

# St John's College Junior Common Room

## The People's Republic of St Giles

Agenda for the 4th meeting of Michaelmas Term 2015  
22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2015, 8.30pm, JCR

### i/ Minutes of the previous meeting

### ii/ Matters arising from the minutes

### iii/ Officers' reports

#### Academic Affairs Officer: Jess Colston

I've finished writing and amending the guidelines for academic feedback next term and they'll be submitted to Education Policy next week, so that should be ready for the new Officer next year. Also I ran another study skills session on time management, and they'll be one more in 8th on revision and collections. If you're thinking of running for Academic Affairs please come and ask me about it - its a really interesting role!

#### Access & Admissions Officer: Alex Manby

Very emosh that this is my last ever officer report. Since the last meeting I've been helping with interview prep. Charli, our wonderful Admissions Assistant, has ordered new Student Ambassador stash, which looks great. We also had Student Equality Forum which was really well attended- hopefully the new JCR committee will be able to take forward everything we discussed to the first equality committee of next year. I've met with potential successors and have been putting together handover documents. I still have a couple of things to do over Christmas (I can't let go...) including making a new video for the college website and helping to run interviews. Thanks so much for having me over the last year, I've had such a great time and I feel like we've made some real improvements to the way in which access is organized in college. I'm going to really miss it. Massive good luck to the new Jess and Tom, and their new committee.

#### Discounts Officer: Silas Elliot

TeamFirst or not TeamFirst - that is the question. Had a meeting with TeamFirst... they're interested in our discounts. Currently nothing arranged...something for my successor to consider as they don't launch until January. In other news, Najars are doing half price milkshakes this Monday - Fri... get one.

#### Domestic Officers: Alice Smalley & Colette Snape

me and alice did our last guest dinner - it went well, as far as I remember - memory gets blurry after 8pm. JCR desserts will be next week and christmas dinner will go ahead as planned, and that is about it for us!

#### Entz Officers: Kim Myton & Sssuna Golooba-Mutebi

*So close to 100% Officer report rate on the last week...! (To be delivered.)*

#### Environment & Ethics Officers: Sally Hayward & Jen Lord

This week was our final Fairtrade brunch! It was a great success with lots of people interested in E&E.

### Equality & Diversity Officer: Claudia Haavik

Lots of constructive discussion in Equality Forum. Rochelle (BME rep) is hosting a MinoriTea this coming week open to anyone that identifies as an ethnic minority, come down for food n fun!

### Welfare Officers: Rhiannon Rees & Charles Goodman

We have taken in applications for new Peer Supporters! Next week there will be two events relating to STIs; a free screening event run by OUSU in garden Quad, and an information session run by the Terence Higgins charity on HIV awareness. Also had our last TW tea, but wine down to look forward to!

### Women's Officer: Katy Haigh

5<sup>th</sup> week:

Thank you to everyone who contributed work and/or attended the It Happens Here exhibition that took place in 5<sup>th</sup> week in the Kendrew exhibition space: most of my time in 5<sup>th</sup> was taken up with organising this, so it was lovely to see lots of John's students engaging with the event. If you'd like any further information about It Happens Here they have a great blog and Facebook page, and are currently looking for new committee members, so do contact them ASAP if you're interested!

We had a really well attended self-care evening at the end of 5th week; thanks to everyone that came and I hope you enjoyed it! I'll be hosting a final self-care evening at the start of 8th week, so keep an eye out for more information on that.

6<sup>th</sup> week:

Thanks to those of you who attended Emily Troschianko's talk on mental health and feminism: I hope that she will engage further with the JCR in future \*cough\* get on it alumni rep \*cough\*

It's been queer week this week, I hope some of you made it to a few of the excellent talks and events that have been taking place across the University, this year was an excellent year for raising awareness of issues faced by queer women.

7<sup>th</sup> week:

The last self-defence class is taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Kendrew events. If you haven't already been, or you want to learn a little more, please do attend: there's been lots of positive feedback about the sessions, so thanks to the JCR for giving us the money to put these classes on

Finally, a massive congratulations to the JCR committee for all of the work they have been doing this year to improve student life in St John's: I'm ever so grateful for all the help and support I have been given this term from you all when I took over the role of Women's Officer, particularly from Christina and Rhiannon who have been absolutely wonderful to me. Many hugs and thank you's from me to all the other committee members.

Equality love always, xoxo

### Treasurer: Vicky Skornia



*So I kind of have a confession to make...*

*I took all the money.*

*See ya later (lol)*

*(To be delivered.)*

#### Vice-President: Blathnaid McCullagh

I've sorted staff party yay just need people to get back to me to confirm it.

#### Secretary: Danny Waldman

Well. I'm coming to the end of nearly 6 continuous terms on JCR Committee now (I've spent 2/3rds of my degree here what is my life) and it's been a blast - #pizzaanddemocracy will forever have a place in my heart. I hope the JCR will see the wisdom of my motion this evening, but even if you throw away my generous offer know that I've loved every minute (geddit minutes I take minutes and minutes are time LOL) and that you're all amazing. OUSU love - err no wait, Presid - err no, oh screw it, JCR LOVE XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO <3 <3 <3

#### President: Christina St Clair

*So this week I err went to lots of committees and did JCR things but MOST IMPORTANTLY I totally and 100% am in support of the Glorious Revolution motion this week and hope you will all vote through this sensible, totally appropriate and entirely proportionate motion. Nobody else has written this. This was me. Hello I'm Christina. Vote for all the motions! (To be delivered.)*

#### iv/ Reps' reports

##### Alumni & Development Rep: Matt Smith

(To be delivered.)

##### Art Rep: Fania Weatherby & Lauren Kennedy

We have finished handing out more picture hooks and have started fixing the frames/wires of some of the pictures in collection. We have been clearing out some of the non-art related stuff in that is in art store so that we can give the store a proper clean (and get rid of all the broken glass that is lying around).

##### Bike Rep: Daniil Demishin

(To be delivered.)

##### Charities Rep: Cecilia Peker & Zoe Carmichael

6<sup>th</sup> week has seen us host our first charity hall exchange, with over 30 students from St John's enjoying Formal Hall at Exeter on Thursday. Hopefully this is something we can do again next term with another college (take note prospective charity reps!) Between the two colleges and Giving What We Can's Big Match we have raised over £200 for the Against Malaria Foundation. In 5<sup>th</sup> week, College Comedy Nights came to John's bar to perform some stand-up. Donations were all in aid of the charity 'Mind'.

##### Disabilities Action Rep: Thomas Wadsworth

(To be delivered.)

##### DVD Rep: Charles Clegg

(To be delivered.)

##### Ethnic Minorities Rep: Rochelle Morrison

(To be delivered.)

##### International Students Reps: Syrie Byfield

(To be delivered.)

##### LGBTQ Reps: Jacob Brennan & Jamie Jackson

(To be delivered.)

##### OUSU Rep: Michael Muir

(To be delivered.)

**PRAT: Alastair Graham**

Your PRAT has been looking after the budget of the Kingdom of Beans well, so as to provide a feast for the final JCR meeting of term. In terms of how bountiful our necessary supplies are going to be...you can rest assured that this will on a par with the first meeting of term 'welcome back' spread.

During this meeting, we will discuss a very important constitutional duty of the PRAT - the donation of the toys for this term to a charity for children at the end of this term. This will be discussed at the Ordinary General Meeting. I should pass on that all this term's toys will appear for one final show before they are given away to make someone's Christmas season. Should you wish to stroke our resident Pusheen, lemur, raccoon or just want to play with the JCR's balls then do come along.

We wish you a Merry Oxmas and Happy New Vac.

**Returning Officer: Will van Duzer**

This week I'm getting everything ready for the big election for the general committee. Hustings are on Thursday at 8.45pm in hall - come support your candidates over free drinks! Voting takes place by an online ballot next Saturday from 7.00am-7.00pm.

**Sports Rep: Jenny Smith & Valery Charachon**

The last two weeks we have organised a sports BBQ, collected information on the sports teams and societies in college and continued to talk to Somerville about having a joint hockey team. We have also been researching information relevant to the bike scheme.

**v/ Ratifications**

**vi/ Items for discussion**

*a/ A note from the Access & Admissions Officer, heartily seconded by your Secretary:*

To show how much we'll miss you, I've written a poem:

We've had a great time on the JCR

But we're sad to leave, and we won't go far

Democracy has been really great

There's been loads of pizza and #gymgate

We never found a bike rep but we've had a ball

And we hope you enjoyed it because we'll miss you all

**vii/ Agenda Items**

**a/ The "Pint for a Pint" Motion**

Proposer: Dan Mead

Seconded: Zoe Carmichael

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. NHS Blood and Transplant called for 204,000 more blood donors in June and that currently only 3-4% of the eligible population donate blood.
- b. Men who have sex with men cannot donate blood under current UK law.

**This JCR believes that:**

- c. Saving lives is a good thing to do.
- d. It would be good to give the college bar support and encourage people to use it as a place to socialise in college.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- e. Offer a Pint for a Pint. The JCR will offer to buy any member of the JCR who donates blood a pint from the College bar (This can be of an alcoholic or non-alcoholic variety up to a maximum price of £2.50). This is for Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity term with a spending cap of £200.
- f. Let this motion be a recognition of its support for the campaign: Blood, Sweat and Queers, such that anyone who is unable to donate blood but goes along to support someone who does also gets a pint of an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink from the College bar.

### **b/ The “JCR Photo” Motion**

Proposer: Alex Manby

Seconded: Danny Waldman

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. Photos are great
- b. We haven't had a whole JCR photo since 2013 (before the current 3<sup>rd</sup> years were here)
- c. It's always good to have more photos for the alternative prospectus and freshers' guide
- d. The JCR twitter account needs a new cover photo

**This JCR believes that:**

- e. We should have a JCR photo before the current 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> years leave

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- f. Mandate the new JCR committee (JCR president to delegate the to another member of the committee if necessary) to organise a JCR wide photo for Hilary 2016.

### **c/ The College Cat Motion**

Proposer: Jake Hurfurt

Seconded: Katy Haigh

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. Other colleges, such as Trinity & Hertford, have a college cat.

**This JCR believes that:**

- b. Cats have a positive effect on wellbeing
- c. It's very comforting for stressed students (especially Finalists) to stroke a cat

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- d. Lobby the college to get a college cat
- e. Offer to create a JCR Rep to look after the cat

### d/ Office-warming Gifts Motion

Proposer: Danny Waldman

Seconded: Alastair Graham

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. Starting off in your role in the JCR can often be tricky and at times stressful
- b. Previous Officers are nice people

**This JCR believes that:**

- c. Officers should ease handover in whatever way they can

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- d. Recommend that the outgoing Officers each buy a small office-warming gift (no more than £5), relevant to their role, for their corresponding incoming Officer

### e/ The Glorious Revolution

Proposer: Danny Waldman

Seconded: Peter Taylor

**This JCR notes that:**

- a. We are wracked by instability in this time of Constitutional reform
- b. The people of the JCR know not whether they will be safe at night
- c. There will come a time when Hobbits shape the futures of all
- d. A certain JCR member has shown themselves to have all the trappings of the highest office, as well as a radiant aura of authority, dashing good looks, and a long history of unswerving service and dedication to the causes of pizza and democracy

**This JCR believes that:**

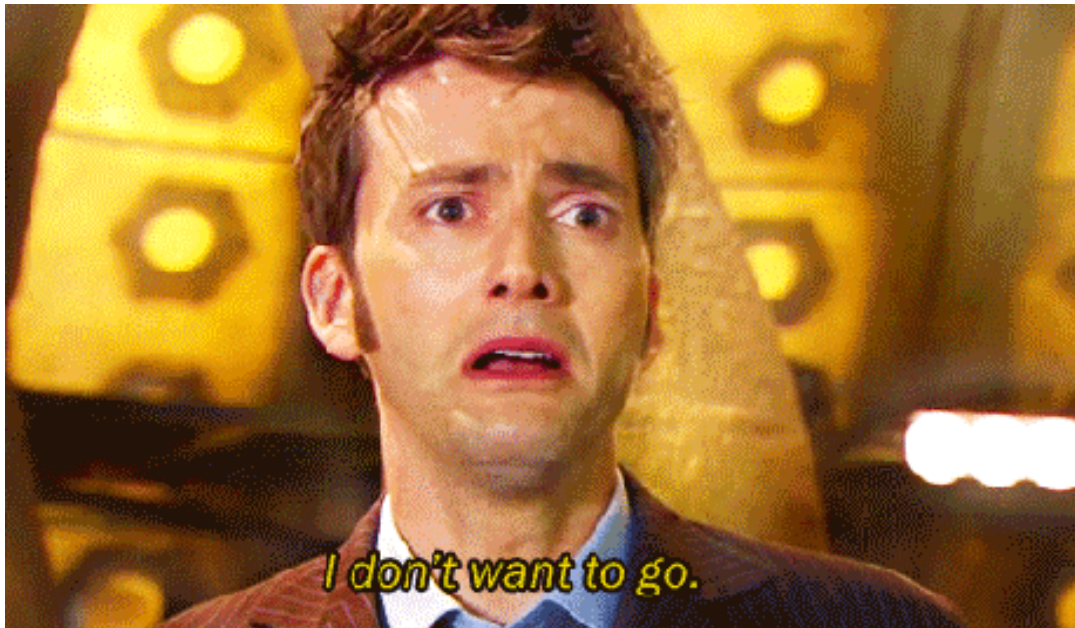
- e. Our people should not have to suffer this endless torment any longer
- f. And when Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept for there were no more worlds to conquer

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- g. Reform the People's Republic of St Giles into the first JCR Constitutional Monarchy
- h. The Monarch of St John's JCR shall be Head of State, and the President Head of Government
- i. Should any Oxford common room, OUSU, or the NUS fail to recognise the Monarch's divine right to rule by failing to present themselves at the coronation, this JCR shall declare war on and/or disaffiliate from the treasonous dogs forthwith and without warning
- j. The throne shall be occupied by a finalist, with the heir-apparent being nominated by the incumbent from amongst their college children
- k. JCR motions will henceforth be passed by the King/Queen-in-JCR, with motions requiring Royal Assent before they are made law
- l. The JCR Monarch shall have a vote in OUSU Council
- m. cumhoover
- n. The Monarch will be responsible for the gathering of nominal taxes and tithes from his/her subjects to fund their royal bop wardrobe
- o. In accordance with the large hint dropped in "Notes: d.", Danny Waldman will accede to the throne and make all the necessary constitutional arrangements, in collaboration with whomsoever is elected to the post of Secretary, to ensure peace and stability for years to come

viii/ Any other business

- a/ PRAT toys Charity
- b/ Presidential Dance
- c/ I don't want to go
- d/ So I've made more agenda items
- e/



Danny Waldman  
JCR Secretary  
21/11/2015  
bye bye :( <3 <3