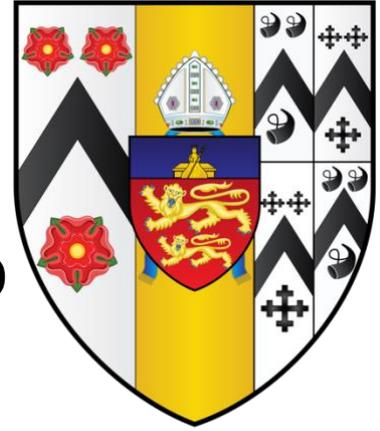


Brasenose College JCR

Meeting Agenda:

Sunday 3rd Week Michaelmas Term 2020
(25/10/20) 8:30 PM



Motions

1. Black History Month Flag
2. Environment-Focused Changes
3. JCR Health Rep
4. Belongings in Rooms
5. Staircase First Aid Kits
6. Gym Equipment
7. (Insert Motion Title Here)
8. Zach Was Supposed To Name This One

Motion 1: Black History Month Flag

This JCR notes that:

- October is widely recognised as Black History Month across the UK
- Brasenose has flown flags to celebrate different communities previously, including flying the rainbow flag for Pride month
- Other colleges, such as St Peters, have flown a Black History Month flag throughout October

This JCR further notes that:

- It is important to celebrate the achievements and history of different communities within the university, including the Black community at Brasenose and across Oxford
- Flying a flag publicly is an important statement of support of the Black community within Brasenose and Oxford as a whole
- Flag flying has been used effectively previously, and whilst not a huge action, it can be used alongside other events to show Brasenose's commitment to celebrating Black history

This JCR resolves to:

- Give a mandate to the JCR D&E rep and JCR president to pitch getting a Black History Month flag to College and raising it for the month of October

Proposer: Liberty Wright

Seconder: Elin Donnelly

Motion 2: Environment-Focused Changes

This JCR notes that:

- Plastic single-use cutlery and plastic lined sachets are really bad for the environment
- Many people do not use the salt and pepper, or all of the plastic cutlery (SPOON!) that is provided with hall meals.
- There are no compost bins located around college for people to place their food waste and the like in.

This JCR further notes that:

- The idea behind including salt and pepper is to prevent people touching others when grabbing them, but the kitchen staff could potentially give away in a similar process as they give the ketchup away.

This JCR Resolves to:

- Mandate the JCR VP (Domestic Affairs) to discuss with the kitchen the possibility of not including salt and pepper sachets automatically on people's trays, and using wooden or decomposable cutlery instead of the plastic ones.
- Mandate the JCR Environment Rep to work with college to introduce Compost Bins around college in key locations (JCR, Marquee).

Proposer: Helen Robertson

Secunder: Geneva Roy

Motion 3: JCR Health Rep

This JCR notes that:

- The Covid pandemic has created a whole new sphere of work for the JCR Committee. This work has largely been taken on by the JCR President and some by the Vice-President Domestic.
- Both the President and the VPD are already demanding roles with an extensive list of responsibilities. The time and effort which has been directed towards Covid poses a significant distraction from the responsibilities of the reps under normal circumstances.
- Business relating to Covid is extremely important. It is essential that we complete this work to the best of our ability for the health, physical and mental, of JCR members.

This JCR further notes that:

- The creation of a committee position with the specific role of managing the JCR's response to the Covid pandemic, alongside the JCR President, would allow the JCR President to focus more of their attention on their usual daily jobs, allowing both tasks to be given the attention they deserve whilst easing the burden on students.
- Since it is unclear how long the pandemic will last for, this position will be temporary and will not be codified in the JCR Constitution. This also allows for the responsibilities of the Health Rep to remain flexible and adjust in tandem with the development of the pandemic.
- The Welfare and Entz Reps have a difficult task of providing both in person events, but also online welfare for the large amount of JCR members self-isolating. Having a rep in charge of co-ordinating activities for self-isolating students would streamline this process.

This JCR Resolves to:

- Mandate the JCR President to invoke their power, as stipulated in the Constitution, to appoint any JCR member to the JCR Committee for the duration of a term to fill the newly created post of 'Health Rep'. The JCR President will then have to renew this appointment with a JCR motion every term, should they decide that the Health rep is still needed.
- Mandate the Returning Officer to run an election for the Health Rep in 5th week, the winner of which will then be appointed for Hillary term. The Returning Officer should make clear that any candidates running should assume they will occupy the post for one year, even if the reality could be different. If a Health Rep is still needed in 2022, there

will be new elections for this position in Michaelmas 2021 alongside the rest of Committee.

- The responsibilities of the Health Rep will be flexible, adjusting with the needs of the pandemic, but broadly will follow these principles:
 - They will be the main point of contact for JCR members who have questions or concerns related to Covid.
 - They will represent the JCR within College meetings related to Brasenose's Covid response and will regularly feedback the discussions in these meetings to the JCR President.
 - They will be responsible for ensuring that all JCR run events adhere to whatever the government guidelines surrounding Covid are at any given time. JCR Committee members wishing to hold an event should run it past the Health Rep, and Risk Assessments will be drawn up with the Health Rep.
 - They will be responsible for co-ordinating events for those students self-isolating, working closely with Entz and Welfare, and will be attentive to the needs of these students especially.

Proposer: Pierce Jones,

Secunder: Irem Kaki

Motion 4: Belongings in Rooms

This JCR notes that:

1. Covid-19 is a threat to large numbers of people.
2. The virus will likely still be a threat when the time comes for thousands of parents/guardians etc. come to Oxford to take students and belongings home.
3. Fewer people would need parents/guardians to come to Oxford, and for less time, were students not required to remove belongings from their rooms before leaving.
4. The usual reasons that students are required to remove all belongings (that the rooms will be hired out for private rental/conferences and (in the Christmas vac) for interviews) are unlikely to apply this year, especially in the Christmas vac, as interviews are to be held online.

This JCR further notes that:

1. It would much safer for all of us if fewer people came to Oxford in the short space of time at the end of Michaelmas term to remove belongings.
2. It would also cause much less stress to students and parents (in an already highly stressful situation) if students were able to leave their belongings in their rooms.
3. It would also reduce likely isolation problems if students were able to return home quickly and easily, given some might need to isolate from their families if there are underlying conditions present at home. Lots of belongings being brought home (potentially by those at-risk people or those close to them) presents an undue threat.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Petition the college governing body and any other relevant college authorities to allow students to store belongings in their rooms over the Christmas vac.
2. Request that the above authorities consider also allowing this for the Easter vac, depending on the Covid-19 threat and relevant restrictions towards the end of Hilary term.

Proposer: Tom Martland

Secunder: Ruth Holliday

Motion 5: Staircase First Aid Kits

This JCR notes that:

- If a member of the JCR sustains a minor injury whilst on College-owned property and requires basic medical supplies, such as plasters, bandages and/or antiseptic wipes, they must either access these from porters at the Lodge or rely on their own supplies.
- For members of the JCR not living in College – either in Frewin, St Cross or Hollybush – where porters are not always on duty, the first option given above is not always a possibility.

This JCR further notes that:

- In the unfortunate event that a member of the JCR sustains a minor injury, it is important that it is treated accordingly and promptly. Having to walk to the Lodge and request a first aid kit, or item(s) from a first aid kit, delays this task considerably.
- The option of not having to involve a member of College, i.e. a porter, also allows the injured individual to maintain a degree of privacy with regards to a minor injury that may cause embarrassment.
- The onus placed on members of the JCR to purchase and store their own basic medical supplies, or first aid kit, is a costly one.
- It also relies on members of the JCR keeping track of their own supplies and restocking certain items as they begin to dwindle.
- Given the necessity of such items to the welfare of students, the JCR believes that these items should be made more readily available and easily accessible to students by College, as befits the fulfilment of their duty of care to the JCR.

This JCR resolves to:

- Mandate the JCR President, JCR Welfare Representatives, or other appropriate officer(s) to discuss with College the possibility of installing/locating a standard basic first aid kit in each staircase on which students are housed, in College, Frewin, St Cross and Hollybush.
- Mandate that whichever member of the JCR committee engages in this discussion with College emphasises the importance that these kits be checked regularly and that items taken for use be replaced.
- *The JCR does not resolve to propose the inclusion of any non-prescription drugs in these first aid kits, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, or antihistamines, as it recognises that the accessibility of large quantities of such drugs may trigger or endanger certain members of our community.

Proposer: Elin Donnelly

Secunder: Liberty Wright

Motion 6: Gym Equipment

This JCR notes that:

- There is a pandemic, and various households are being locked down.
- Being locked in your room is a recipe for going quickly insane.

This JCR further notes that:

- Exercise is good for retaining sanity
- Exercise equipment can easily be thoroughly sanitised or can be lent out on a two-week basis.
- Some equipment can be used by people in their rooms e.g. weights, kettlebells, resistance bands etc.
- The JCR has a lot of money, and minimal things to spend it on ...
- Weights are expensive.

This JCR resolves to:

- Allocate £300 of the budget this term to purchasing gym equipment to be lent to people for the duration of their lockdown
- Mandate the Sports Rep to purchase said gym equipment and give a chance for people to feedback what sort of kit they would like.

Proposer: Lauren Levine

Seconder: Georgie Miles

Motion 7: (Insert Motion Title Here)

This JCR notes that:

- Marc Zuckerberg is A philanthropist the founder and CEO of the social-networking website Facebook,as well as one of the world's youngest billionaires and Chairman of the Marc Zuckerberg Charitable Foundation, One of the largest private foundations in the world
- Mr Zuckerberg has recently extended the proposers of this motion a financial opportunity. My email-address was chosen online while searching at a random
- Mr Zuckerberg offers to give {1,500,000.00\$} to randomly selected individuals worldwide
- Because Mr Zuckerberg cannot send such a large amount of money to an account he has no previous transactional history with, Mr Zuckerberg requests that the proposers of this motion send him {1,800.00\$} as an initial refundable contact fee
- Mr Zuckerberg strongly believes in 'giving while living' he had one idea that never changed in his mind – that you should use your wealth to help people and for this reason he has offered this potentially lucrative opportunity
- The proposers of this motion also strongly believe in 'giving while living' and have therefore agreed to share with the JCR the full {1,500,000.00\$} if we proceed

This JCR further notes that:

- This section is where you put your more personal, subjective opinions about why the motion should pass that you think the JCR as a whole should believe in
- This JCR would stand to gain {1,500,000.00\$} from the proposers' financial arrangement with Mr Zuckerberg
- At the time of writing, the exchange rate between GBP and USD is 1:1.29
- At the time of writing, {1,500,000.00\$} is approximately {1,160,000.00£}
- The Marc Zuckerberg Charitable Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in the world
- Mr Zuckerberg instructs the proposers of this motion to visit these web pages to learn more about him: mzuckerberg2444@gmail.com or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Marc_Zuckerberg/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Zuckerberg/)

This JCR resolves to:

- Mandate the JCR Treasurer and Secretary and VP (Academic Affairs) to produce a report about how the JCR will spend {1,500,000.00\$}
- Declare the next two weeks an informal celebratory period

Proposer: Benjamin Stevenson

Secunder: Zachary Brown

Motion 8: Zach Was Supposed To Name This One

This JCR notes that:

- Hodges Law, an Oxford-based legal consultancy, appears to charge an hourly rate of £200 - £300 for their counsel

This JCR further notes that:

- The proposers of this motion may have recently lost {1,800\$}

This JCR resolves to:

- Mandate the JCR Treasurer and Secretary and VP (Academic Affairs) to identify available legal counsel with an hourly rate less than £200 - £300
- Do not declare the next two weeks an informal celebratory period

Proposer: Zachary Brown

Seconder: Benjamin Stevenson