



## JCSU Ordinary General Meeting - Lent Term

February 8th 2022 on Google Meets

Executive Committee Present (14): the President (Jezz Brown, *from 18:34*), the Vice-President (Bella Manfredi), the Treasurer (Tom Brookes), the Secretary (Bella Rawson), the Female and Non-Binary Welfare Officer (Georgia King), the LGBTQ+ Officer (Yuval Weiss), the Womens' and Non Binary Officer (Izzy Despositos), the Freshers' Officer (Mia Barnes), the Ethnic & Religious Minorities Officer (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the International Students' Officer (Ines Shammah), and the Communications Officer (Lewis Westwood-Flood, *in the chair*), the Male and Non-Binary Welfare Officer (Jamie Newnham), the Access Officer (Julio Bernucci-Amador), the Student Council Representative (Issy Kaufmann)

JCSU Members & Graduate Members Present: 24 + 14 Executive Committee Members

**Please note:** the following minutes aim to capture the spirit of what was said, as opposed to verbatim documentation.

### Minutes

Meeting opened at 18:06

#### 1.0 - Election of a Chair

**Bella** (Secretary) moved that **Lewis Westwood-Flood** (Communications Officer) take the Chair of the meeting. **Adopted without opposition.**

#### 2.0 - Report of the Executive

[Written Report](#) Submitted

- **Bella:**

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

*No questions were posed.*

#### 4.0 - New Motions

4.1 - [Flying the Progress Pride Flag for the Entire Month of February](#)

- **Yuval** read out the motion as proposed.
- **Julio** seconded the motion.

*Jacob Powell brought a procedural motion: It's not clear what the point is to this motion - this was done last year, when the then LGBTQ+ officer and I brought it before college. We reached a great compromise to fly it on the first and last day of the month*

- **Yuval:** I completely understand this, but feel that this isn't made obvious in social media posts, and to have my face associated with it when it seemed to imply we were raising the flag for the whole month didn't sit right with me.

*Jacob Powell proposed an amendment (Amendment 1) so as to make it clear how the JCSU would raise the point with the college. Seconded by Yuval.*

*Rohit Kale proposed an amendment (Amendment 2) to say that a small report should be produced by the JCSU setting out the benefits of having the flag raised all month, so this can increase the likelihood of college supporting it. Seconded by Andrew te Water Naude.*

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

#### 4.2 - [Flying the Transgender Flag for Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

- **Yuval** read out the motion as proposed.
- **Julio** seconded the motion.

*Jacob Powell proposed an amendment (Amendment 3) so as to make it clear how the JCSU would raise the point with the college. Seconded by Yuval.*

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

#### 4.3 - [Removing perceived ambiguity behind the College Fee](#)

- **Ines** read out the motion as proposed. **Ines:** we are not clear on what the fees are for and want college to provide clarity for applicants.
- **Yuval** seconded the motion.

*Jacob Powell proposed an amendment (Amendment 4) so as to make it clear how the JCSU would raise the point with college. Seconded by Rohit Kale.*

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

#### 4.4 - [Publishing admissions intake demographics](#)

- **Julio** read out the motion as proposed. **Julio:** we would like a distinction focusing on state and grammar schools.
- **Georgia** seconded the motion.

*Jacob Powell proposed an amendment (Amendment 5) so as to make it clear how the JCSU would raise the point with college. Seconded by **Julio**.*

*Andrew te Water Naude proposed an amendment (Amendment 6) so as to change the wording to selective and non-selective schools. Seconded by **Julio**.*

- **Issy:** is it also worth asking for distinction between state sixth form?
- **Julio:** want to take account of everything, but right now focusing on one battle at a time and looking at state-grammar distinction.

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

#### 4.5 - [Amendment to the current JCSU Alcohol Policy](#)

- **Bella** read out the motion as proposed.
- **Julio** seconded the motion.

*Lewis proposed an amendment (Amendment 7) so as to remove ambiguity and ensure alterations were brought before the whole executive committee. Seconded by **Jacob Powell**.*

- **Bella:** my only concern is that I don't want it questioned how the JHAF funding was approved. The JHAF extension was agreed between the President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary, so when writing the motion I wanted to ensure continuity to prevent the motion being undermined or deemed inadmissible.
  - **Lewis:** concern that those meetings are not minuted, so would want it clear to all why these changes are being made in official document
  - **Issy:** will officers have the option to abstain?
  - **Bella:** yes, if the motion was changed to have this presented to the executive committee, officers could abstain.
  - **Lewis:** normally done at discretion of the chair anyway.
- **No objection received, the motion was passed as amended.**

## 5.0 - 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.*

- **Bella:** thank you to all who attended, please claim your free chocolate bar via the Google Form!

Meeting closed: 18:46

## **Motion 1 - Flying the Progress Pride Flag for the Entire Month of February**

*Proposer:* Yuval Weiss (LGBTQ+ Officer)

*Seconder:* Julio Bernucci-Amador (Access Officer)

### *The Jesus College Student Union notes:*

1. That at present, the Progress Pride Flag is only flown for the first and last days of the month of February (LGBTQ+ history month), according to current flag protocol;
2. That other colleges fly their Progress Pride Flags for the whole month;
3. That, at present, the college has not flown the Rainbow Pride flag for the entire month of June
4. That many LGBTQ+ students at college would feel more comfortable at college if both flags were to be flown for the entirety of their respective months.
5. That a similar motion was presented and passed at the 2021 Lent Term OGM as appended.
  - a. In summary, the motion resolved to call upon the college to fly the rainbow flag for all of June, and the Transgender Flag for Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance.
6. That this motion was subsequently not taken forward by College.

### *The Jesus College Student Union believes:*

1. That flying the Progress Pride Flag is an important way of showing dedication to support the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Jesuans during LGBTQ+ History Month
2. That flying it the whole month makes this appear more meaningful to both Jesuans and the wider community
3. That we should emphasise the student body's desire to fly the Progress flag for the month of February, and re-emphasise the desire to fly the Rainbow flag in the month of June.

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

1. To call upon the college [**via raising the point to the Student Affairs Committee**]<sup>1</sup> to fly the Pride Progress Flag for the entirety of February in order to commemorate LGBTQ+ History Month, rather than only the first and last days, except where it has already been agreed that another flag will be flown in accordance with the flag policy.

2. And to call upon the college [**via raising the point to the Student Affairs Committee**]<sup>2</sup> to fly the rainbow flag for the month of June, except on days where it has already been agreed that another flag will be flown in accordance with the flag policy
3. **To prepare a document in support of the motion that will explain why the student body still feels it necessary to pursue the point further.**<sup>3</sup>

## **Motion 2 - Flying the Transgender Flag for Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance**

*Proposer: Yuval Weiss (LGBTQ+ Officer)*

*Seconder: Julio Bernucci-Amador (Access Officer)*

### *The Jesus College Student Union notes:*

1. That at present the Transgender Flag (light-blue, pink and white) is not currently flown to commemorate Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance;
2. That Transgender Awareness Week is held between the 13th and 19th of November each year, followed by Transgender Day of Remembrance on the 20th of November;
3. That Transgender Awareness Week is a nationally observed week intended to help raise the visibility of transgender people and address issues members of the transgender community face;
4. That Transgender Day of Remembrance is a nationally observed day to honour the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence that year;
5. That many LGBTQ+ students within the Jesus College community would feel more comfortable in college if the Transgender Flag were to be flown
6. That other colleges, including Robinson College and Emmanuel College have already flown the Transgender Pride flag for Transgender Awareness Week 2020.
7. That a similar motion was presented and passed at the 2021 Lent Term OGM as appended
  - a. In summary, the motion resolved to call upon the college to fly the rainbow flag for all of June, and the Transgender flag for Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance
8. That this motion was subsequently not taken forward by college.

### *The Jesus College Student Union believes:*

1. That Jesus College should show their support and solidarity with transgender Jesuans, as well as the wider transgender community in a highly visible way, and would show Jesus College to be a supportive and welcoming community.

The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:**

1. To call upon college [**via raising the point to the Student Affairs Committee**]<sup>4</sup> to fly the Transgender Flag for Transgender Awareness Week (13-19 November) and Transgender Day of Remembrance (20th November)

### **Motion 3 - Removing perceived ambiguity behind the College Fee**

*Proposer:* Ines Shammah (International Officer)

*Seconder:* Yuval Weiss (LGBTQ+ Officer)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That there is a lack of information surrounding the College Fee international students are subject to

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That student payers deserve to have comprehensive knowledge prior to application and whilst enrolled as a student surrounding what the College Fees are and what they are used for

The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:**

1. To call on the College [**via raising the point to the Student Affairs Committee or through conversation with the Bursar**]<sup>5</sup> to publish detailed information regarding College Fees and what they are for on the Jesus College website.

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### **Motion 4 - Publishing admissions intake demographics**

*Proposer:* Julio Bernucci-Amador (*Access Officer*)

*Seconder:* Georgia King (*Female and Non-Binary Welfare Officer*)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That whilst Cambridge and other colleges such as St John's make statistics regarding the demographics of students applying and acceptances per yearly admissions cycle available, Jesus college does not.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That from an access perspective, the college should be transparent with who applies to the college and who is accepted. Not only would this show how committed the college is to access, it would also help tailor our outreach to underrepresented groups in order to diversify our student community.

The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:**

1. To call upon the college [**via raising the point to the Student Affairs Committee**]<sup>6</sup> to publish yearly admissions intake demographics starting from this year's admission cycle, with an emphasis on making a state grammar distinction.

### **Motion 5 - Amendment to the current JCSU Alcohol Policy**

*Proposer:* Bella Rawson (*Secretary*)

*Seconder:* Julio Bernucci-Amador (*Access Officer*)

The Jesus College Student Union notes:

1. That at the 2021 Annual General Meeting, a policy designating the JCSU's position on societies purchasing alcohol was proposed and passed as appended.
  - a. In summary, the policy stated that clubs/societies would only be able to purchase up to £100 worth of alcohol or 20% of their annual budget, whichever was lower.
2. That the need to allow Presidential discretion to waive this policy in the case of extraordinary requests has subsequently become clear.

The Jesus College Student Union believes:

1. That the Alcohol Policy should continue to apply to all societies, unless there is a genuine, evidenced need for it to be waived.
  - a. In which case, the President will need to have this reason communicated to them in writing, and will make a decision based on the balance of need in conjunction with specified officers.

The Jesus College Student Union **RESOLVES:**

1. To amend the Alcohol policy to include Article 3 to state: "At the discretion of the President, this policy may be waived for extraordinary requests, subject to the **Unanimous majority** approval of the **Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary Executive Committee.**"<sup>7</sup>

- a. In the event that a club/society wishes to make an extraordinary request, they must first submit a request in writing to the JCSU President, who will present the proposal to the specified officers.
- ~~b. Unanimous approval must be gained in order for the policy to be waived.~~<sup>7</sup>
- b. The nature of an extraordinary request should encompass the specific purpose of purchasing more alcohol, and a fixed sum of the required extra spending.
- c. **An extraordinary request concerns any proposal by a club or society to spend more money than they are usually allocated on alcohol, deemed reasonable and worthy of discussion with the committee by the President and Treasurer.**<sup>7</sup>

## Appendix 1

### **Motion 2 - Raising of the Pride Flag by College**

*Proposer:* Jack Ward (*LGBT+ Officer*)

*Seconder:* Ben Gibson

*The Jesus College Student Union notes:*

1. That Pride month (in June) and transgender awareness week (in November) are both recognised celebrations, the world over;
2. That raising and flying pride flags is a proud tradition for many institutions, one which promotes a message of solidarity with LGBTQ+ people who often experience hate and marginalisation;
3. That until present, Jesus College has flown the rainbow flag for the first and last weekdays of February for LGBTQ+ History month, but has not raised the transgender pride flag in November, and has not flown the rainbow pride flag for the entire month of June;  
*and*
4. That other colleges, including Robinson College and Emmanuel College have already flown the transgender pride flag for transgender awareness week 2020.

*The Jesus College Student Union believes:*

1. That raising the trans and rainbow pride flags for their respective pride week/ month would be beneficial for LGBTQ+ students' welfare, and would show Jesus College to be a supportive and welcoming community.

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



1. To call upon college to fly the rainbow flag for all of June (pride month), except on days where it has already been agreed that another flag will be flown, such as The Queen's Official Birthday;  
*and*
2. To call upon college to fly the transgender pride flag from the 13th to 19th November 2021 for transgender week of awareness.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Motion 1 - Alcohol Policy**

*Proposer: Matthew Chan (Treasurer)*

*Seconder: Imran Mulla (ERM Officer)*

*The Jesus College Student Union notes:*

1. Currently there is no JCSU policy on the purchase of alcohol
  - a. There has never been a JCSU policy that explicitly bans the purchase of alcohol with JCSU money
  - b. A policy was adopted an an OGM in 2017 in which the purchase of alcohol with JCSU money was discouraged
    - i. However, we do not have access to the texts of this policy
  - c. All JCSU policies that previously existed relating to the purchase of alcohol have lapsed so that currently any society can purchase as much alcohol as they wish (as long as it fits within their budget, subject to the approval of the Junior and Senior Treasurers)
2. Alcohol has benefits in a social setting and can boost attendance at events
  - a. For example, in Easter Term 2020 the Jesus College Music Society (JCMS) held a chamber music concert in the Webb Library with free champagne to encourage attendance
3. However, not all students drink alcohol and buying alcohol for events risks excluding certain students
  - a. There has been an OGM motion that disaffiliated the college's drinking societies from the JCSU in order to avoid perpetuating a drinking culture within the student body

*The Jesus College Student Union believes:*

1. There should be a policy that places some kind of restrictions (within reason) on how clubs and societies can spend their budget on alcohol, for purposes of inclusivity and ensuring alcohol consumption is sensible
  - a. This would also help to ensure any alcohol consumption funded (directly or indirectly) by the JCSU is in line with the college's own alcohol policy  
(<https://jnet.jesus.cam.ac.uk/system/files/documents/pdf/Jesus%20College%20Alcohol%20Policy.pdf>)

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

1. To set a limit on the spending of JCSU clubs and societies on alcohol, such that spending on alcohol is capped at 20% of a club/society's budget OR £100, whichever of the two is lower
  - a. This means that societies with significant budgets do not have an unfair advantage in being allowed to buy much more alcohol, but equally societies with greater membership will have slightly more funds in order to provide for their members
  - b. In general, it should be noted that clubs/societies have budget "categories" which they are advised to adhere to; however, these are not constitutionally binding and so the policy will help ensure that spending on alcohol is sensible
2. To make it a requirement that if a club/society are organising an event, they must ensure "good quality alcohol-free drinks are available" (as stated in the college's alcohol policy)

## Appendix 3

### Proposed New Alcohol Policy

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2. To make it a requirement that if a club/society are organising an event, they must ensure "good quality alcohol-free drinks are available" (as stated in the college's alcohol policy)
3. To amend the Alcohol policy to include Article 3 to state: "At the discretion of the President, this policy may be waived for extraordinary requests, subject to the **Unanimous majority** approval of the **Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary Executive Committee**.
  - a. In the event that a club/society wishes to make an extraordinary request, they must first submit a request in writing to the JCSU President, who will present the proposal to the specified officers.
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## **Motion Amendments**

<sup>1</sup> Proposed by: Jacob Powell  
Seconded by: Yuval Weiss

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

<sup>2</sup> Proposed by: Rohit Kale  
Seconded by: Yuval Weiss

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

<sup>3</sup> Proposed by: Jacob Powell  
Seconded by: Yuval Weiss

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

<sup>4</sup> Proposed by: Jacob Powell  
Seconded by: Rohit Kale

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

<sup>5</sup> Proposed by: Jacob Powell  
Seconded by: Julio Bernucci-Amador

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

<sup>6</sup> Proposed by: Andrew te Water Naude  
Seconded by: Julio Bernucci-Amador

Submitted as a verbal amendment. Amendments noted in motion text

<sup>7</sup> Proposed by: Lewis Westwood Flood  
Seconded by: Jacob Powell

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