

## JCR COMMITTEE MEETING 21/01/2024

### AGENDA

#### **President's business -**

- Information for community week meeting
- Painting the bar

#### **Vice President's Business -**

- The JCR Motion Budget
- JCR Microwave update
- JCR office
- Fixing the Danson Room piano, guitar and buying some more items

#### **General -**

- Hustings schedule
- General budget reminder
- Danson room funds
- Punts
- Meeting with the St Anne's Society, workshopping ideas for student support

### RESOLUTIONS

*Information for community week meeting* - events don't have to come out of the JCR budget, people can make events around community week

*Painting the bar* - entz and art will chat with Mike and see how he wants to move forward

*JCR Microwave update* - Ruby and Krishh will meet with John Banbrook and update in the next meeting

*Discussing the JCR motion budget* - we will discuss the amounts with the people who have proposed the motions and ask, where possible, if they would be willing to lower the amount

*JCR Office* - Krishh will visit the JCR Office some time this week, and if people are free they can come with him and assess the situation

*Fixing Danson Room instruments*

### GENERAL

#### **President's Business -**

##### Information for community week meeting -

- Meeting with Stacey, community week events don't have to come out of JCR budget, college will fund from developments committee
- Ideas:
  - Might throw wet sponge at Helen King and other potential staff members (Peter Burden, John Banbrook)
    - Helen: JB would lean into it
  - Ruby: Also opportunities for welfare events, if anyone else has any burning events that you can tie in with communities this is a time to do it especially if you don't have a massive budget
- Krishh: anything you plan in term we can move it around communities week
- Ruby: We need to organise things - entz and welfare are the main things, as well as the games night idea
  - Games night idea: big quiz in the hall and make it some kind of black tie dress up gala thing
- Mitchell: Community week, seemed to talk about quite a few things, is there an expectation that we need to host quite a few things?
  - Ruby: it's more college's responsibility than ours - probably do 3, 4, maybe 5 events, we don't want to overload it as college will probably have other plans that we are not involved in. Over time we will get a schedule about it but for now we don't know how much time they want us to fill

##### Painting the bar -

- Ruby: has spoken to Leif about that separately
- Paras: Mike said to wait, still recovering from the shock of it painted over, he did most of it himself and doesn't want to make it a competition to paint it over
- Leif: why did they repaint it?
- Paras: they messed up. Mike was quite upset.
- Ruby: surely repainting it would make him happier
- Paras: he wants it repainted well. Maybe we could take a picture of a stencil and people submit designs and the best ones win. But for the pillars he wants to do it himself

→ Entz and arts chat with Mike

#### **Vice President's Business -**

##### JCR Microwave update -

- Krishh: bought towards the end of last term, he has contacted college asking if it needs to be tested and they said we don't want a microwave in the Danson Room.
- Next Thursday Ruby and Krishh will sit down with John Banbrook and understand what the concerns are and if any arrangements can be made because it has been bought. We thought there would be no issue as there is a fridge
- Will update in next meeting

##### The JCR Motion Budget -

*and buying more* - Krishh will send an email about piano tuning, we need to buy more guitar strings

*Hustings Schedule* - exec elections in w5, welfare and entz in w7, all other roles to be ran in trinity term, Amy will advertise in the newsletter and through emails to the JCR

*General Budget reminder* - every committee member has money left from last term it would be good if they spent their budget, discussion on expanding sexual health resources, discussion on keeping the pidge open longer so such resources are available at all times of the day

*Danson Room funds* - we will perhaps use some of the budget to maybe by a nintendo switch for the Danson Room (if someone asks for it in a JCR motion), and we will do some small refurbishments here and there

*Punts* - might be extended so we can have punts in w9 trinity and matriculation week, but Gaspard will ask

*Workshopping ideas for student support* - Lola will send out a form this week asking for responses about how the St Anne's Society can help us

- Today's GM will be packed because there are so many motions (8), and all are essentially asking for money. Needs to talk to Gaspard, a lot of the motions ask for £100/£150. Arts budget requests forwarded to Leif, 7 other motions
- A couple of charity ones which goes out of the charity budget and not the motions
  - Shalina: Pink week says to go from the JCR budget - does this mean it comes out of the motions budget?
- Gaspard: From last term only used £80, we have £220 left from last term because we didn't have any meetings in the last half. We have £300 for this term, so its £522
- Krishh: some motions only need £200, after that the arts one is £100, then the journal is £50, but that goes under arts as well
  - Gaspard: wild swimming we already gave money to last year, we can talk with the people that proposed it.
- Krishh: we need to whittle down the amounts as everyone is asking for a lot
- Leif: how much money is left in the arts budget
- Gaspard: £296 left
- Helen: is it worth saying at the beginning of the meeting we have a lot of motions asking for money so the first motions don't get preference and we say to the motions at the end that we have run out of money. Like if we announce at the beginning there is a lot to get through
- Ruby: we could give a brief overview of all of them altogether and then do the voting.
  - Krishh: Gaspard need to discuss
  - Gaspard: we need to discuss with the people who made the motions
  - Krishh: yes and check its ok with them
  - Gaspard: its still important to hear from people that are proposing it
- Mitchell: using JCR budget to donate to charity
  - If we propose it in the first week, most people will approve it but leaves a lot less money for the other weeks. If this isn't an urgent thing is there a better system where we don't pack all the money stuff together?
  - Ruby: trying to read through the constitution, but we can't just not. If a motion comes up we have to put it to the GM. We can't really control that.
  - Krishh: the money for the charity motions can come from the charity budget, we will have to reduce the amounts for basically everything, and maybe remove wild swimming as they have asked before.
- Ruby: all we can do is to convince people in the meeting to lower the amount they proposed
- Helen: we do have a large surplus from last term and it is there to be spent on motions
- Ruby: how much do the motions come to
  - Krishh: more than the surplus from last term
  - Helen: wild swimming more likely to be canned, got more money last year for the same thing. The motions are there to get money
- Ruby: have we had the charities checked?
  - Shalina: yes charities have been checked
- Ruby: not a ridiculous amount of money, not the biggest problem, if we

can try and reduce it that would help but wouldn't worry about it too much.

- Gaspard: pink week can't come from charities budget because it's not a registered charity
- Krishh: will cover most of this terms budget as well
- Ruby: in the meeting will have to haggle with people

#### JCR Office -

- Krishh: Will get back to you this week on the JCR office, he was going to check on it before, but he will check on it this week - light week for him, he will message on the Committee Whatsapp Group Chat when he's going and people can come if they are free
- Later we will figure out how to allocate it and create some kind of system

#### Fixing the Danson Room piano, guitar, and buying some more items -

- Krishh: there was a motion for tuning piano last year, this is his responsibility, if anyone knows any services can they suggest them
  - Gaspard: can ask college as they get the music pianos tuned, we will probably have to pay for it
- Krishh: if it's through college hopefully they will subsidise it. Also the guitar is broken. One of the knobs is also gone
  - Luca: there are 2 guitars, the one where the tuning pegs have been removed, doesn't know what to do about that but the other guitar just needs restringing. Sent someone a link with the strings and it never got done
  - Krishh: send it to me again
  - Luca: we might have to give up on the other guitar
- Krishh: will send college an email about piano tuning
- Gaspard: also table football balls

#### General -

##### Hustings schedule for this term (Amy) -

- Amy: In the constitution it says we need to run elections this term for exec, welfare, entz, academic affairs rep and international students rep. So basically we need to decide which roles we will run elections for and when we will run the elections
- Krishh: last year they just did exec, welfare and entz in this term
- Ruby: wants academic affairs elections held this term, to get filled
  - Sofia: last year international students rep was in trinity
  - Ruby: if it's what we did last year then we could probably do it in trinity
- Krishh: could have domestic this term as well as its important
  - Ruby: yeah
  - Gaspard: last year it was just exec and welfare and entz, its already 8 roles in one term, it's quite a lot. It makes more sense to run the other roles in trinity
  - Ruby: we could run domestic and academic first in trinity
- Krishh: just having academic affairs on the side its kinda odd, we need to have another role with it or just have it next term
  - Ruby: says this term we should do exec welfare and entz, next term we will do the tricky ones to fill at the beginning
- Amy: 2 hustings, one for exec and one for welfare and entz
  - Amy: might be better to split it up because it's less chaotic and less of a long hustings

- Ruby: do exec in one, do welfare and entz next
- Amy: hustings in 5 and 7
  - 5: exec
  - 7: welfare and entz
- Ruby: Amy can you advertise in the newsletter?

#### General budget reminder (Gaspard) -

- Gaspard: Everyone still has some budget left from last term, it really doesn't look good if no one spends their money as college will just reduce the budgets. It would be good if people spent their money. If you have questions about how much you have left you can ask. Welfare has like £400 for example
  - Daisy: felt like they spent so much
  - Luca: have no condoms now, that will be like £200
- Destiny: why does the pidge room close at night? Why is it not just open?
  - Ruby: has asked about it before
  - Destiny: has been in the pidge room and it closes, if someone wanted to grab a condom at night then they couldn't
- Ruby: if people wanted to steal something they could do it in the daytime
- Luca: St Peters have a big cupboard with a load of every single sexual health item you could think of
  - Daisy: we have finally got internal condoms
  - Luca: St Peters' have just a cupboard that you can just go into, they do spend more money on sexual health things, this is something we would have to get approved by college as there would be concerns with tampering
  - Daisy: it would get used though
- Krishh: we could email and check if timings could be changed on the pidge room
  - Ruby: meeting with John Banbrook soon, so can ask him
- Paras: asks about the entz budget
  - Gaspard: confused, spent more than they had but also made money so his spreadsheet is messed up. There is also 2 x £600 of scout fees from the megabop, £600 for the lodge agreed before, £600 for scouts that had to go back after you guys

#### Danson room funds (Gaspard) -

- Gaspard: Got an email about that because apparently there is a plan to save up the funds every year until we reach £10k and redo the danson room completely, that is what they did like 10 years ago. We have like £7k saved up (from the DR levy because basically no one ever spends it), last year we only spent money from that
  - Krishh: last term Ayesha spent a lot from it for airbeds
  - Gaspard: no, she didn't ask for reimbursement
  - Ruby: can she still ask for reimbursement?
  - Gaspard: she might have asked the previous treasurer, did she buy it before september? If so then that was not him
  - Krishh: danson room funds from last year used on airbeds. Leftover budget taken it from that and left the danson room budget to be saved
- Leif: is there a plan of what to do when it hits £10k?
  - Gaspard: we only have a motion from last year that says it

should be refurbished in 5 years, we could just spend some of it and make it nicer, or keep saving it and have a nice refurbishment for the next years

- Helen: repainting
- Luca: if it was renovated 10 years ago, why is it so sad then? If the same people who are in charge of that are in charge of the next renovation then...
- Helen: will be whole new set of students
- Gaspard: will be JCR in 5 years
- Leif: should we draw up a plan?
  - Gaspard: yes I think so, it says we are only allowed to spend £400 of the £1200 we get. Every year we get £400 in levies and then we save the rest.
  - Krishh: is this for each term or year?
  - Gaspard: year, can be worked around easily if we want to
- Mitchell: we don't have to wait, if there is some stuff we are not pleased with we can fix some stuff
  - Gaspard: doesn't make sense to wait until its completely destroyed, makes sense to do a little bit
  - Krishh: as long as the airbeds don't all break or get lost, which made Ayesha spend all the budget on that. Then the future jCR can talk about refurbishment
- Gapssard: we have so much money from last term, we had £9k and we only spent £3k so we do have a lot of money as of right now
  - Helen: one of the things she and George are planning to run this term is a queer cinema trip and given that we have an excess, they would just pay for people's cinema tickets - are we allowed to say this is just for queer students, or does it have to be technically open to everyone? We can't like ask people to prove it, can we advertise it as just for queer students?
  - Gaspard: I think that's for you to decide
  - Helen: ok so yes we can. Is there anything college mandates?
  - Gaspard: if there's anything it will be in the constitution
- Mitchell: if you guys have any spare money then give a fund for him?
  - Helen: do you not have a budget?
  - Ruby: constitutionally we can't create an extra budget
  - Gaspard: can combine with international students rep budget, if the problem is you don't have enough money to make something nice, if that's a problem we can work something out
- Krishh: If we have money can we get another switch?
  - Leif: it's like £200 they are expensive
  - Krishh: if we have that much money spent on refurbishment of the JCR we can just spend some of it and get a switch or something similar
  - Ruby: let that go to a motion rather than committee just deciding
  - Leif: depends what budget it comes out of
  - Krishh: it comes out of the danson room budget
  - Leif: it would be the entire danson room budget
- Paras: is there a way to lock it away somewhere?
  - Leif: you can't track it
  - Luca: could get a DS
  - Leif: can't stream it to the TV
  - Paras: you can get a lock and dock for a nintendo switch

Punts (Gaspard) -

- Gaspard: we collect a levy for punts, we have a budget of like £5200 to pay for the boathouse so we can use punts for free. We need to figure out what we want to do. Last year it only went for 8 weeks during term, but we can get extra weeks if we want - not this term but can get week 0 or matriculation week
  - Krishh: matriculation week
  - Leif: w9 trinity is good because some people still have exams
- Ruby: are we saying w9 trinity and matriculation week?
- Gaspard: will check numbers

St Anne's Society - workshopping ideas for student support (Lola) -

- Lola: Meeting is next weekend, St Annes society - made up of alumni and these are really keen to help college students.
  - They are having a workshop this weekend that she needs to attend and bring ideas of how to help students - when she says help she doesn't mean money. They can't give money to students
  - They live around Oxford, run lots of the freshers events. Their idea is they could provide actual practical help to students with vacation storage if they have a garage or something - will send out a form this week so people can respond to it so she has something to say to it.
  - Knows everyone has problems with things and this could be a way to mitigate it