



Minutes of
St Hugh's JCR Meeting
3rd GM Trinity Term 2025
01.06.25
8:00pm, JCR

Agenda:

- 1) Reports from members of the JCR Committee
- 2) Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to this meeting
- 3) Late motions for admission
- 4) Action motions for debate asking for funding
- 5) Action motions for debate not asking for funding
- 6) Statement motions for debate
- 7) Items for discussion

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee

President- Ellie Yau

- college want a yearly report

Vice President- Ernesto Castro Melendez

- ballot finalised in next few weeks

Secretary- Kate Moir

Treasurer- Edward De Bono

Access Rep- Rivka Dasari

Welfare Reps- Tabitha Nott, Alex Gong, Annabelle Parbrook

Entz Reps- Erin Butler and Natasha Hermer

LGBTQ+ Reps- Valerie Mann and Benjamin Robinson

International Reps- Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay and Ludwig Illies

Environment and Ethics Rep- Isha Yadav

BAME Reps- Rowan Yin and Natalie Tan

Disabilities Rep- Finn Elkington

Charities and Community Rep- India Matthews



Sports and Societies Rep- Lara Machado

- stash will be here Wednesday

Careers and Academic Affairs- Audrey Davidson-Houston

Director of Digital Operations – Ferdinand Al-Qassab

Freshers' Rep- Oscar Mowatt

- Fresher instagram is live

Faiths and Beliefs Rep- Amber Goodman

Cat Rep- Max Gallagher

RO nominations open

2. Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to the meeting

£485

3. Late motions for admission

4. Action motions for debate asking for funding

Motion 1: The Antipodes play funding

The JCR notes:

The Antipodes is a 2017 play by the Pulitzer-winning playwright Annie Baker, and has never been performed in Oxford before. Natasha Hermer is part of the play's small cast.

- Peadar Productions, and the students involved, will not be benefiting financially from the production, as company members are unpaid, and any profits go directly towards funding future Oxford student productions.
- JCR funding is essential to allowing this production to go ahead, enabling us to fund key production expenses, preventing students from being personally out of pocket for their involvement.
- Peadar productions have already involved many freshers new to theatre in the production, both through an absurdism workshop in Michaelmas of freshers week and through the trainee scheme of the OUTTS (technical theatre society)

The JCR believes:

- Supporting the funding of The Antipodes is crucial for the success of the production
- This grant funding would go directly towards helping us fund the show's expenses, crucial to lowering the show's breakeven (the number of tickets we need to sell to avoid making a loss) and therefore helping the production to go ahead.



- This money will also help with accessibility to Oxford drama, as the production involves many individuals who have not taken part in Oxford drama previously. Funding grants will go towards reducing the financial burden on individuals who take part.

- Supporting student arts in Oxford benefits a wide variety of individuals and interests, allowing more shows to happen and therefore more individuals to get involved. The vibrant arts scene in Oxford is testament to the generous support of colleges across the university

The JCR resolves to give £50 to support this production.

Proposer and seconder: Natasha Hermer and Kate Moir

POI: N/A

POD: N/A

Favour : 29

Abstain: 0

Against : 0

MOTION PASSED.

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding

Motion 1: The Cat Representative's Ballot

The JCR notes: the cat representative position is currently not eligible for a higher ballot point ranking despite being on the JCR committee.

The JCR believes: that the cat representative undertakes regular and significant responsibilities, including running the JCR's most followed Instagram page, ensuring the welfare of the college cats and maintaining consistent communication with junior dean Bethan Wallace, and has stepped up for other JCR members when they were overworked, (e.g. attending the library subcommittee meeting). The JCR also believes that it is unfair to demand weekly meeting attendance and consistent involvement from a role that is not recognised with the same benefits as others, and that withholding the privileges other JCR members enjoy both obfuscates the criteria through which such privileges are awarded and diminishes the dignity of the cat representative.

The JCR resolves to dispense justice and henceforth group the cat representative's ballot point ranking with the other members of the JCR committee

Proposer and Seconder: Max Gallagher and India Matthews

POI/D:

- **Would need to change Appendix J of the Constitution - therefore would need to pass two consecutive general meetings in order to change action**
- **Would change the currently ballot score - coming out next week**
- **representing a cat is different to the students who are studying here**
- **Cats are important to the Welfare of college students**
- **Most followed instagram so had a big impact**
- **not a huge change - it is one person's ballot score**
- **why is cat rep the only role singled out as not having a ballot score**
- **people only move down one**



- chose to run on an unballoted position - is that not a testament in and of itself - meant they did not apply purley for the ballot.
- democracy is an ongoing process - things change
- should this be done at the beginning of next year
- generally expanding the role of cat rep - as someone who steps in - updating their job position
- parallel to the second international rep - argued back the situation is different - it was a constitutional issue - one year role for 2.
- other colleges do not have this many roles - would other years be annoyed by coming below another balloted position
- can other roles step in rather than cat rep
- last cat rep did not show up - same rules still apply for all JCR members
- potentially bad time to apply for a ballot score as current cat rep
- is this room of people a fair representative
- request for it to be moved online can be done if necessary
- start next year with a new committee?
- logistics - VP not here to say if it is even possible.
- can we base this of the individual person's commitment
- suggestion to collapse role entirely and give roles out to other people
- VP comms - is possible but two emails would need to be sent out - one after the finalised ballot including Max in the JCR ballot.
- Does the DODO not have the same type of role?
- Q. RO balloted - elevated this year - future RO will have an elevated balloted score immediately after election not after the entire year
- expand the role if it is not enough?
- currently an issue with the singled out position - either remove requirements or elevate ballot score.
- Proposer - Happy for motion to come into effect in Michaelmas.
- Often not currently enforced
- Amendment/ separate motion to change cat rep role - take away requirements?

Favour :

Abstain:

Against :

Online vote - been seconded during the meeting. - need to be voted twice.

Email comes from Ernesto's

- **Voting for the upcoming or next ballot? - System may allow for both**
- **Want to avoid people voting to personal ballot scores.**

6. Statement motions for debate

None.

7. Items for discussion

None.