

JCR GENERAL MEETING 15/10/2023

AGENDA

Motions -

- History Society
- JCR Motion Microwaves
- JCR Motion Dining Hall Prices
- RSH Levy Motion

General -

- Visit from Daniel Hussain, President of the SU
- Notice about elections to run in the next general meeting

RESOLUTIONS

History Society - motion passed 42/47 for a £60 starting budget for the society

RSH Levy - decision to add a levy of £2 to RSH residents' battles so they can run social events passes unanimously

Microwave - motion to add a microwave to the Danson Room passes 37/40

Dining hall prices - motion to have the price of individual food items in the dining hall be more prominently placed (and added to the newsletter) passes unanimously

MOTIONS

History Society - proposed by Thomas Taborn, Seconded by Patrick Topham

- *This JCR notes that:*
 - The St Anne's History Society used to be a great social and learning space for students in St Anne's who like History, but it hasn't been active for a while.
- *This JCR believes that:*
 - Reviving the St Anne's History Society would be beneficial not just for History students, but for any students interested in History, or any students who would just like a space to socialise and meet other St Anne's students.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
 - Give revived St Anne's History Society a starting budget of £120 to place deposits and run its first events, which will hopefully be successful enough to allow the society to be self-sufficient moving forward.

Discussion -

- Inactive St Annes history society, beneficial for it to be revived. A place to socialise, not just for history students but everyone, emphasis on social aspect of the society
- A starting budget of £120, to run some large starting events
- The JCR is amazing, but it is not a good way to meet people, the society needs some funding to put down deposits, hopefully they can be financially self sufficient after some large initial events
 - Ticketed events to become self sufficient
- Speakers would be free, would use contacts
- Would run events with other history societies - cheap accessible drinks with motions and debates ie. with Magdalen History society

Questions -

- Does the society have a bank account?
 - There is an old society bank account, society members are in the process of getting access to it.
 - Request for the JCR funds to be reserved for the society when they do finally gain access to the account
- Issue with the requested amount, every term we only have £300 as a motions budget - £120 in the first meeting is a lot
 - It is a big amount but the society is hoping to not have to come back to the JCR for funding after this (aim to be self-sufficient)
 - Would be better to start with a smaller amount and then come back in other meetings for more funding if necessary - £60 proposed by treasurer, moved up to £80 (motion to be amended and then sent back)
- Is it possible to get sponsorship like the St Annes Law Society?
 - Would be difficult to get funding as the society hasn't run events in many years so it doesn't have a good track record.
 - Wanted to run some events relatively soon to gather interest, and getting a sponsorship would take time

Voting - 50 present

- Against - 5
- Abstaining - 3
- For - 42

→ MOTION PASSES 42/47

RSH Levy - Proposed by Gaspard Rouffin, Seconded by Nimisha Bica

- *This JCR notes that:*
 - A significant portion of JCR members will be residing in RSH for the next two years, perhaps longer
 - There is currently no budget set aside to organise social events for RSH residents, and it is unfair to non-RSH residents if general JCR budget is used for that purpose
 - The MCR already has a levy for RSH residents, and has shown interest in holding joint events with the JCR
- *This JCR believes that:*
 - JCR RSH residents should have access to social events on their main site of residence
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
 - Introduce a £2 termly levy for RSH residents, which will provide budget for the RSH rep to organise social events in the RSH common room in collaboration with the MCR, as long as there are JCR residents in RSH

Discussion -

- The levy is already in place on the RSH battles, we need this motion for constitutional approval
- Events for RSH - welfare teas, decorations for the common room etc.
- Clarification - you only pay the levy if you live in RSH, if you live in college this will not affect you at all
- Clarification - a levy is a tiny amount added to battles, it will be £2 pounds added to bills
- Levy motion, requires $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass, we have 10% of the JCR in this meeting

Voting - 51 present (no abstentions allowed)

- Against - 0
- For - 51

→ MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Microwaves Motion - proposed by Helen Ross, seconded by Eleanor McNeill

- *This JCR notes that:*
 - Many students this year are not living in college, but need to be in college to use the libraries/go to classes/tutorials. Additionally, college is a space to eat between lectures.
 - Students living in Robert Saunders House, as well as some of the students living out privately, live too far from college to pop home for lunch or to heat up food.
 - Many students like to bring lunch from home, rather than paying for lunch in hall, as it can be cheaper and a good way to use leftovers.
 - There is no way for students to heat up food in college if they are not living in college i.e. do not have access to any accomodation block kitchens.

- Lots of food is better when it's been heated, especially in winter.
- *This JCR believes that:*
 - Students who live out deserve warm food just as much as students who live in college.
 - The undergrad student body is capable of treating a microwave with the respect and dignity it deserves, and not being stupid i.e. microwaving forks or aluminium foil.
 - Student well-being and mood would improve if we were able to heat up our food in college and enjoy it warm.
 - Those students who do live in college would be less annoyed by people asking to use their kitchens if the Danson Room had a microwave.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
 - Buy a microwave which will be stored and used in the Danson Room
 - Print out a poster of what can and cannot be microwaved, to be placed next to said microwave, in order to prevent microwave-based mishaps.
 - Ask that students who can use their accomodation kitchens use that over the Danson microwave
 - Treat the microwave with love, dignity, and respect. Maybe we could give it a name to inspire kindness towards it. Please guys I am so sick of cold pasta and my house is so far away.

Discussion -

- Many students are not living in college, are living out privately or in RSH, they want to bring lunch from home instead of pay for lunch in hall, there is no way for students to heat up food in college.
- The undergrad student body is capable of treating a microwave with respect, ie. not microwaving forks
- Buy a microwave to put in the danson room, print out a poster to put it next to the microwave. Treat the microwave with love, dignity and respect and potentially give it a name.
- Potential issue: if we had a microwave and it was destroyed/caused a serious issue, the JCR would most likely never be allowed to have a microwave again

Questions -

- What budget would the microwave come out of?
 - The Danson Room budget. Helen will send Krishh a link for a microwave that is less than £70
- Who is responsible for maintaining the microwave? It will get dirty
 - This comes under who is responsible for dealing with the Danson Room, which is Krishh (VP)
- We will need to get the microwave fire safety tested
- How do we know the microwave won't be stolen?
 - A sign, screw it in? Not sure but we hope it will not be.

Voting - 40 present

- For - 37
- Against - 3
- Abstention - 0

→ MOTION PASSES 37/40

Dining Hall Prices - proposed by Ben O'Donnell, seconded by Noah Harper Smith

- *This JCR notes that:*
 - Prices are available by the entrance of the dining hall, by the coat racks, of mains and sometimes additional items. Individual items are all priced separately – from the bread rolls with the soup to a bowl of spinach.
- *This JCR believes that:*
 - As students, most of whom are tightly budgeted, knowing the price of items to be purchased is essential. It is very easy to take a soup, salad, main and sides and then find the cost of lunch to be £7.50. That is not to say the cost is too high – the dining hall is priced very reasonably – but that price awareness of each item helps avoid the surprise when peaking at the price at the till.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
 - Enable students to make informed decisions by labelling the price on the little white cards that name the item and the allergens it contains (eg . Vegetable soup, contains SULPHUR DIOXIDE and CELERY, £1 plus 30p for bread roll). Likewise for the mains, the sides, drinks, desserts, salads, coffee, juice and snacks; everything at the canteen.

Discussion -

- Prices are available at the entrance to the dining hall but individual items are priced separately. The dining hall is priced reasonably but it would be better if the individual items could show their prices
- If we vote yes, its a question of asking catering to put the prices on the small pieces of paper by each item of food - we can't say definitely yes, that this motion will come to fruition, as we haven't yet consulted the catering department
 - If they can't put the prices by each item of food would it suffice to have the full price list (posted in the corridor outside halls) to be put where the paying stations are or where the trays are?
- Clarification: motions do have an effect, ie. the motion to bring back the Sunday roast once a month came back in, the dining hall does listen to our demands

Questions -

- Could we do an online publishing of the pricing like on the newsletter on the menu?
 - The list of itemised prices can be on the newsletter but each individual item of the menu cannot have the prices put next to it realistically

Voting - 40 present

- Against - 0
- For - 40

→ MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL

Visit from the SU President, Daniel Hussain -

- Here to listen, move around the room and discuss
- Role of the SU:
 - JCR exec represent the students, the SU is to make the JCRs as efficient and effective as possible. Try to

compile data between the colleges so they can be compared, also organise rep coms, different offices

- Get all the VPs together and they can formulate strategies on how to approved
- Doing things not one JCR can do - campaigns across the whole university such as Class Act, pushing the university and the colleges in a certain progressive direction, very difficult to get every single JCR and SU to move in a single direction
- Here to answer questions anyone has - no questions given

Notices about elections -

Election for freshers' rep, visiting students rep and foundation year rep will be held in the next general meeting

- Send the manifesto in to the secretary, if you want to read more about the roles they are in the constitution on the St Annes College Website
- Will be running elections after the next meeting, will have deadline for the manifestos on the newsletter!
- Hustings will be in the next general meeting, can just be a general chat about what you want to do. Update regarding timing for sending manifestos and timing for when voting is happening