



JCSU Ordinary General Meeting - Michaelmas Term

October 22 2021 in the Jesus College Chapel

Executive Committee Present (11): the President (Jacob Powell), the Vice-President (Estelle Cho Lin Wing), the Treasurer (Matthew Chan), the Secretary (Lewis Westwood Flood), the Female Welfare Officer (Eva Timlin), the LGBTQ+ Officer (Jack Ward), the Environmental & Ethical Affairs Officer (Ellie Doran, *in the Chair*), the Freshers' Officers (Bella Manfredi & Maddie Mitchell), the Ethnic & Religious Minorities Officer (Imran Mulla), and the Communications Officer (Victoria Adjei).

JCSU Members & Graduate Members Present: 24 + 11 Executive Committee Members

Minutes

Meeting opened at 17:10

Secretary's Note: These minutes are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting, nor are they intended to be. They are the official record of decisions reached, and motions should be looked to as the written record of policy decided in case of disagreement.

1.0 - Election of a Chair

Lewis (Secretary) asked Executive Committee members to self-nominate to take the Chair. Ellie Doran (Environmental & Ethical Affairs Officer) volunteered to take the Chair of the meeting, which was **accepted without opposition**.

2.0 - Report of the Executive

Ellie invited Jacob to speak on behalf of the Executive.

- Jacob: Over 120 meetings since February with College, including JCSU meetings, loads of informal meetings. Two by-elections to elect a new Communications Officer and <MHD> officer. Trying to find and track down problems in College and working on finding solutions, specifically: the flag banner/poster in windows issue, a massive win now that they're allowed without size restriction. Pressure from the JCSU and MCR together got that win. We also pushed for a Mental Health nurse and expanded counseling provision in May, so that's a big win. JCSU welfare team working with nurse will hopefully create a kind welfare system that helps everyone. Also been looking at the KFC issue, including numbers and how to make it fairer.

3.0 - Members' [Students'] Questions to the Executive

- Aaron: Second years have been discussing the lack of access to Park Street gate, and I want to know if this has been raised with College or not?

- Jacob: Well this issue was raised with college, but less of a desire to open the door because of issues with noise for postgrads. College more open to keeping plodge open.
- Aaron, Issy: Scale of student desire, maybe changing the door closing speed or noise?
- Luis Alberto Ramírez García: That issue was discussed and security issues raised to do with door closing speed.
- Jacob: Will bring to Domestic Bursar.

4.0 - Proposed, Draft JCSU Budget 2021-22

See end of document for the budget estimates.

- Matthew: So this is an initial budget proposal, just for discussion. I asked clubs and societies to put in *requests* for funding, but those estimates are quite a bit more than our budget. So I have had to make adjustments, cells highlighted in green are where I've made adjustments, but unlike normal years it's been less informed by previous spending than ideally it would be, because of COVID. Due to the deadline of this meeting, etc. not been able to chat to presidents yet.
- Tom Brookes: So can these budgets be re-allocated, within societies or within the totla budget?
- Matthew: So these budgets can be spent as reasonable within the budget by societies, and they can readjust internally. And with waxing and waning of spending, the Executive Committee can discuss changing budgets if needed, which gives us some more flexibility. I also asked societies to break up their budgets into categories and terms, so a discussion can be had in time for Lent.

5.0 - Motions

5.1 - [Future of the KFC](#)

Ellie invited the proposer, Jacob, to speak on the motion.

- Jacob: So the JCSU has been looking at the KFC since literally 2015, so it's not a short term issue. Issue back in the day was why is the KFC another, hidden, charge. Idea been to simplify it, to roll it into rent. But the real problem, as it turns out based on stats, is a significant cross-subsidy from UGs to PGs, because while PGs pay more on catering per item. This means UGs pay for 94% of catering but only use it 74% of the time. It makes it harder for UGs to budget, especially for new students, and it adds Jesus to the list of other colleges who have got ride of the KFC. But we need to change the KFC, because it is significant funding for catering provision in College, and without it catering cannot be offered. So we discussed making it so that it is part of the % cost of rent, essentially leading to rent increases, getting rid of the separate charge, increasing UG rent by 8.4% and increasing PG rent by 3.9%. Increases UG

prices for formals, while bringing down caff prices. We split on usage, and added consideration for increased PG usage. Call for JCSU budget increases as well, given rent is rising.

Ellie invited seconders for the motion, and Estelle agreed to second the motion.

Jacob proposed a friendly amendment ([linked](#)) to change “25%” to “20%” due to an error. Lewis seconded.

No objection received, the motion was passed as amended.

5.2 - [Future of the Student Bar](#)

Ellie invited the Proposer, Jacob, to speak.

- Jacob: So this comes from discussions I’ve had with undergrads and those that work in the bar. Basically, UGs don’t like the fact that the bar is expensive, and doesn’t have a student bar vibe. The point of this motion is to begin getting the ball rolling so it can go to Student Affairs at the start of November, and putting management of the bar in the hands of the JCSU. We will hopefully be saving costs and keeping prices down to wholesale prices, including soft drinks and alcoholic drinks.

Dani Foldi seconded motion

- Member: Does the current JBar run for profit?
- Jacob, Luis: Nope, but we can probably reduce the costs by running it internally.
- Matthew: Who and how will management be decided for running it?
Luis shared the question.

Amendment proposed by Jacob ([linked](#)) and ask for investigations rather than making a decision. Seconded by Luis.

- Victoria: Will this affect staffing of JBar or hours for JBar?
- Jacob: No this wouldn’t, because JBar has a conferending business so that runs separately.

No objection received, the motion was passed as amended.

5.3 - [Renaming the ‘LGBT+ Officer’ Role to ‘LGBTQ+ Officer’](#)

Ellie invited the Proposer, Jack, to speak.

- Jack: Hi everyone, in my role I work with students who identify as "Queer" or who identify as "Questioning", so adding "Q" to my title (LGBT+ Officer) reflects changing labels, as times change. Many other JCRs also done that.

Issy Kaufman seconded the motion.

No objection received, the motion was passed with unanimous support in a vote by show of hands. As a Standing Order amendment, it takes effect immediately having been [approved at the Lent Term 2021 OGM](#).

5.4 - [Gown Buyback Scheme](#)

Ellie invited the Proposer, Matthew, to speak.

- Matthew: Basically came about when I had a grad ask if we could buy his gown, and I had to let him know that sadly we had no policy to enable that. This amendment allows us to buy used owns at 80% of original cost, and then sell them back at cost to UGs.

Motion seconded by Tom Brookes.

Jacob proposed an amendment ([linked](#)) to investigate how to give out goans re: access and bursary. Seconded and discussed by Matthew.

Matthew: I did consider this, but it could raise issues of privacy, etc.?’

- Further discussion on amendment occurred, focusing on *how* to go about bursary matters.

Further amendment proposed by Jacob ([linked](#)) and seconded by Matthew to change wording to "graduated".

Accepted.

- **No objection received, the motion was passed as amended.**

6.0 - Any Other Business

Note: The raising of other business is subject to Article 3 of the Standing Orders and new ordinary motions may not be raised.

Meeting closed at 17:45.

Motion 1 - on Future of the KFC

Proposer: Jacob Powell (President)

Seconder: Estelle Cho Lin Wing (Vice-President)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That the Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC) was originally introduced when there were few postgraduates in the College and so was only levied on undergraduates;

2. That the KFC is still only levied on undergraduates despite the increase in the postgraduate population;
3. That although postgraduates have slightly higher cafeteria/formals prices, the amount of money raised through this is very small compared to the money raised through charging the KFC to undergraduates;
4. That there exists a clear cross-subsidy from the undergraduates to the postgraduates;
5. That currently undergraduates pay 94% of the subsidy required for college catering services, despite only using them 79% of the time;
6. That, from an administrative perspective, it is simplest if students only pay one fee each term, i.e. rent;
7. That most other colleges have now removed the KFC on students;
and
8. That the KFC cannot be removed without a new solution; there must be some other system in place to ensure the college does not lose money overall.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That the KFC must be abolished and replaced with a different system for catering subsidy, in line with percentage usage to remove the cross-subsidy issue;
2. That of the options proposed in the 'Future of the KFC' report, the fourth option is the only one that meets the desired criteria;
3. That any significant rental changes must only apply to new undergraduates matriculating in 2022 onwards, in order to be fair to current students who joined the college with the knowledge that the KFC would exist;
and
4. That any rental changes should be done on a percentage change basis rather than a uniform sum added to the rent of each student, given some students choose their room based on price; a percentage change basis ensures cheaper rooms have a smaller rental change.

*The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:***

1. To support the proposed plan as outlined in the 'Future of the KFC' report that was sent to students before this OGM and is available by emailing the JCSU President – details as given below. (N.B. all figures presented are in the context of the 2018/19 academic year and inflation will need to be considered if this solution is implemented).
 - a. For new students matriculating in 2022:
 - i. Abolish the KFC.
 - ii. Increase undergraduate rent by 8.4%.
 - iii. Increase postgraduate rent by 3.9%.
 - iv. Unify formal prices for undergraduates and postgraduates, i.e. raise undergraduate formal prices to the postgraduate formal price via a 31% price increase.
 - v. Unify cafeteria prices for undergraduates and postgraduates, i.e. lower postgraduate cafeteria prices to the undergraduate price via a 30% price decrease.
 - b. For continuing students, i.e. those who matriculated in 2021 or before:
 - i. Reduce the KFC by [20% ~~25%~~¹].

- ii. Unify formal prices for undergraduates and postgraduates, i.e. raise undergraduate formal prices to the postgraduate formal price via a 31% price increase.
 - iii. Unify cafeteria prices for undergraduates and postgraduates, i.e. lower postgraduate cafeteria prices to the undergraduate price via a 30% price decrease.
2. To ensure the JCSU budget increases with the same inflation rate as any of the figures outlined above.

Motion 2 - on Future of the Student Bar

Proposer: Jacob Powell (President)

Seconder: Estelle Cho Lin Wing (Vice-President)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That drink prices in the bar are considered expensive by students and of similar pricing to what one might expect in the city centre;
and
2. That at many other colleges, students work behind the bar: this improves general ambience and allows prices to be cheaper.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That undergraduate students should be allowed to work behind a regularly run student bar;
2. That a regular student-run bar would enable cheaper prices and improve ambience;
3. That the Brewery Room is the perfect location for a regular student-run bar in Jesus College;
and
4. That the [~~JCSU Entertainment Officers, or a student appointed by those Officers, should be responsible for the~~]² student-side management of the student bar [~~should be investigated and the subject of ongoing discussion to ensure the best deal for students~~]².

*The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:***

1. To campaign for a student-run bar in the Brewery Room on regular nights during term;
2. To [~~absorb~~ investigate]² the student-side management of the student bar [~~and report back to the AGM on the proposals into the JCSU Entertainment Officer role~~]²;
and
3. To write a detailed proposal on this matter to share with students via email and present at Student Affairs Committee on 1st November 2021.

Motion 3 - Renaming the 'LGBT+ Officer' Role to 'LGBTQ+ Officer'

Proposer: Jack Ward (LGBT+ Officer)

Seconder: Lewis Westwood Flood (Secretary)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That at present, the title of the role in the Standing Orders is 'LGBT+ Officer', having been changed from 'LGBT Officer' in 2014;
2. That there are already other colleges who have their officers named 'LGBTQ+ Officer';
3. That 'LGBTQ+' is a popularly used initialism which recognises the existence both of Queer and Questioning identities, as well as Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans identities;
and
4. That many students within the Jesus College community identify both with the label 'queer' and with the label 'questioning'.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That the 'LGBT+ Officer' already serves 'queer' and 'questioning' identified Jesuans, and as such those who identify with 'queer' and 'questioning' deserve to be represented in the officer's title.

*The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:***

1. To replace references to 'LGBT+ Officer' with 'LGBTQ+ Officer' where they occur in the Standing Orders.

This motion takes effect upon being passed by a two-thirds majority at two consecutive General Meetings.

This is the second time it has been proposed.

Motion 4 - Gown Buyback Scheme

Proposer: Matthew Chan (Treasurer)

Seconder: Ellie Doran (Environmental & Ethical Affairs Officer)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That undergraduates are required to purchase gowns for use at formal halls and other similar formal events at the start of their undergraduate degree;
2. That these gowns usually cost somewhere in the region of £40.00 if bought new;
3. That at the end of their undergraduate degrees, some graduating students may no longer wish to keep their gowns, and that some gowns may well be thrown away or disposed of;
and
4. That no scheme run by the JCSU currently exists to buy back gowns from graduating students and sell them onto new undergraduates.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That if graduating students wish to sell their gowns to the JCSU, there should be a mechanism through which they can do so;
and

2. That gowns sold to the JCSU should be sold onto incoming undergraduates for zero profit.

The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:**

1. To create a “Gown Buyback Scheme”, wherein:
 - a. If [graduated~~ing~~]³ students wish to sell their gowns to the JCSU, the JCSU will purchase them using money from the JCSU Enterprise Account at 80% of their original price;
 - b. A JCSU committee member will inspect the gown before the JCSU purchases it; if it is found to be dirty then the JCSU will require the original owner to wash/dry clean the gown at their own cost;
 - c. The JCSU will not purchase any gowns which are damaged;
 - d. The JCSU will then store these over the Long Vacation, and offer them to incoming undergraduates during Freshers’ Week for the same price at which they were bought back from the owner, so that the JCSU makes zero profit;
 - e. The JCSU will sell these gowns on a first come first served basis and will advertise them as such to all incoming freshers so that they are aware that there are options for new gowns and secondhand gowns;
 - i. [Except that the Executive Committee will discuss with the Tutorial Department ways through which recipients of the Cambridge Bursary may be privately offered the discounted gowns before others. If the Tutorial Department and the Executive Committee cannot come to an arrangement, the Executive Committee will report back to the students in an email;]³
 - f. *and*
If any of the bought back gowns are not purchased by incoming undergraduates, these gowns will be stored in a central storage space and put up for sale again to the next cohort of incoming undergraduates.

Motion Amendments

[1] - [Motion 1](#)

Proposer: Jacob Powell

Seconder: Lewis Westwood Flood

Submitted as a verbal amendment. Amendments noted in motion text.

[2] - [Motion 2](#)

Proposer: Jacob Powell

Seconder: Luis Alberto Ramírez García (*former MCR President*)

Submitted as a verbal amendment. Amendments noted in motion text.

[3] - [Motion 4](#)

Proposer: Jacob Powell

Seconder: Matthew Chan

Submitted as a verbal amendment. Amendments noted in motion text.