

HT2022 WK 8– JCR motions

Motion 1: Joint College sustainability officer

This JCR notes:

- The UK government declared a climate emergency in May 2019 and committed to reaching net zero by 2050.
- The central University has committed to reaching net zero carbon emissions and net gain in biodiversity by 2035. This commitment was made in the University's Environmental Sustainability Strategy launched earlier this year.
- This strategy was formulated using the resources the central University has access to including the Environmental Sustainability team (which contains sustainability, energy, travel, and biodiversity experts) and the expertise of several researchers at the University.
- The colleges current sustainability vision is based on the central University Environmental Sustainability Strategy. However, the college does not have access to the same planning and strategic resources.
- There is a need for more expertise in the area of sustainability in the college.

This JCR believes:

- The college as a benefactor of historic emissions has a responsibility to reduce its carbon emissions to net zero as fast as feasibly possible.
- All of the colleges at the University of Oxford would benefit from the specialized strategic help from a sustainability consultant based in the central University Environmental and Sustainability team.
- All colleges including Exeter should contribute to the salary of a member of staff based in the Environmental Sustainability team that is dedicated to assisting colleges to develop planning, strategy, tracking and accounting of college net zero emission goals. (This should, however, not take away from the college's need to integrate sustainability considerations into its own governance).

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Support the hiring of a sustainability specialist or specialists within the University's Environmental and Sustainability team that specialises in assisting colleges to meet their sustainability goals.
- Support the partial funding of this position by Exeter college and other colleges.

Proposer: Jack Klein

Seconded: Sarita Williams

Yes: 26 No: 0 Abstain:

Motion 2: Alpacas

This JCR notes:

- Weeks 5/6 of term are popular for more welfare events

- There have been many requests for welfare alpacas at Exeter as have been seen at other colleges
- Alpacas are a large cost at £400, and if the reps were to take it solely out of the provided budget, it would be at the cost of welfare tea

This JCR believes:

- Welfare reps should endeavor to provide events beyond just welfare tea, especially when at the request of the members of the JCR
- The budget of the welfare reps is not big enough to absorb the cost of £400 for a single event

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Contribute £250 towards the cost of an alpaca visit in week 6

Proposer: Emily Briggs

Seconded: Matthew Lister, Ele

Yes: 26 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion 3: One-time payment of £50 to support student production of Mojo by Jez Butterworth

This JCR notes:

- Mojo is a 1995 play by Jez Butterworth. Set in a seedy Soho nightclub in 1958, Mojo follows its eclectic quasi-gangster employees' descent into paranoia and anarchy after they discover the club's owner cut in half. With the threat of a rival gang attack looming, and their resident musician missing, presumed dead, carnage descends over the course of a summer afternoon. Mojo will be performed in TTW3 at the Michael Pilch Studio and produced by Nocturne Productions.
- Lucas Ipkendanz, a member of the JCR is part of the production in the role of assistant director and lighting designer.
- The current budget has a predicted breakeven of 37%, with only 33 ticket sales required across the four performances at a venue that can hold 80 audience members. Any profit taken from Mojo can be used for Nocturne Productions to fund other, larger theatrical and film projects, contributing to the ongoing art and culture scene at Oxford.
- It is important to support student participation in drama after an extended period of restricted artistic and theatrical projects during the pandemic. Exeter supporting Mojo in this way, would be an excellent opportunity for the JCR to encourage the extra-curricular involvement of its members and help provide entertainment for members of the university and beyond.
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This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Provide a single £50 payment to fund student direction and production of Mojo by Jez Butterworth

Proposer: Lucas Ipkendanz

Seconder: Jess Cejnar

YES: 24 No: 1 Abstain: 1