



ST HILDA'S JCR MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 6th February 2022

(Nothing reported unless stated otherwise)

- I. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**
- II. JCR Executive Committee Reports, as below:**
 - 1. (Treasurer (JG)): College Investment Report
 - 2. (Vice President (RB)): public spaces in College
- III. Questions to the JCR Executive Committee**
- IV. JCR Committee Reports**
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- VI. Reports from any person/group that has received a JCR financial contribution**
- VII. Motions of resignation**
- VIII. Constitutional amendments**
- IX. Emergency motions**
- X. Other motions, as below:**
 - 1. Motion of support for two meat-free days a week in the Dining Hall
 - 2. Budget for FemFest
 - 3. Funding for self-defence sessions
 - 4. Create an 'Academic Projects' Fund
 - 5. Remove the JCR's Sky TV Subscription
 - 6. Finalists-Only Guest Night Formal

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II. JCR Executive Committee Reports:

1. (Treasurer (JG)): College Investment Report.

There is a meeting being held tomorrow (07.02.2022) with Saracen (College's financial advisors) regarding College's investment. Saracen will continue to advise investing in China on a case-by-case basis regarding Human Rights issues. Currently College only invests in a few companies in this area, all of which are judged by an index that considers diversity of the board, consistency with the Paris Agreement and human rights abuses among other things.

Please contact the Treasurer if you would like more in depth information.

2. (Vice President (RB)): public spaces in College.

College will be renting out spaces such as the JdP and the Pavillion to commercial clients. The JCR may book use of these spaces, for which a booking system is currently being discussed. It is recommended that the space is booked well in advance.

X. Other motions:

1. Motion of support for two meat-free days a week in the Dining Hall

Proposed by: Sofia Stamouli

Seconded by: Melodie Showell

Moved to an online vote. (This will be published on the JCR notices Facebook page and via email)

Questions raised:

- (DB) Which days of the week will these be? It is up for discussion with the JCR, MCR and catering staff.
- (JJ) Could College increase the price of meat meals and donate the profits to reduce consumption whilst allowing choice? (MY) this may increase inequality as meat will then always be too expensive for some thus imposing more restrictions than no meat.

The meeting noted that:

- The results of the survey that was held in Michaelmas, to which 61% of the JCR responded, 67% of respondents were in favour of a meat-free day.
- Meat consumption has wide impacts on the environment including deforestation, water usage and contamination etc.
- Freedom of choice was a big issue for the JCR as shown in the meeting and via the survey.
- (CN) choice is restricted anyway by eating in College as there are only three meals, this only seems to become an issue when the consumption of meat is brought into question.
- (DB) not all students have the skillset to cook meat properly without giving themselves food poisoning and need professionals to cook it for them.
- (AB) some members of College have limited cooking facilities and rely on food from Hall.
- (SS) the vegetarian meal will be as nutritional and as filling as a meat meal.

2. Budget for FemFest*

Proposed by: Nicole Liu (Monty Youssef)

Seconded by: Emma van Setten

Passed, pending online vote. (See previous motion for further details)

Questions raised:

- (EB) Is this from the motions or termly budget? (JG) the motions budget has been left out this term as it was considered an arbitrary limit on JCR spending. Thus, it is just money that will be put aside for later use.
- (JS) What was last years budget? (MU) It was approx.. £1000 and held online.

* Due to extenuating circumstances from the ongoing pandemic, the proposer could not attend this meeting, but it was allowed that someone else may replace her as proposer. This was raised at the start of the meeting without opposition.

3. Funding for self-defence sessions*

Proposed by: Nicole Liu (Anders Hay)

Seconded by: Anders Hay

Motion passed without opposition

Questions raised:

- (RF) will there be a cap on spaces? (JA) last year it was approx. 30 people.

* Due to extenuating circumstances from the ongoing pandemic, the proposer could not attend this meeting, but it was allowed that someone else may replace her as proposer. This was raised at the start of the meeting without opposition.

4. Create an 'Academic Projects' Fund

Proposed by: Joshua Gray

Seconded by: Ellie Bruce

Motion suspended, pending further research and discussion with College and the Departments involved.

The meeting noted that:

- Whereas previously money for research projects that require JCR funding were just put forward as a motion, leaving the decision of whether to give funding or not to the discretion of a single JCR member (Treasurer) may be too big a responsibility. The JCR will look into making guidelines for this position, should it pass in the future.
 - Whilst it would be preferable that departments fund or College fund this research, it is currently not the case and must be funded by the JCR.
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5. Remove the JCR's Sky TV Subscription

Proposed by: Joshua Gray

Seconded by: Ellie Bruce

Motion passed, without opposition.

Questions raised:

- (TM) Is sky TV included? Not sure. Will look into it.
- (JJ) can it be replaced? Theoretically yes but may be cheaper to simply stream TV.

The meeting noted that:

- The JCR is currently looking into acquiring a license to stream films in the JdP, this may be preferable to a sky subscription.
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6. Finalists-Only Guest Night Formal

Proposed by: Tilly Goldman

Seconded by: Roza Bailey

Motion passed, without opposition.

Questions raised:

- (JA) Why is this specified as this year only? So as not to set a precedent that every year there is a finalists only Guest Night Formal. Also the current finalists have had 2 years of formals cancelled as opposed to just one.

The meeting noted that:

- Should it not be possible to arrange two Guest Night Formals next term, the JCR did not oppose only having one Guest Night Formal in Trinity that is just for Finalists.

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