

St John's College: Junior Common Room

Standing Policy

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This document contains the beliefs and unresolved resolutions of the People's Republic of St. Giles. It is a supplement to the constitution of the said body and, as such, policy expressed in the constitution should always been given higher priority to that expressed in this document.

Beliefs

1/ The OUSU E&E Divestment Motion (Passed 26/05/15)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The actions of companies that search for new fossil fuel reserves is unethical.
- b. Investment made by the University into such companies is socially irresponsible and inconsistent with the educational objectives of the University.
- c. Divestment is an effective means of protest against unethical corporate behaviour.
- d. Actions taken by Oxford University can attract substantial national media coverage. Divestment would encourage other UK universities to divest.

2/ The "Tom is broke and needs money for beer" Motion (Passed 22/05/16)

This JCR believes that:

- a. Similar motions should be submitted conditionally to a JCR meeting before the event.
- b. This is an unacceptable method of securing reimbursement and should be prohibited in future.

3/ The "Preventing PREVENT" Motion (Passed 26/02/17)

This JCR believes that:

- a. That PREVENT is threatening our civil liberties and academic freedom, including our freedom of speech
- b. That PREVENT is creating a climate of suspicion and fear, and further entrenching Islamophobia and anti-migrant rhetoric
- c. That PREVENT targets predominantly Muslim, BME, and/or international communities
- d. That PREVENT poses a risk to the rights and welfare of many of our students
- e. That we, as a JCR, should do all we can to limit the harm caused by racism and Islamophobia

4/ The "Clarity on freedom of speech" Motion (Passed 19/11/17)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The College has a transparent, consistent, and fair freedom of speech policy.

5/ The "Meat-Free Pizza" Standing Policy Motion (Passed 14/01/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. Pizza bought using JCR funds should be meat-free.

6/ The "Sparkle Motion 3.0" Standing Policy Motion (Passed 14/01/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The JCR should use gender-neutral language rather than gender-binary language in so far as it is possible.
- b. When the JCR specifies a dress code, it does not correlate certain clothing items with certain genders.

- c. When the JCR holds gender-specific events, anyone who identifies with that gender either wholly or partially is welcome, and that inclusive terminology is used when advertising these events.
- d. Bathrooms should be gender-neutral spaces and should be clearly signposted as such.

7/ The “Support UCU!” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 11/02/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The University and College Union (UCU) is justified in striking to secure their pensions, and that the JCR should support this strike.
- b. It is not appropriate or advisable for JCR members to miss classes or lectures in pursuit of this goal.

8/ The “Scholars Shall Dine More” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 25/02/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. Scholars’ Dinner is a small and appropriate token for students’ hard work in their first exams, or their work contributing to College as a choral or organ scholar.

9/ The “Plastic Sucks” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 06/05/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. We need to lead by example on this issue and minimise or totally eliminate our use of single use plastics in order to preserve our beautiful planet to encourage members of the JCR to do the same.

Implementing Resolutions

1/ The “What’s a Pound Project” Motion (Passed 21/05/17)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Mandate our next elected Ball President and their committee will consider and hopefully pledge to adopt the ‘What’s a Pound?’ campaign.
- b. Support the ‘What’s a pound?’ campaign and hope that it will be feasible for our next Ball Committee to get us involved in any and every way we can.
- c. Contact the ‘What’s a pound?’ campaign coordinators so that they can keep track of our college’s progress and be updates when our next Ball Committee are elected.
- d. Mandate the current Ball President to include this motion in his handover document give to the next ball president.

2/ The “Yoghurty goodness for all (who want it!)” Motion (Passed 5/11/17)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Make the purchase of Frubes, or any similar yoghurt-in-a-tube products, mandatory for the current and future PRAT Officers and Reps.

3/ The “24 Hours Gym!” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 28/01/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Mandate the JCR President to lobby College to make the Kendrew Gym a 24-hour space to accommodate different students’ schedules.

4/ The “New Gym Equipment” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 28/01/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Mandate the JCR President to lobby College to purchase a combined hip abduction/hip abduction machine and a seated abdominal crunch machine, as these are common pieces of gym equipment that the gym is lacking.

5/ The “Respond to Our Needs!” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 28/01/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Mandate the Welfare Officers, in consultation with the Entertainment Officers, to set up a rota for trained First Responders, such that they work one shift at a bop each term, with shifts agreed among themselves.
- b. Mandate that everyone who trains as a First Responder commits to be a part of this rota for at least 3 terms, unless they have a reason to stop, in which case they can be removed from the rota at the discretion of the Welfare Officers.

6/ The “This JCR Needs More Female Leaders!” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 25/02/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Mandate the incoming Women’s Officer to investigate the possibility of the JCR setting up their own women’s leadership programme in the near future.

7/ The “Man Cannot Live Off Meat Alone” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/05/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Take this up with Leigh Pointing again, using poll results (also from the MCR when available) and hopefully make this happen.
- b. Mandate the Environment and Ethics Officers to achieve this.

8/ The “PRAT Reps Like Fun Too” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/05/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Introduce an informal meme competition.
- b. It would run along similar lines to the college photography competition.
- c. The winner would be voted in a poll and posted on the college Instagram and Twitter accounts.
- d. This would constitute a new responsibility for the Social Media Rep.
- e. Memes shortlisted for the vote will be selected by the Social Media Rep with discretion and sensitivity.

9/ The “We Appreciate the Classicists” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/05/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Lobby College, via the JCR President, to get College to give St John’s JCR classics students free dinners and/or wine for saying grace at formal hall.

10/ The “~~Women’s/Men’s~~ EQUALITY Lunches” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/05/18)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Introduce regular Equality Lunches that are open to JCR members of all genders.
- b. Invite speakers to these lunches to talk about equality related issues.
- c. Mandate the Welfare Officers and Women’s Officers to work towards this.

Budget Amendments