

# JCR Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting on 21.11.2022 at 17.00 UK time

## List of Committee Members

Names, initials, pronouns and * to mark non-attendance	Role
Jamie Charles, <b>JC</b> , she/her	President
George Stokes, <b>GS</b> , he/him	Vice President
James O'Garro, <b>JO</b> , he/him*	Treasurer
Jacob Hougie, <b>JH</b> , he/him	Secretary
Keelan Shorten, <b>KS</b> , he/him	Welfare
Vasilisa Grachova, <b>VG</b> , she/they*	Welfare
Ben Palmer-Welch, <b>BPW</b> , he/him	Welfare
James Walker, <b>JW</b> , he/him*	Academic and Access
Kitty Joyce, <b>KJ</b> , she/her	Green
Yifei Zheng, <b>YZ</b> , he/him	Catering, Accommodation and Facilities
Matthew Wadey, <b>MW</b> , he/him	Sports and Societies
Gosia Szakowska, <b>GoSz</b> , she/her	Ents
Muhammad Mahmoud, <b>MM</b> , he/him*	Ethnic Minorities
Neve Baskar, <b>NB</b> , she/her	International Students and President-elect
Emma Gibson, <b>EG</b> , she/they/he*	LGBTQ+
Lucy Trusler, <b>LT</b> , she/her	Gender Equalities
Malachi Gee, <b>MG</b> , he/him*	Disabled Students
Dylan Mankin, <b>DM</b> , he/him*	Computing (non-voting)

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## Summary of Key Points

The Committee voted to defer the SU referendum to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, beyond the normal 14-day window.

The Committee voted to refer to Open Meeting the renewal of a variety of Active Policies with some edits and the referral to Open Meeting of a new Background heating Active Policy.

The Committee also voted to approve the creation of the new Corpus Christi College Tabletop Role-Playing Games Society.

### Action Points

1. **GS/JC** to reach out to Head Porter to ask if the Porters might be able to help with Old Court bathrooms during Slacks.

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## 0. Administrative Matters

Meeting begins at 17.05.

**MG, MM** are absent with apologies.

**BPW** formally apologised for being much too attractive.

**JH** made a declaration of interest as a member of the boycott side of the SU engagement debate.

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## 1. A congratulations to our incoming JCR President (**JC**)

In her temporary absence, **JC** was joined by the whole committee in congratulating **NB** on her victory in the presidential election.

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## 2. SU Referendum date (**JC**)

**JC** explained that the SU sent out an email late on Friday encouraging people to vote against the boycott, in contradiction of the rules against using mailing list. **JC** and **GS** decided to postpone the referendum until after **MG** and **JH** could send an equivalent email, and until the dust had settled on what they consider to be a regrettable incident.

Under the Active Policy the referendum has to happen within 14 days of the debate, which would be Wednesday, but the Active Policy allows a delay. In order for the referendum to be more than 14 days after the

debate, the committee has to approve that there were exceptional circumstances.<sup>1</sup>

The committee voted to approve a delay to the referendum, with 10 in favour and 1 abstention.

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### 3. Preparation of Formal Hall AP (JC)

**GS** summarised the policy, a longstanding one that limits how much catering can do to prepare for formal dinners whilst normal Hall is ongoing, including that there only one table can be prepared and the other two must remain, to ensure that there is capacity for students. The policy has been changed to remove the early closing time of 6:50 now that hall closes at 6:45 anyway.

It was noted that when Hall closes for regular meals, is a separate issue, which is the responsibility of the CAF officer.

The policy's amendments will need to be discussed with the Catering Manager before a final version can be taken to Open Meeting.

**MW** raised that it might be worth defining the number of tables as 1/3 of the tables, not 1 table as this reflect current practice. **GS** said it would be better to remind catering of the contents of the policy.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 11 in favour.

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<sup>1</sup> Viz. Referendum Debate Procedure Active Policy

#### 4. JCR Slacks AP (**JC**)

**JC** explained the contents of the original policy: it said that one toilet in Old Court will be locked to ensure it remains clean and that the CAF Officer has to do this. In practice, this no longer happens, so the draft under discussion removed this section. The problem the policy sought to address was that people would be sick in the Old Court loos, but now this tends to happen in the Pelican Bar toilets. It was noted that there are also now significantly fewer Old Court residents, but still quite a few students.

However, **KS** said that it is still a problem whenever there are slacks, but not all of the loos are always unclean. **MW** added that walking into a disgusting loo is awful so even if not all loos are unclean this still creates a problem.

**GS** suggested we ask the porters about locking the loos because it is difficult for the CAF Officer to do this, but the porters are on shift so it might be best to ask them to do it to ensure this actually happens.

The other part of the active policy is the welfare area which ought to have food and water; this has remained unchanged.

The JCR voted to ask that there would be edits to change responsibility for locking and to call it to the next committee's attention with 11 in favour

Action Points:

1. **GS/JC** to reach out to Head Porter to ask if the Porters might be able to help with Old Court bathrooms during Slacks.
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## 5. Halfway Hall AP (**JC**)

**JC** explained that there have been no real changes, but this policy states that Members of the JCR who have been invited to Halfway Hall,<sup>2</sup> in consultation with all other interested invitees, will organise the Halfway Hall Awards and the year group photo if they so wish and makes clear the rules around awards, which must be appropriate and conducive to student welfare.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 11 in favour.

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## 6. Paper Advertising AP (**JC**)

**JC** outlined that this policy states that the JCR doesn't fund paper advertising for societies except in exceptional circumstances, when the committee is satisfied the society relies on it. Right now the Pelican't is the only exceptional society as it is generally a printed publication. This policy helps to reduce our impact on the environment.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 11 in favour of going to Open Meeting

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## 7. Communal Ownership of Sports Equipment AP (**JC**)

**JC** outlined that this policy states that sports equipment used by multiple teams, which are communally owned, should be stored in a mutually accessible cupboard. **MW** said this often doesn't happen in reality and **GS** responded that sports should be reminded of thus policy and that

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<sup>2</sup> That is to say, most JCR members in 2<sup>nd</sup> year



this would help to prevent duplication among sports teams, reducing costs. The future Treasurer should ask about how equipment will be shared at the point of budget allocation.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 11 in favour.

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## 8. Squash Budget AP (**JC**)

**JC** explained that policy states that each society is entitled to claim £3 per person, up to £60 for a society, for 'squash'. **GS** has added to the policy to state that the application for funds has to be in the budget application, which reflects current practice.

**GS** has also added a definition of squash funds as "Funds which are not subject to the usual JCR restrictions on the provision of food and drink, and are intended to give the sport or society's members a chance to socialise, and others a chance to meet them and find out more. This events usually but do not necessarily take place in Michaelmas Term".<sup>3</sup>

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 12 in favour.

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## 9. Room Ballot AP (**JC**)

**JC** highlighted this policy has more significant changes to it than other policies. **GS** has edited it to reflect the changes made to the room ballot this year. It will likely be edited further by the next committee in

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<sup>3</sup> **NB** arrives at the meeting, delayed by a lecturer, to the great acclaim of the committee

consultation with the Senior Tutor, but the existing practice ought to be discussed at Open Meeting for the next committee to reflect on before any further changes are made.

**GS** noted that this year's system was very much a compromise so may change further, but passing a current active policy now acts as a basis for the next committee's discussion.<sup>4</sup> It is a requirement to renew the policy as it lapses at the end of this month. However, this active policy will still need to be discussed with the Senior Tutor, likely most substantively by the incoming committee.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 12 in favour.

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## 10. Background Heating AP (**JC**)

**JC** noted that this policy also represents some more significant changes and has been worked on for a while.<sup>5</sup> The old system was that there would be an Open Meeting with quorum by hostel to agree to vote to keep the heating on in Easter Term. In practice, what has happened is that senior staff had used their discretion to decide when Old House had become cold, and then the heating would be turned on, but in the time it took the heating to turn on fully, most people would be cold.

Therefore, the JCR worked with the Domus Bursar to find a more objective system, which sets when heating will normally be turned on but also uses weather forecasts to set a point at which the heating would be

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<sup>4</sup> Viz. Committee Meeting Minutes 22.01.22 and Open Meeting Minutes 25.01.22

<sup>5</sup> Viz. Committee Meeting Minutes, 29.09.22, Agenda Item 8

turned on if temperatures will go down soon, but also allows the JCR and MCR to ask for the heating to be turned on.

**GS** noted that the old system meant we'd have to pay for extra heating when it was the result of a vote of the JCR, but this policy means we don't get charged extra just for it being cold longer than expected.

**JC** added that room heaters are available for all students as well, and that college will make a contribution to heating in Old Court rooms and Botolph 6-10. **KJ**, who has been living in one such room, gave approval of this, noting that their room has been so cold they'd needed warm gloves.

**NB** asked how this might affect students arriving before the start of Michaelmas term, including international students and early arrivals. But **JC** explained that temperature will be the main guide to turning the heating on, not the date, so it would be turned on if it was cold.

It was noted that, as well as receiving final approval from College, the MCR also need to approve the policy before it can go to Open Meeting.

The committee voted to refer the policy to Open Meeting with 12 in favour.

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## 11. Corpus Christi College Tabletop Role-Playing Games Society (MW)

**JC** read out the society proposal, which is for a table top games society, focusing especially on DND. The society says they will apply for funds for squash, but they will provide books and dice.<sup>6</sup>

**GS** suggested we minute that they'd be able to apply for books and dice funds in due course and committees could consider such requests, even though they state this is not their present intention.

The committee voted to approve the society, with 12 votes in favour.

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## 12. Any Other Business

**JC** said the next Open Meeting would be rescheduled from 7-8 to 6-7 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the World Cup match, but that as part of this compromise, those wishing to watch the World Cup match will be encouraged also attend the Open Meeting, to speed up quorum and ensure they can watch the match.

**JC** also noted that the JCR/MCR dinner will be hosted in the NCR and will take the format of a buffet dinner with just committee members, paid for by tutorial, but that the committees need to choose a date.

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Meeting ends at 17.38

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<sup>6</sup> At this point, the committee (or at least, most of it) took a brief break to take their BeReals.