

MCR General Meeting
Friday 8 May 2014 (2nd week, Trinity Term)
Upper MCR, 8:15 pm

AGENDA

1. Committee Reports and Notices

2. Newspapers

This MCR notes that:

- (1) The MCR spends more than £200 per month on newspapers
- (2) The MCR currently receives 7 different newspapers (The Times, The Guardian, The Sunday Times, The Telegraph, The Independent, The Financial Times, The NY Times) and 3 magazines (Private Eye, New Scientist, The Economist)
- (3) Several of these can already be accessed for free online by members of the MCR
- (4) Subscriptions to the majority of the publications can easily be changed
- (5) The JCR also receives newspapers, and MCR members are entitled to use of the JCR

This MCR therefore proposes to:

- (1) Encourage members of the MCR to access papers online where available
- (2) Send out a survey to the entire MCR to determine the most popular newspapers and magazines
- (3) Cancel the subscriptions to those publications that are rarely read or underused by members of the MCR
- (4) The committee would propose any new periodicals to be subscribed to on the basis of the survey mentioned, to be approved at the next MCR meeting

Proposed: Matthew Oliver

Seconded: Julia Mattison

3. Junior Member Scholarship

This MCR notes that:

- (1) The Junior Members Scholarship funds a scholar from Gaza to study at Jesus College.
- (2) JCR and MCR currently donate £3.90 per person per term through battels on an opt-out basis towards the Junior Members Scholarship.
- (3) This has not been increased with inflation since at least 2012.
- (4) A previous motion was passed to increase the scholar's maintenance funding to twelve months of the year rather than nine

- (5) This year's extra funding has been sourced from the surplus in the account
- (6) From next year, the scholarship's twelve-month maintenance grant would be self-sustaining with an increase in donations to £4.30 per term, which is also in line with inflation.

This MCR therefore proposes:

- (1) To increase the termly donations to the scholarship per person through battels to £4.30, still functioning on the current termly opt-out system.

Proposed: Matthew Oliver

Seconded: Julia Mattison

4. Inter-faith provision

This MCR notes:

- (1) That on its website and in handbooks the College states that it 'welcomes those of any faith or none', and that inter-faith dialogue and acceptance within any community is of great importance
- (2) That Christians have a prominent presence within the College, but other faiths are not as visibly acknowledged or celebrated
- (3) That though there are many spiritual resources available for Christians (for example, Bibles) there are no such equivalents available for use for those of other faiths
- (4) That the JCR Equal Opps sub-committee has been in dialogue with members of College who have alternative faiths to Christianity, such as Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, and Hindu students, to identify spiritual resources that they feel would be used by members of their faith in College
- (5) That as a result of these conversations, a list of spiritual resources has been made, including items such as prayer mats and religious texts
- (6) That these items could be used by individuals to either practice their faith or for faith-based exploration.
- (7) That a similar motion is being proposed by Louise Williams in the JCR, such that the cost and use of these items might be shared between both Undergraduates and Graduates within College. Costs are approximately £100, with JCR voting to provide £60.

This MCR therefore proposes:

- (1) To give £60 to the Equal Opps sub-committee to buy these faith-based resources from the MCR motions budget.

Proposed: Elizabeth Harnett

Seconded: Karan Nagpal

5. AOB