fiddik head generals of the Anne's military◦ Declare the Anne's rowers head admirals of the Anne's navy, protecting the pond from attack at all times

- Declare Mbere Umoh head of the Anne's airforce due to his infamous aerial prowess
- Declare Ayesha Chakravati head of secret police to ensure in-college compliance and root out any traitors within the Anne's ranks
- DEFENCE
 - Install martial law over St Anne's, including a strict 4pm curfew
 - Arm the porters, hall staff, including but not limited to giving Peter Burden a bazooka
 - Install a sniper tower on RDB roof
 - Students not wearing Anne's stash on site will be forcibly removed from the premises for showing insufficient levels of patriotism
 - All sober events to be banned
 - Instruct the physics and chemistry students to begin developing a college nuclear programme to raze Hugh's to the ground
- OFFENCE
 - As the college is too boring and poor to have a mascot, we will rescue the Hugh's pet cats from their obvious mistreatment and abuse (nobody should be forced to live in St Hughs). Resident cat lady welfare rep (Matilda) shall take full custody as their legal guardian, and destroy the cat rep Caty Nicol who is bullying the Hugh's cats into skiing.
 - Any Hugh's student sighted in/around college or seen by an Anne's student must be met with the highest possible level of aggression
- SANCTIONS
 - Prohibit all trade (books, food, saliva) between all Anne's and Hugh's students, and encourage our allies to do the same
 - Embargo food imports to their STACS rip-off cafe
 - Issue interpol arrest warrants for the capture and detainment for known war-criminals Bronwen Price, Tahiré Wijetilaka, Oscar Fraser-Turner, Monty Pierce Jones as well as all other members of the Hugh's JCR committee for their unprovoked aggression and oxford-brookes quality bops.
- VICTORY
 - Victory will only be achieved with the Benets-ification (total destruction) of St Hughs College.
 - No JCR member shall rest until the college is annihilated. OX2 has and will always be ruled by Anne's.

Discussion

- Hughs have decided that we have cancelled their ball. They are passing a motion to declare war on Anne's at their meeting tonight
- They've been posting battle chants and things like that on the Hugh's entz instagram.
- Their college is uglier and more far out... therefore war

Voting

For: 47

Abstentions: 0

Against: 0

Hustings

Note: these are all written in first person... the secretary (Teresa) is not running for any of these positions please and thank you

President

- Ruby
 - Values, female state educated crankstart scholar. Want to improve access, inclusion, and representation. I am the best representation of these principles. Experience - worked in student committees before, worked in a team, can make decisions. Want to emphasise clarity and transparency within the JCR. Will be a familiar face, making sure everyone is listened to. Focus on achievable goals, continuing with eco friendly stuff as well.
- Maxance
 - Not from the UK, Anne's is like a family away from home. As president, I would like to be someone who listens. Most of the things I want to do are in my manifesto. Being approachable, being there for everyone. Have had experience in the past, creating fundraising stuff, sending out emails, and working in groups. Worked with my school to coordinate how to deal with exams and change that to something less stressful. Anne's JCR has done a good job this year, I want to continue that.
- Leif
 - Anne's has become a great home for us as freshers. I want the opportunity to represent the JCR, would be an honour. So many people will be living out and with the increased cost of living, we need someone to manage the transition and the changes that will be going on. I have gotten involved a lot around college in sports teams and am always around college, so want to continue being a part in college life and play a bigger role.
- Questions:
 - Simon → how would you try to encourage inclusivity within the committee? How would you delegate and what examples would you give.
 - Max: have had experience in the past, trying to fundraise for an orphanage. Had to deal with school administration that didn't want to have us there. All about communication, and we have to work with the team all together. Also about checking up with each individual, not necessarily waiting for people to come to you. Taking the initiative.
 - Ruby: being head girl and working with prefects was very similar, sometimes its groups of random people working together who wouldn't have had to work together otherwise, not necessarily friends. Need to establish close relationships with people. Still need to make active decisions at the end of the day, so having a balance between building relationships and being firm.
 - Leif: having casual conversations on the side. Sit down with people and ask them what are your ideas, what problems do you see with it. Issues

are addressed outside meetings so they aren't as tense and everyone is aware as to what is going on.

- What makes you unique as a candidate?
 - Leif: what is important for the role of president is to be someone reliable, who can oversee the implementation of stuff. I can navigate different opinions. My main strength is that I am involved in lots of sphere's of college life. Able to get the job done.
 - Max: coming from school in the US, I have the international perspective. I know what it is like to be a bit lost. Love meeting new people and being there for them.
 - Ruby: bring a reality perspective into the role. Imposter syndrome as a woman in STEM, state school educated. Can bring a fresh perspective of someone who has those experiences
- What is the biggest challenge being at Oxford that is not the workload?
 - Max: proactivity. Easy to be laid back. It's important to have initiative and bring things forward.
 - Leif: ability to tell what you actually want to do. Realise what you want to spend your time doing, something you enjoy. There is so much on offer, and it is such a big challenge to find out what you want.
 - Ruby: for each person it's different. Not really one hardest thing in Oxford. Lots of issues and lots of things that need to be tackled. Need to listen to everyone's perspective, take into account everyone's views.
- Big ideas to change and revolutionise college, but most of being President is managing. What do you think is one thing that the president actually does?
 - Max: just being there for people. I sent a message to Simon about running and he responded immediately.
 - Ruby: the image in mind is someone that does big speeches, but the pres is really someone who does the most of the listening
 - Leif: being an open channel of communication. The president knows about the workings of the governing body, and is able to then come back to the JCR and relay everything, making sure we are all well informed.

Hustings challenge: take selfies with important people in college

Vice-President

- Krishh
 - Most things are in my manifesto, had leadership positions before in school. Experience hosting large scale events. Have been freshers rep as well so have valuable insights into the JCR and how it works. Primary aim is that the JCR remains a safe place for the sharing of ideas. Want to be a bridge between students and the college. Also want to make sure specifically that the welfare of students is conveyed properly to college. Makes it more important that everyone feels their voice is being heard.
- Sam

- Week in and week out will turn up and give what is required of my role. Work with entz to arrange events during freshers, non-drinking events as well. Plans for the danson room, to make a concrete inventory so that we know what is actually in here.
- Sara
 - Vice president is the small scale stuff within the college. Bureaucratic role and managerial role. In terms of experience, have been the women's rep in the Labour Club. Have administrative skills from that, following constitutions, all helpful for VP. Also have had experience with the cost of living crisis, being at picket lines for the strikes. Again would also want to be accessible. Have experience and connections to ask people when not sure.
- **Questions:**
 - What do you understand to be the most important role for VP and how do you plan to do it?
 - Sam: want to sort out the Danson room, starting with taking an inventory
 - Krishh: organising freshers week with all the other reps. Want to introduce a lot of non-drinking event.
 - Sara: adding more decorations to the danson room. Want to make it nicer.
 - How would you deal with new freshers?
 - Sara: part of my role as women's rep for labour was getting new people involved, freshers week is the same kind of thing. Need to be active and communicate very clearly. Be there and be available.
 - Krishh: in school, was in charge of model UN and science society. Want to get people involved there as well. Prepared to try and integrate freshers with the rest of Anne's and with each other during freshers week.
 - Sam: need to understand the fears of being a fresher. Scariest part is having to meet new people and doing ice breakers. Would try to force my face in front of the freshers as much as possible until they get used to it.
 - What makes you unique compared to the other candidates?
 - Sam: did opportunity oxford. Have been in Oxford about a month longer.
 - Sara: interested in democracy and participation. Representation making sure people get heard. Would be the first openly trans VP, serve as a sign that it's an open college.
 - Krishh: already have insight into the JCR as have been freshers rep the past term. International student as well so have a unique perspective in understanding that.

Hustings challenge: create a feedback form for freshers, and plan what you would do for freshers week. Mainly just addressing the challenges we have faced in the past.

Secretary

- Amy

- Mainly have ideas about getting events out there a bit more. Put formal booking times on the mailing list so people don't forget. Put the newsletter on the instagram, as well as the meeting minutes and the facebook.
- **Questions:**
 - Teresa: A lot of events are on the instagram and we do put them out there on the facebook already. What else can we do?
 - More use of the whatsapp group. Short term notices, so that people remember. A lot of people don't scroll up through the chat too.
 - Alfie: Formal booking is so unreliable. Takes a lot of communication and things change last minute. How are you going to fit that into your schedule and overcome the lack of reliability?
 - Long term reminders but also the shorter reminders on the whatsapp chat. That way everyone keeps updated.
 - Practicality, how will you manage this with Uni work?
 - Don't do stem, more flexible degree with time.

Hustings challenge: help collect a list of events around college and the uni for the week 7 newsletter

Treasurer

- Gaspard
 - Main thing is to just continue what Sawyer has been doing, going to meetings and advising budgetary conversations. Can have discussions before the meetings as well to make sure that everything runs smoothly for people who are requesting money, they know exactly how much we can give. Want to take in to account the cost of living crisis and discuss this with college. Want to make sure that everyone has access through the treasurer to fund their ideas
- Questions
 - Sawyer: Out of the budget for next year, what do you want to focus on?
 - Benefits for the community. Arts project/music/danson room stuff
 - Ayesha: Can't really increase budget, so how would you plan to focus on these things?
 - Question of compromise, being more transparent about how things are allocated
 - Cost of living crisis, what do you want to do
 - Talk to college and represent the financial interest of the JCR. Bring it up for meetings and stuff.

Hustings challenge: see how much you could buy at Tesco for 15 quid

Welfare

- Georgia and Jack
 - Want to be really friendly faces around Anne's, always around college. Want to introduce more sports initiatives for welfare, both really sporty. Sports events are also very budget friendly. Would be good for people who aren't going to be living in Anne's the whole time next year as will be the case with a lot of second years

next year, not restricted just to campus. Really keen on expanding social media. Weekly shout outs, people who have been making a difference in the community. Freshers week is also a big thing, non drinking events focus.

- Luca and Daisy
 - Want to prioritise welfare in all its forms. Mental health and also physical health - want to do welfare walks. Keeping up with resources e.g sexual health stuff. Want to prioritise St Anne's being a community especially next year as an issue with people living out. Want to do group projects, maybe do a vegetable garden? Implementation, have ideas about events to put on that are a bit more active - cultural food night as a potluck, arts and craft stuff. Want to encourage everyone to be able to approach us with any kind of issue.
- Lizzie and Terry
 - Keen to expand welfare and integrate it with all other JCR roles. Terry from working class background, first in family to go to uni so can help people from similar backgrounds feel comfortable speaking about things like that. Want to continue with the work that has been going on already this year. Want to introduce a sports day, physical health and activity is really important as well. Good idea to get people who might not usually come to welfare teas to get involved. Would also like to try and run some workshops that people might find helpful e.g eating well, dealing with stress.
- **Questions**
 - Daniel: How would you increase communication with students and get them to speak with you if they have concerns?
 - Luca: can put out polls, ask for suggestions but people usually don't really answer that kind of stuff. Drop in sessions where people can approach with any issues would be good, separate from welfare teas.
 - Jack: current welfare teas are really good. Not the best for someone to reach out though, so maybe do something on a smaller scale. Come in for a chat but no event so it's less crowded.
 - Lizzie and Terry: 2 way channel of communication is really important. Advertising events, but also have a suggestions box where people can ask for specific things from the welfare team.
 - Ayesha: What would you do differently for fresher's week so that people turn up especially for non drinking events?
 - Jack: issue is labelling them as drinking and non drinking events, and having them at the same time in the evening. Just have events during the day as well. Food is a good way to get people to come.
 - Terry: multiple events at the same time means that people won't really go to them. Non drinking events attract certain types of people whereas just regular events are for everyone. Hard to organise events when you don't know who will show up and how many people so need to bare this in mind, stay flexible.
 - Luca: largely what everyone else has already said. Not necessarily planning loads and loads of events. The more important thing is planning

events that people really want to go to and can go to. People have different schedules, so want to vary the type of events but also the timing of events to make them more accessible.

- Most of us won't live in college next year, so how will you make sure welfare is spread around?
 - Terry: practically, will be here most days because the maths department is right across the road, make the danson room a hub of people seeing each other between classes/library sessions.
 - Luca: we have plans for more community driven events/projects e.g vegetable garden, cultural food night, bringing people together for group events, doing something together.
 - Jack: doing things like football/frisbee events would be good, so people don't feel isolated in RSH. Different locations.
- Is total attendance the best measure of success for welfare events?
 - Lizzie: no because that means we can't get around to everyone and engage with people about welfare issues.
 - Luca: no, welfare is not just about events
 - Jack: if you walk into the welfare tea and it's really busy, it might have the opposite effect. Some people love seeing welfare events packed, but it's about finding the right balance.

Hustings challenge: Create plan for events and put it up

Entz

- Paras
 - Keep trying to continue the work of this year's entz. Freshers week was a problem though, want to have sober events before drinking events. Not labelling them drinking and non-drinking events, but just things that are happening. Freshers speed dating on the games night would be nice, and an organised thing before drinking events acting like pres before the actual club. Use the college bar more, make an outdoor area with maybe a bit more lighting and a heater.
- Questions
 - How would you deal with any inevitable backlash on oxfess/senior staff members in the college?
 - Can deal with hate. Me and Megan are very good listeners, take suggestions on board. Want to listen and implement other people's ideas.
 - Welfare for drinking events, how would you make sure people feel/are safe?
 - All in the manifesto. Want to work closely with welfare. Sober helpers during our freshers was really good, walking home with people was great and want to keep that going for bigger bops. Have all of the different reps involved would be good so its a bigger team that are all helping each other.

Hustings challenge: Photo of you with as many college drinks as you possibly can