

Opening Statements

- Tiger: Apologies for those not present: Ellen has netball varsity, Nick Wells too busy ordering pizza, Please be nice to Aaron and say your name (also speak slowly because it's difficult to type).
- Tiger: Anything anybody wants to bring up outside motions, put in AOB

Motion 1— Common Ground Publication

- "The JCR resolves To support Common Ground and buy copies of the Common Ground Publication with a spending cap of £125 (with each copy priced at £2, 50 copies=£100 with a £25 donation).
- Giles: Common ground is a student run movement that aims to explore Oxford's colonial past.
- Giles: Publication uses articles from students and professors about past, will be printed next term and be sick. Would benefit JCR to have copies around. It will be a self-funding, non profit things
- Charlie: Are donations to charity allowed
 - Harry Holmes: Not donation to charity as we are buying a product (provided we don't resell)
 - Tiger: where will money come from
- Ciaran: £25 explicitly worded donation is a problem
 - Giles: Donation would be to help printing costs at other colleges, copies made would benefit other colleges
 - Harry Holmes: For those who don't know why this is an issue, JCR has charitable status so we have restrictions, hard to make donations to other charities. Common Ground isn't a registered charity so probably won't raise issues
- Tiger: any more SFQ's? Does anyone oppose the motion?
- Motion passes with no opposition *round of applause*

Motion 2 — SLC Graduate Accommodation Construction

- *resolves section* *agreeing to send VP & P to negotiate with college based on these points, no different rent reduction etc.*
- Will: Motion was put into SLC, resolves originally read out were the resolves of that committee, when they go back to committee it shows the JCR backs these points. To reiterate what we ask for - and so you can ask questions:
 - Limiting times of disruption, second one is that second years living in new quad next year will receive a rent reduction of 30%. Rent reduction only for second years to prevent third years from chasing new quad rooms for cheaper prices and avoid disruption of egalitarian rent policy. Last one is to ask college to purchase and provide 23 external rooms, so 23 worst people on the ballot can choose between the worst rooms and the external accommodation. Ensures college atmosphere as they will be together. Worst rooms include some ground floor rooms, all of staircase 23 and those in staircase 22 that overlook construction site with worst noise and the worst view
- SFQ's — Ciaran: Have we talked to MCR about MCR students willing to move
 - Will: MCR said they would be prepared to share some of the costs from the construction, MCR agree cost shouldn't just be inflicted on JCR, MCR president seems weirdly okay with it, gives additional options for ballot without risks of rooms being left empty

- Motion passes unanimously *applause*

Motion 3 — Living wage for College Staff'

- Rosa: Workers in college including all scouts aren't paid Oxford living wage which is 9.26, bit higher than national living wage because Oxford is expensive. other colleges pay living wage not just rich ones, we want to find out why our staff don't get it
 - Bryan: Is this only scouts or is it other staff?
 - Rosa: Maybe kitchen staff too. Not an expert: saw in news and it was shocking
 - George: have you asked anyone in college to find out what they're actually earning. As a POI, this may be something happening already. Mentioned by James Bennett in previous meetings
 - Tiger: He gave impression that if we asked for Living wage money comes from somewhere, it comes from students and we'll be coming back with higher rents
 - George: POI wage increase caused much higher rent cost increase last year 3.3%, lots of college staff so lots of money for college. We should still put this through and fight for it, but also find out what they're paid
 - Rosa: does the college make a profit from accommodation fees?
 - George: Not an expert, but they have several pots of money, all expenses for students covered by college fees, percentage of tuition fees, don't technically run an operating profit, but make huge profits from investments & donations. Treated as different pot of money, so they claim they're running deficit. Make approx #10m a year
 - Will: Easy for college to say that only way they can make money for this is from rent increase, because they claim donations money comes with stipulations. It will come back to rent, but we could still support
 - Charlie: Opposes motion in light of POIs, give people a chance to vote again.
- Motion enters debate.
- Tiger: would anybody like to give a speech or enter debate?
- Ciaran: POI advertised wage at 9.90 per hour, so cost may be much lower than anticipated
- Tiger: Main additional cost comes from temporary staff paid significantly under living wage, eg people working in Hall
- Ryan: Change wording of motion to include all college staff: amendment taken friendly
- Tiger: Will can you Chair? I need to propose amendment *chair changes to Will*
- Tiger: Propose amendment for "Real living wage or more"
 - Ryan: Oxford specific living wage "Oxford living wage or more"
 - Steffan: Propose amendment to change bit about other college's payments to say national living wage.
 - Minimum wage now referred to as living wage
 - Steffan retracts amendment
 - Tiger: we'll look at exact changes to get details right
 - Charlie: POI Government politically changed name of minimum wage to living wage so it looked like they paid more
- Will: any more points to make in debate?
- Amie: "Is it likely that this will come back and everyone will vote again? Might as well support on the grounds we'll get another vote?"
- Ciaran: Make sure the wage accounts for inflation?
 - Tiger: Real wage should account for inflation, we can go to negotiation with that
- Will: Anyone else? Final speech in proposition then opposition
- Rosa: We should definitely pass. Even if it can only be resolved with rent increase, worst case is we get a vote on that after it comes back
- Charlie: I agree with that.

- Vote count:
 - In favour: 32
 - Against: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
- Motion passes

AOB

Proposer: The JCR

Proposed by: George Carew-Jones

Seconded by: Tiger Hills

This JCR notes-

1. Climate change poses a threat to the collective health and prosperity of human society.
2. The transition to renewable energy is an important aspect of avoiding the threat of climate change.
3. There is a large amount of flat roof at St Catherine's College, on which solar panels could be placed.

This JCR believes-

1. There is great opportunity to install solar panels on the roof of St Catherine's College buildings.
2. That these solar panels would be beneficial for the college's carbon footprint.
3. That there is a great opportunity for St Catherine's to be the first carbon neutral Oxford college, and that installing solar panels would be an important step towards achieving this.
4. That these solar panels may ultimately be financially positive due to the cheap energy they produce.

This JCR resolves-

1. To request college to install solar panels on the roofs of the buildings of St Catherine's College.
2. To request college factor into the plans for the graduate building the installation of solar panels

- Will: Takes up chair
- Will: This is an AOB motion
- George: This is a nice one. Dean came to us and said to ask college to put solar panels on the roofs. Can't believe we never thought of this. They work best on flat roofs, all college roofs are flat. We can kick this into motion by taking this to the student liaison committee.
- Meirian: Ask them to do it for new buildings first, then extend
- George: Make it a friendly amendment
- Will: Any more SFQ's? We're now in debate. Anyone make points?
- Charlie: I assume this is in the same area as staff wages. They could come back to us with a rent increase, but we won't pay for it. Dean coming up to us implies faculty on side. Faculty letter will get conservatives in college office to cave in
 - Tiger: faculty are very pro-fossil fuel divestment and solar panels
 - Raph: Will this result in lower rents?
 - George: Financial gains unlikely to be seen in many years. But no financial loss
 - Ryan: What % of college's energy use could the panels provide?

- George: No idea, would have to calculate. Obviously if every roof covered, the college would be a massive solar farm.
- Harry: POI: Green tariff so all college energy is considered renewable
- George: Benefit of micro energy production is more efficient energy production. No immediate change to green-ness, but in long term it will be better (others can use green energy). Road to getting carbon neutral certificate, v symbolic
- Support: 31
- Abstentions: 1

- Tiger: Any points to raise?
- Ciaran: shoutout to Catz conference. Many students and grad students giving talks, can sign up for a free dinner which is high table-standard food. Come along and support undergrads
- Ruth: Hi, I'm VP on ball committee. Applications for ball committee are open, close on Wednesday at 3pm. There are many different roles (marketing, food and drink etc.) and we're looking for lots of people, especially those involved in college life and at open meetings. 100 word application, interviews in Friday, it will be sick
- Gill: Where's the bench outside library?
 - Will: we've emailed
- Harry: Oxford hub volunteering this week. Event every week taking day in oxford hub, time to left to apply for social program internship scheme. Loads of great organisations run out of this. Quiz tomorrow, freshers doing it!
 - Ciaran: I've done it before, would recommend, come to ask for help
- Harry: College has carbon report from last year, so can show it to you
- Charlie: Starting 8th week HT people have exams all through Trinity. Can people come together and not be noisy. Significant rise in noise complaints, please think of them. This includes Entz in 8th week.
- Tiger: Meeting concludes, hope you enjoyed pizza! *thunderous applause*

