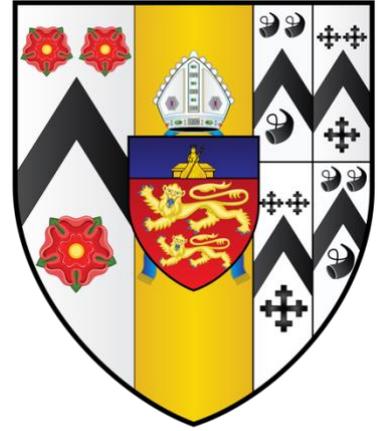


Brasenose College JCR

Meeting Agenda:

Sunday 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2020
(11/10/20) 8:30 PM



Motions

1. Objection to New Artwork Installation Plans
2. Separating Fresher's Rep & Access and Admissions Rep
3. CUSHIONS & THROWS & FAIRY LIGHTS
4. Yoga Equipment
5. JCR President's Manifesto Word Limit

Motion 1: Objection to New Artwork Installation Plans

The JCR notes that:

- A proposal is being considered by a senior Committee in College to install William Tucker's 'The Messenger' within College grounds. Pictures can be seen at the end of the motion.
- Four sites are being proposed to home this statue: Old Quad, New Quad, Frewin and the Sports Ground.
- The JCR Committee, when informed in August, unanimously agreed that the Sports Ground would be the most suitable place for the artwork. The HCR have voiced an identical opinion.
- The artwork would be installed for the foreseeable future, likely for many decades at least. The decision of where to place it is one we take not just for ourselves, but for all future students.

The JCR further notes that:

- The JCR Committee believes that the art would not suit Frewin or College, however, if the wider JCR disagrees, we are more than happy to change our recommendation. We welcome all opinions at the JCR meeting!
- Whilst the beauty of artwork is very subjective, the JCR Committee strongly believes that 'The Messenger' is unattractive to look at and would detract from the very scenic views at College.
- Some senior members within College have deliberately tried to ignore the expressed view of both the JCR and HCR. Despite our vocal objections, in a recent email the Vice-Principal said we should 'be bold' and recommend Frewin as the location to Governing Body next week. He made no attempt to consider or address the concerns of the JCR and HCR and instead directly ignored our wishes. This behaviour is extremely disappointing from a senior member of a College which claims to value the opinion of its students.
- Last year, College installed 'the God of the Forge' without any consultation of the JCR. The statue is widely resented amongst the undergraduate body. Once again, College ignored our expressed wishes. To do so twice would be insulting.
- The decision of where to display the artwork impacts students more than any other community in the College. Unlike staff and academics, Brasenose is our home for the duration of our degree. Every time we migrate anywhere within our home, we will encounter the artwork. If a piece of art should be installed, it is essential that the JCR consent to it since they are directly altering the aesthetic of our living environment. There are 700~ students at Brasenose, and only 50~ Fellows.
- We argue artistically, the statue suits the Sports Ground the best. 'The Messenger' is designed to emphasise transience: depending on which angle you observe it, it appears as a foot or as a rock,

additionally, it is a foot in motion. We do not believe that something which emphasises transience should be displayed in a location which students are supposed to consider their home and community. Additionally, a foot in motion could add to the athletic character of the sports ground, and the wide-open plane would suit the size of the statue far better than the cramped quads of College.

This JCR Resolves to:

- Strongly object to any attempt to locate the statue within Frewin or College, and work closely with the HCR to resist these plans as convincingly as we can.
- Recommend that 'The Messenger' be located on the Sports Ground.

Proposer: Pierce Jones

Secunder: Elena Trowsdale



Motion 2: Separating Fresher's Rep & Access and Admissions Rep

This JCR notes that:

- The JCR Access and Admissions Rep is in charge of college access initiatives as well as running Freshers' Week.
- Despite social media now being a key part of our access initiatives, there is no formal recognition in the constitution that the Access Rep must oversee the JCR social media accounts.

This JCR further notes that:

- Currently, the Access Rep is unable to devote maximum effort to both aspects of their role because they are so busy. In the lead up to Freshers' Week, access initiatives often get sidelined. Freshers' Week is very close to the deadline for UG Oxford applications and thus the most important time to reach out to prospective applicants. The current arrangements prevent us from fulfilling this role to the best of our ability.
- The skills needed to complete both aspects of the role are very different. Access work revolves around connecting with people, especially those from disadvantaged and underrepresented groups. Running Freshers' Week is far more of an 'Entz-style' role. This means the type of person who would run for and excel in each role could be quite different.
- The Access Rep is also in charge of co-ordinating interviews in December. On top of running Freshers' Week, this gives them an exceptionally high workload in Michaelmas term, which is often a very busy term for degree work as coursework is due and Finals exams are very close for 3rd years.
- Brasenose is one of the only JCRs in Oxford where the Access Rep co-ordinates Freshers' Week. Most JCRs have a designated 'Freshers Rep'.

This JCR resolves to:

- Reduce the responsibilities of the Access & Admissions Rep so they are no longer in charge of running Freshers' Week, and instead designate these responsibilities to a newly created Freshers Rep.
- Add the management of JCR social media accounts to the constitutional responsibilities of the Access Rep.
- Edit Appendix B of the Constitution to codify these changes, as outlined in the following page:

Proposer: Anna Wright

Seconder: Pierce Jones

Constitutional edits to Appendix B

Red = cuts, green = additions

The JCR shall elect the following Officers to the JCR Committee:

- President
- Access and Admissions Rep
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- Charities Rep
- Freshers' Rep

The Access and Admissions Rep shall:

- Promote the image of Brasenose College to target schools.
- Represent the JCR on the College's Admissions Committee.
- ~~• Organise Freshers' Week with the Entertainments Rep.~~
- ~~• Convene a committee in Trinity term to assist in the organisation of Freshers' Week.~~
- Help organise school visits and College Open Days and help to organise hosts for interviewees in Michaelmas term.
- Co-ordinate all JCR social media accounts.
- Organise all JCR College families.

Entertainments Reps shall:

- Hust and stand for election independently
- Upon election, work together to provide appropriate events for the amusement of all students at the College.
- (I) The External Entertainments Rep shall:
 - Jointly manage the entertainments fund with the Internal Entertainments Rep
 - Lead the organisation of the following annual events: Christmas Party, Spring Fling, Garden Party and Matriculation Ball.
 - Lead the organisation of all other external entertainment events.
 - Assist the ~~Access and Admissions Rep~~ Freshers' Rep in preparing for external entertainments events in Freshers' Week.
- (II) The Internal Entertainments Rep shall:
 - Jointly manage the entertainments fund with the External Entertainments Rep.

- Lead the organisation of the following internal events: Bops, Cocktails, Summer Sports Days and club nights.
- Lead the organisation of all other ‘internal’ entertainment events.
- Assist the ~~Access and Admissions Rep~~ Freshers’ Rep in preparing for internal entertainments events and club nights in Freshers’ Week.

The Freshers’ Rep shall:

- Organise Freshers’ Week with the Entertainment Reps.
- Organise Matriculation events with the Entertainment Reps
- Convene a Committee to assist in the organisation of Freshers’ Week.
- Be elected in Week 6 of Hillary Term.

Motion 3: CUSHIONS & THROWS & FAIRY LIGHTS

This JCR notes that:

- The Marque has become the socially distanced epicentre of college life
- The Marque currently has plain white walls and empty seats
- The JCR Secretary has a 150-pound annual budget she would very much like to spend

This JCR further notes that:

- Cushions and throws make things look less sad and empty, and are also just incredibly comfy
- Fairy lights are basic yet ascetically pleasing
- Cushions, throws and fair lights can be bought for quite cheap and conveniently delivered to the college

This JCR resolves to:

- Provide the JCR Secretary 100 pounds to spend in addition to her annual budget on making the Marque more homely

Proposer: Geneva Roy

Secunder: Ben Stevension

Motion 4: Yoga Equipment

The JCR notes that:

- Yoga is a popular part of the JCR welfare provision and is continuing (for the moment) in person this term
- We currently have 11 mats and no specific cleaning products other than what is provided by College to clean the room
- Reducing shared surfaces and cleaning surfaces is vital in reducing COVID-19 transmission

The JCR further notes that:

- More yoga mats would allow us to start a yoga mat borrowing scheme where they can be borrowed for a term – this will be especially important if we need to go into lockdown and people need to have the mat in their room to exercise
- The option for JCR members to purchase mats would further reduce risks posed by COVID-19 and reduce the cost to the JCR, and a bulk order reduces costs for all involved
- Everyone loves stash so BNC yoga mats would likely be popular
- The welfare budget can then be saved for other welfare spending this term

The JCR resolves to:

- Purchase 4 cans of Dettol (total cost of £12) to more effectively clean mats after sessions
- Purchase 25 TPE yoga mats (total cost of approximately £433.19). Up to 15 of these will be made available for purchase and the remainder will enter the JCR yoga mat borrowing scheme

Proposer: Finley Bettsworth

Seconder: Ruth Holliday

Motion 5: JCR President's Manifesto Word Limit

This JCR notes that:

- When running for any committee position on the JCR, each candidate must produce a manifesto no longer than 150 words.
- The elections for JCR President 2021 are due to take place in 3rd week with manifestos due in 2nd week.

This JCR further notes that:

- The JCR President is a very important role which ought to be elected carefully by the JCR. The JCR deserve sufficient information on the candidates and their goals when electing.
- The JCR President, overseeing all elements of the Committee, can address virtually any topic or area in their manifesto – this flexibility is often limited by the word limit.
- JCR President is the only position elected in 3rd week, so JCR members shouldn't get too bored by having to read longer manifestos, since the total length will still be relatively short compared to other election weeks.

This JCR resolves to:

- Edit the constitution in the following way to increase the word limit for manifestos for JCR President from 150 words to 300 words. Addition in green:
 - *Appendix B, Election of Officers* – “The nominations must include the names of the candidate and the candidate's proposer and seconder, who must all be full members of the JCR. Nominations must state for which office the candidate wishes to stand and must include a passport-sized photograph of the candidate. Nominations must also include a manifesto of no more than 150 words, **except for manifestos for the role of JCR President, which may be no more than 300 words.**”

Proposer: Pierce Jones

Secunder: Geneva Roy