

## JCR GENERAL MEETING 29/10/2023

### AGENDA

#### Motions -

- Save Oxford Mutual Aid
- Oxford Pink Week
- Alexandria Classics Journal
- Oxford Scandinavian Society's Ambassadors' Dinner
- Funding Support for Oxford University Wild Swimmers (OUWS)
- St Anne's x St Hugh's Orchestra
- Sex in the Deech

#### General -

- Elections announced for Exec, Welfare and Entz in the coming weeks

### RESOLUTIONS

*Save Oxford Mutual Aid* - passes 24/32

*Oxford Pink Week* - passes 27/31, amount reduced from £200 to £150

*Alexandria Classics Journal* - motion passes without vote, taken from the arts budget and approved by Leif and Gaspard

*Oxford Scandinavian Society's Ambassadors' Dinner* - motion passes 19/28, amount reduced from £100 to £50

*Oxford University Wild Swimmers (OUWS)* - motion passes 20/28

*St Anne's x St Hugh's Orchestra* - motion passes 22/28 in a recommendatory nature, ultimately up to Alex what to do with the music budget money

*Sex in the Deech* - motion passes 24/26 in a recommendatory nature, it will be brought up in discussion with Mike at the bar

### MOTIONS

→ Krishh: try to keep this meeting as short as possible, we don't want anyone joining in the middle.

- If anyone has problems with the online voting system, say now. There are quite a few motions today but they are all financially related, we will go in the order in which they are proposed.
- Disclaimer, a lot of the motions will come out of the motion budget which is around £300 this term. This does not include charities which is the first motion we will be discussing, and the arts budget. Everything else apart from 3-4 motions will come from the motions budget.

**Motion: "Donate to help save Oxford Mutual Aid" - proposed by Alfie Davis, seconded by Shalina Sudhir**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - Oxford Mutual Aid is a vital local organisation that keeps struggling families and individuals in Oxford fed, functioning and surviving with food; sanitary and hygiene products; and basic essentials for living.
  - OMA currently supports over 200 families with parcels each week, as well as supplying over 200 emergency parcels each month, and has delivered over 10,000 parcels in 2023 alone. Each parcel, alone, can provide a majority of a household's food requirements for a week.
  - Environmentally, OMA plays a major role in reducing food waste, redistributing almost 20 tonnes of surplus food from supermarkets each month that would otherwise be disposed of.
  - Food banks in the UK, and OMA are currently facing record demand, with requests at a level never before seen in British history.
  - OMA is currently facing an uncertain financial future meaning it may be forced to shut, if funding is not secured. The organisation has already had to reduce its capacity this year, and a total closure would be devastating to the families which depend on it.
  - Class Act is thus organising a push en-mass for all common rooms to donate what they can to OMA, which, if all common rooms participate, can potentially half OMAs financial burden
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - The work that Oxford Mutual Aid does is vital and essential, and it cannot be allowed to close.
  - We as students, are part of, and benefit greatly from the thriving and vibrant Oxford community, and have a duty to give back to this community when possible.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - Donate £200 to Oxford Mutual Aid
  - Encourage its officers, in their work, to continue to support OMA where possible in their work, be this through fundraisers, collections, charity formal, advertising or any other means they see fit.
  - Encourage its members to attend Class Act's OMA Student Takeover later this term as a chance to directly support the

organisation and help it maintain its current capacity, give back to the community and meet like minded students. Ask the charities officer to advertise this to students by email and social media where possible

Discussion -

- Alfie: gives a summary of the motion doing student takeover next sunday, send them a DM if interested.
- Krishh: will read out the JCR therefore resolves to bit as that is what is actionable, that is the bit that we will be voting on.

Questions -

Q: how much is the charities budget?

- Gaspard: £800, but not meant to be used up as everything left is donated to charity of the year
- Alfie: you basically give what you can

Voting - 32 members present

- Against - 0
- Abstaining - 8
- For - 24

→ MOTION PASSES 24/32

**Motion: "Donate £200 to Oxford Pink Week" - proposed by Lola Bell, seconded by Michelle Chimbetete**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - Breast cancer affects thousands of people every year of all genders, with 1 in 7 women and 1 in 870 men likely to be diagnosed with it in their lifetime.
  - Pink Week, running from 28th January to 3rd February, is an Oxford University initiative which raises money for five breast cancer charities (Oxford Breast Buddy Group, CoppaFeel, Black Women Rising, Breast Cancer Now, and Live Through This).
  - As well as fundraising, Pink Week raises awareness amongst the student body, e.g. through discussion panels and sharing information.
  - Pink Week is aiming to raise as much money as possible, but is entirely reliant on external funding to organise all its events and other initiatives.
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - Money raised for these charities will make a significant positive impact on the lives of those affected by breast cancer.
  - Spreading awareness of breast cancer warning signs and symptoms is relevant to all JCR members and could help save lives.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - Contribute £200 from the JCR budget to Pink Week 2024 towards fundraising and events.

Discussion -

- Lola: summarises the motion, money goes directly to Oxford pink week, pumped into events which then raises more money. This helps across the university and raise more awareness for it
- Krishh: Just to clarify this comes from the motions budget. Lola would

you be open to reducing the amount to £100/£150?

- Lola: £150, as much as we can give would be ideal
- Krishh: £150 sounds good

Voting - 31 members present

- Against - 0
- Abstaining - 4
- For - 27

→ MOTION PASSES 27/31

**Motion: “Alexandria Classics Journal Financial Motion” - proposed by Sofia Arata, seconded by Matilda Jackson-Long, Eleanor McNeill, Elise Stringfellow**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - The Alexandria Classics Journal requires funding for the creation, printing, and distribution of its next issue; this is the undergraduate journal of the Oxford Classics Faculty
  - It is an important vehicle for allowing Classics students across the university to publish their work
  - It has St Anne's College involvement – Matilda Jackson-Long, Eleanor McNeill, Elise Stringfellow are all Editors, and Sofia Arata is the Treasurer; previous cohorts of college classicists have had involvement as well
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - The JCR should help fund the publication run of this issue, as it would benefit members of the JCR who are writing and editing for the publication, as well as the wider Classics community, both in the college, and at the university
  - Small student academic publications are important for the wider student body, developing writing and research skills which are important for future employment
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - Give £50 to Alexandria Classics Journal from the Budget

Discussion -

- Sofia: the issue is we want the journal to be an academic thing, not getting any funding from the faculty so we have to ask colleges. This is not enough money to print issues every week but we will print issues for the launch event

Questions -

- Krishh: are you asking other colleges or just St Annes?
  - Sofia: asking from colleges we have editors in
- Leif: this can come from arts budget
- Krishh: if this is just £50 then it can be passed without voting on it. Every request made to the arts budget under £50 can just be passed with approval from the arts rep in conjunction with Gaspard

→ MOTION PASSES

**Motion: “Funding support for Oxford Scandinavian Society's Ambassadors' Dinner” - proposed by Marie Heimbdal Berg, seconded by Martha Towend**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - Oxford Scandinavian Society is a popular student society with over 800 members, mainly, but not exclusively, from

Scandinavian countries.

- On February 10th this term, the society is hosting our biggest event of the year: The annual dinner with all the Nordic Ambassadors, along with students from both Oxford and Cambridge Scandinavian Society.
- This event is expensive to host, and the society wants to minimise costs to attendees, to make it as accessible as possible.
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - It is important that the ticket prices for event of this calibre are as low as possible for the students, as the society believes that the opportunity to meet the ambassadors should be available to as many of our members as possible, irrespective of financial situation.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - To release £100 to Oxford Scandinavian Society towards subsidising tickets for the Ambassadors' Dinner.

Discussion -

- Marie: the amount requested can go down

Questions -

- Helen: what other colleges have been asked?
  - Marie: those open to donating to student societies, such as Lincoln etc.
  - Helen: for the same amount of money?
  - Marie: or more
- Krishh: can we reduce to £50?
  - Marie: yes

Voting - 28 members present

- Against - 7
- Abstaining - 2
- For - 19

→ MOTION PASSES 19/28

**Motion: "Funding Support for Oxford University Wild Swimmers (OUWS)" - proposed by Martha Townend, seconded by Marie Heimbdal Berg**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - Wild swimming has been proven to have physical, mental and social benefits.
  - OUWS is a popular society with 1.5K members in the Facebook group, including a number of St Anne's students who regularly attend OUWS swims, as well as three out of seven committee members being from St Anne's.
  - The safety of swimmers that attend OUWS swims is the top priority of the OUWS committee. This is not possible if we do not have an adequate safety kit.
  - OUWS has not yet gained official society status so we cannot access central university/society funding. We also do not charge a membership fee, so currently have no money coming into the society.
- *This JCR believes that:*
  - It is particularly important for OUWS to have a fully stocked safety kit at the start of Hilary term as temperatures are very

low and therefore there are increased risks. We cannot safely run swims unless we have enough safety equipment.

- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*

- To release £50 to OUWS to use towards buying items for the safety kit.

Discussion -

- Martha: summarises the motion, swimming runs 3 times a week. We have a safety kit that we source out, but it needs to be regularly maintained and updated and try to add new things. Asks for £50 to update it and make sure everything goes ok with cold weather

Questions -

- Helen: last year michaelmas ~£70 was given for the same thing, what items need replenishing for each year?
  - Martha: That was to set up the safety kit. The main issue is we can deal with small injuries, but we don't have substantial bandages. Things such as glucose tablets have an expiration date
- Gaspard: does the society have funding from the university?
  - Martha: we have tried to become an official society but the university won't let us
- Krishh: what other colleges have you asked?
  - Martha: asked Hughes last term for £50, and also asked Jesus because that's where our committee members are from
- Krishh: move to voting on this

Voting - 28 members present

- Against - 2
- Abstaining - 6
- For - 20

→ MOTION PASSES 20/28

**Motion: "To provide funding for a St Anne's x St Hugh's Orchestra" - proposed by Wing Hei Woo, seconded by Samuel Oliver-Sherry, thirded by Lucinda Bell (St Hugh's correspondent)**

- *This JCR notes that:*

- St Anne's college does not have its own orchestra, with the only orchestra being a string orchestra with scholars chosen by the performance directors.
- St Anne's college does not attract many people to music performance, whether that is audience members or participation – some of the music students working hard at St Anne's feel let down by the lack of support/opportunities.
- St Anne's college has a lot of musicians who haven't been able to partake in musical activity both inside and outside of the college, and it is our duty to be a part of musical life in this college.

- *This JCR believes that:*

- Everyone in college should be allowed to and have the opportunity to participate and get involved in music making.
- This would be beneficial to music students, who would have the opportunity to direct the ensemble (tying into their course).
- This would be beneficial to non-music students, who would be able to socialise, have the opportunity to lead ensembles, and

take part in an extracurricular activity as a welcome break from stressful study.

- In St Hugh's (the sister college for this project), a fully-functioning orchestra was forced to shut down due to a lack of players and funding – with two combined colleges it would be possible and in St Hugh's this year there are many players willing to participate.
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - To give a starting budget of £130 for the formation of a St Anne's and St Hugh's joint orchestra.
  - This would allow us to rent rehearsal spaces, provide music stands and print/obtain sheet music.

#### Discussion -

- Krishh: to clarify, this will come out of the music budget, we do not technically have control over it
- Gaspard: we can vote to endorse it but the money would have to come from the music society. We run their budget but they would have to decide what to do with the money
- Gaspard: we can vote to say we support this, but Alex ultimately decides whether to give you the money. If it passes but she can't give it to you because they don't have enough money, we can increase the music budget

#### Questions -

- Helen: do you know how much the music budget is?
  - Gaspard - £200 per term, last term they spent £32, so this would definitely be able to fit
  - Krishh: we can still vote on it
- Daisy: There are quite a lot of orchestras and music groups in Oxford, and I know that some of them are quite competitive in the sense you have to audition. Making more music groups means you might not get the numbers you would want. There is already turl street orchestra, more causal don't have to audition in comparison to OUO
  - Helen: If the Hughes one shut down because there weren't enough players, I know funding would be an issue as well, once the society is started though it's mostly about players. Do you know that you definitely have enough people that you would have enough people to regularly meet?
  - Wing: 50 people interested just from Hughs

#### Voting - 28 members present

- Against - 0
- Abstaining - 6
- For - 22

→ MOTION PASSES 22/28 In a recommendatory nature, will go through to alex andrews president of music society

- Gaspard: probably email them and let them know JCR supports it, but can't decide

#### **Motion: "Sex in the Deech" - proposed by Peter Kerr, seconded by Tom Hunter**

- *This JCR notes that:*
  - Sex in the Deech was a very nice drink. Nicer and cheaper than the Annebriator

- *This JCR believes that:*
  - Sex in the Deech should be available in the bar (cheaply)
- *This JCR therefore resolves to:*
  - Put Sex in the Deech in the bar please (cheap)

Discussion -

- Krishh: this motion will again be in a recommendatory nature
- Gaspard: the drink was cheap at the Christmas megabop because it was leftovers from the bar, because it was subsidised by the entz budget
  - Peter: would be happy to just see it at the bar
- Krishh: we can hold a symbolic vote, this can be raised with Mike and a discussion will happen
- Peter: a big part of the success of the christmas bop was the excellent beverage selection, enthusiasm reflected by the student body
- Lola: other colleges have lots of college drinks, we should have more
- Helen: not suggesting we get rid of the anebriator, just adding more drinks
- Leif: presumes in doing this that they could have the drink but it would be more expensive
- Helen: but surely it would still be subsidised at the same level the bar is

Voting - 26 members present

- Against - 0
- Abstaining - 2
- For - 24

→ MOTION PASSES 24/26

## GENERAL

Krishh: announces elections for roles, exec committee and welfare and entz

- W5 is exec, w7 is welfare and entz.
- Hustings and manifestos deadlines will be around those times and details will be sent out by Amy around the time. If you have questions email!