

## JCR GENERAL MEETING 02/11/2025

### AGENDA

### GENERAL

#### Motions

- Sky Sports Motion (passed)
- Punting Motion (not passed)
- Women and Gender Minorities Motion (passed)
- Ethnic Minorities and Religion Motion (passed)
- Welfare Tea Motion (passed)
- Men's Rep Motion (passed)
- Welfare Training Motion (passed)

Tully

- Hello everyone
- We'd like to keep the meeting snappy, getting through things quickly
- Pizza coming at half past
- We will start with Charlie's motions

Charlie

- We have 1.2k worth of motions budget for the whole year, so please take that into account when you vote

#### SKY SPORTS MOTION

Charlie

- Getting a sky sports subscription for the bar
  - Other colleges do this
  - It would bring a sense of community having regular sports nights.
  - The bar is also an area where we probably struggle more as a college in terms of getting people down there.
  - Essentially, I want to like either a Sky supp or like a T&T subscription, they show football, rugby, golf, netball, basketball, fight night
  - it would end up kind of helping Cottage too, because they make a small amount from the bar, so it could work out actually, almost like a net zero investment
  - I'm trying to gauge, whether there's student support Anyone have any questions?.

Daisy

- How much is it? I've approximately between 2.0 and 3.8k
- trying to get that cheaper - Worcester has it cheaper, so John Banbrook's going to be in contact with them to try and see how they get a cheaper or not and.

Neve

- All this isn't coming out of the JCR budget, it's coming out of college.

Charlie

- Yes to clarify it's not coming from JCR

Neve

- It's just basically whether that's worth their money and time and whether people will be interested or.

Tully

- Cool, we can take questions.
- None - okay

Jack

- I'm new to this, but can everyone take a look at the QR code, It will take you to the voting page.

VOTING ENSUES

- That motion passed with 88% 1887

#### **PUNTING MOTION**

- This one is not gonna be a binding motion, right? So if we vote for against, it's not necessarily going to happen, it's just to gauge interest
- So for those that are new to college, we go punting and Trinity term.
- We get three punts for eight weeks and they have unlimited use. It's currently at the Cherwell Boat House, which is like 0.6 miles north of us.
- There's also another punting station near Magdalen College, which would save us a lot of money if we were to switch
- \$5,400 pounds to go chow for three punts, which at this other punting station, is just over 3,000 pounds - would save us over \$2,000
- I'm kind of unbiased towards this. I just wanted to know whether people would like to do this because that money could then potentially be reallocated to other areas of JCR, which are lacking funding this year.
- Obviously the only downside we can sort of seek this, we've had a discussion earlier, which potentially that people have paid this levy specifically for the punts, and then we're using this money towards other areas which people may not be in support of necessarily

Melissa

- For people who haven't been hunting. It's in a place called Cherwell Boat House It's really nice- not be biased.
- I'm the one in Maudalen, a lot of colleges go there - whether that impacts our access we don't know. Some colleges, for example Sommerville, have moved there from Cherwell
- Maudlin's route is like a circle, like a loop, and Cherwells like a straight line

Tully

- I think the other thing to say is that you can get a punt anywhere, so the only thing about this is that they are free, and so I think a lot of people choose to go where the free punts are.
- But the main thing is that it's lastly slightly nicer, but lots of colleges choose to go Magdalen
- t's busy, it's in the centre, you go past nice places. And it is a lot cheaper, so we would be able to use that money for other things that we need to.

UNKNOWN

- Yeah. I'm not to be bias, but someone whose lived in

Oxford like all my life. It is like a known phenomenon, not sound snobby, but like, is a bit like Cherwell is a bit nicer and quieter

- So obviously it's more expensive, but do you know how the change would impact individual students?

Charlie

- I don't currently know what the levy is at the moment. Seven pounds?
- need to do it roughly proportionately then.
- We'd probably be able to save roughly third of the cost, so take a third of whatever Lev is maybe about £4 pounds instead. So it's a reduction first student in future.
- Obviously, the levy thing will need to be taken to people in college who have more power than I do.
- And like I said, like, this could be a thing we sort of trial for this year, see if people like it or not, and then move back. I get that people are only here for a short period of time so that may not be appealing to, you know, people who are in their final year and they just want to be in Cherwell.

Neve

- If this does pass we can try and reallocate the levy money, into other JCR events like Diwali, art celebrations etc.

Charlie

- But that money could also go to like motions for example. So we have 1.2 grand - fairest way is going to probably be to redistribute the rest of the money so there is an extra 500 pounds, so you can go to some good causes
- Any other questions?

Antonia

- Most of the second years I have spoken to would want to stay in Cherwell

Tully

- Shall we vote?

VOTING ENSUES

Tully

- That has not passed **44% against.**

### **WOMEN & GENDER MINORITIES MOTION**

Laila

- I have to put forward a motion to change the title of the women's to the Women and Minority, Genders Rep.
- This is purely because the women's rep already catered to more than just women, so it would just be to demonstrate that fact
- it doesn't actually change the functionality of the role in really any way,

Tully

- Any questions?

UNKNOWN

- do we know what Maia thought?

Tully

- Maia is the women's Rep
- She has agreed to the title change, would not change Ollie's role
- We can vote?

VOTING ENSUES

Neve

- That has passed with 87%

### **ETHNIC MINORITIES AND RELIGION MOTION**

Laila

- Motion for a dedicated JCR religions rep
- Currently religions and the interests of people's faith has been a grey zone of responsibility between ethnic minorities, international and domestic.
- I think it's more problematic ideologically to have religious groups with ethnic minorities or internationals, because it's just not accurate.
- Separate protected characteristics under the 2010 Equalities Act.
- I think it would serve as sort of a head of school, a joint subcommittee of other religious representatives and then feed that back to the JCR
- Any questions?

Vikram

- In the meeting earlier, we discussed how the religious rep would be a point of meeting, but that is not specified in the motion - do we need to change the wording

Neve

- Well everyone who would vote is in the meeting now, so they will be aware of the changes

Tully

- Did we say we would allocate the decoration to Michelle

Laila

- Yes - to keep Michelle's budget intact for Domestic things

Tully

- What does this mean for the budget - if we added in a religious rep, would the budget that is currently being used to decorate the Danson Room - would that then be moved to the other reop

Charlie

- Would you need extra money

Laila

- I think it'll be separate because the thing is, we already don't really have, like, Michelle has had to pay for the

christmas tree out of the domestic budget, which I don't think is necessarily appropriate.

- So I think it would ideally be an extra 100 pounds.
- And the other thing I want to say is that it, though it would be like a single religion rep, it would kind of be a chaplain where anyone of any faiths can approach this person

Sienna

- So you just said that it represents all religions, so somebody who himself is not religious can?

Laila

- Yeah, 100%.

Sienna

- Otherwise, can a man run as women's rep, can a British person run for ethnic minorities?

Tully

- I think the important thing to notice is that in the Constitution, it does say that, for example, for women's rep, women are encouraged to run for women.
- Obviously, a man they run, it is up to the college if we vote in a man as women's rep. I think the most important thing about this specific issue is that they are acting as a mouthpiece for all of the other reps.

Melissa

- It's like, for example, disabilities rep, we don't expect you to be able to handle every disability, but you can point people towards services for their specific disabilities.

Evelena

- I just think it's worth mentioning that in the motion, it also says this person should be responsible for looking after a multifaith room, which is a big job

Tuly

- We do have a multifaith room this year  
Curly one, I don't think, but that is an important problem that someone should and this world to do that. Yeah, we do have a one big road this year. we have one last year.. We're going have multiple? Yes, the money come from college asking you guys more threat?

Demi

- Where will the money come from if other reps have already had their budget cut

Charlie

- Yeah, that's only that I need to go to Jenny, but if we can make a good case of why they need the money and also the other reps are already, like, squeezed for their budgets, then we can already get extra from college.

Sienna

- also, there are a significant number of events that are run by the international prep that are religious

- Are religious celebrations being separated and taken from the international into.

Laila

- It's definitely something that we could work together on.
- it's currently in the gray area in the Constitution

Ben O'Donnell

- Yeah, it's a great idea. In the event you weren't able to fill the role, do you think that the current domestic or ethnic minorities rep could take on responsibility?

Laila

- I think, in regards to the motion, it's just sort of creating constitutionally the role and how this as something that should be on the JCR
- Demi says it would go back to the full opportunities Officer.

Sahasra

- What do ethnic minorities reps and religious reps actually do?'

Laila

- They are just like points of contact between Oxford University religious society, so particularly when a new student joins and they might be over a certain faith, they have someone in their college that they know to go to

Tully

- the point is to then have somebody who overlooks that whole religions committee of the various different reps and then feeds that into the JCR.
- So it's whether you think that is a necessary role to expand the JCR committee to, or whether you think that the religious reps can do this themselves.
- we can vote?

VOTING ENSUES

Tully

- That motion's passed 82%,
- We will have a break now for 10 minutes

### **PIZZA BREAK**

Tully

- We have four motions left - all from Hannah and Demi

### **CONSTITUTION MANDATE FOR 3 WELFARE MOTION**

- Constitution states there should be two welfare officers, that should be different genders
- For the past 2 years there has been 3
- the Constitution of the website's updated and it's not accurate, you, for the student, so it shouldn't be updated.
- I think there should be three welfare officers because it's such a large role it needs splitting equally

- There should be no gender quota - it's quite limiting
- Mens rep will be separated in a different motion

Tully

- So the idea is that we would be getting rid of the gender quota for the welfare rep, which currently says we need at least one male
- We obviously had concerns before that we don't really see what the difference is between having a men's rep and a mens welfare rep.

Hannah

- Just to be clear there would be 3 welfare reps. Mens erp will still be welfare trained, but they will not be officially part of the welfare team

Demi

- Part of this is because it has been an issue for many years. Daisy put forward this issue a few years ago and it did get passed.
- If there were four female candidates, and one man and the female candidates were actually more equipped and they were really passionate about it, the man would automatically get elected

Hannah

- many women came forward for the third role, but because they were a woman that didn't feel like they could step into that mens rep role.
- I think if we open it up fully, then we can get more people applying.

Tully

- This is just about making sure there are 3 welfare reps irrespective of gender
- Shall we vote?

VOTING ENSUES

- That motion passed with 97%.
- So next week, when we're doing elections, if anyone wants to be on welfare, please apply

#### **MEN'S REP MOTION**

- Okay, so this is following off from my previous motion.
- We'd like to separate the men's rep from the welfare team.
- We think they should still receive peer support training, so that any man with an issue can come to them and receive support.
- So basically just amend the constitution to separate men from welfare, they would do the exact same jobs they're doing, it would be separate.

Demi

- Just like to make it clear what men's rep actually is. It's not just a welfare role,
  - Involved in different charity and fundraising stuff

Melissa]

- Just to clarify for people who weren't at the meeting, why cant this be taken up charities rep

Hannah

- Some people might object to their being a woman's rep and not a men's rep - avoid backlash
- Jcr meant to be representative
- Not taking up too much of the funding

Tully

- Question about budget - not comparable with womens rep

Chalrei

- Would you want it to be equal to women's rep - women only have 100, would it be the same

Hannah

- Might not be our decision, once they get elected then we can decide
- Would mainly be for events

Demi

- I think £100 would be fine

Vkram

- What would the mens rep use £100 for

Demi

- just snacks I think

Vikram

- Does one rep getting money take away from other reps
- If the main role is fundraising, I don't see why they need so much money

Demi

- Men do still have a lot of issues, especially with mental health, that need sorting

Melissa

- It could just be that if the mens reps want to have an event and there's enough interest, they can put a motion forward, we can find the funding in the motions budget.

Hannah

- I'd just like to say that Sam, who is the current mens rep, is already planning with charities rep to do a bingo/quiz thing for Movember
- Once this gets split, this shouldn't really be our decision

Charlie

- This would come into affect next year
- Say to college that we have a women's rep with £100 for 3 socials, we would also like the same for a men's rep



with the same budget

Demi

- The money will not come from other roles, and we will apply for budget

Vikram

- I just want to make sure money is not gonna be taken

Charlie

- In Hilary time, if there is an issue with budgets, then we will apply to college for more funding
- The new rep needs at least some money, and it's up to college to give us that when we ask them

Tully

- is this something you can do before Hilary

Charlie

- Budgets are set for this term

Tully

- Other questions?
- Shall we vote

VOTING ENSUES

Tully

- That motion has passed with 91% in favour

#### **WELFARE CONSTITUTION CHANGE MOTION**

Demi

- This is just a constitution change - it says that there must be a welfare tea provision daily from at the latest week four of trinity. This will never happen
- We don't know where this comes from.
- But the budget will not allow for that - £25 per tea on average
- We want to change the constitution to get rid of that - it's never happened, so it's not going to change anything.

Tully

- Anybody got any questions about that?

VOTING ENSUES

Tully

- That one has passed 100%

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING MOTION**

Demi

- They do not currently have any formal welfare training
- People might come to them with quite serious issues
- Rachel the welfare dean will need to be spoken to
- 4 hour commitment
- Everyone except Praise who doesn't need to, has said they would be happy to

Neve

- Also there's opportunity that any member of the JCR can do this.
- If anybody was interested, they could do this.

Tully

- Any Questions
- Let's vote
- While we vote, next week will will elect a visiting student rep, a foundation year rep and a fresher rep.
- That motion passed 100%