HT2021 WK 4– JCR motions

Motion 1: On improving accessibility to Turl street site

This JCR notes:

- That there is a door out of the back quad that is used by pedestrians on certain occasions
- Other colleges, such as Wadham, have a back gate that is not their porter's lodge that students can use at any point during the day
- The benefit of being able to easily access back quad from Broad Street, especially since at night it is more transited and better lit

This JCR believes:

- That improving student ease of access to the Turl street site from various locations will help people feel safer.
- That although it would require some physical and procedure changes it is feasible to add an extra gate to Broad street

This JCR therefore resolves to:

• Discuss with the college the possibility of allowing students to use the gate to Broad street for pedestrian access to the Turl street site, understanding that some concessions will need to be made to ensure safety on site.

Proposer: Iñigo Bailon Seconded: Ellen Molnar

For: 10 Against: 14 Abstain: 1

MOTION FAILS TO PASS

Motion 2: On allowing tours of the college library

This JCR notes:

- The fact that officially students are not allowed to bring visitors to the college library, even if just to show them the building
- The necessity to keep the library available for Exeter students to work
- The future plans to expand and improve the Turl street library next year, making it modern and visually stunning.
- The desire of some Exeter students to show their university friends and family the college site including the library

This JCR believes:

- That allowing visitors to see the library would benefit Exeter's image, especially after the renovation
- It is possible to allow visitors whilst maintaining a working environment

This JCR therefore resolves to:

• Engage the college and library management in discussions about a possible visitor pass that would allow guest to visit the college library, whilst ensuring that they do not use the library to study and that order is maintained in the study space.

Proposer: Iñigo Bailon Seconded: Ellen Molnar

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO WITHDRAW MOTION

Motion 3: Put cutlery in the JCR kitchen

This JCR notes:

- There is currently a severe lack of cutlery in the JCR kitchen for students to use
- That cutlery is useful for the consumption of food
- Food consumption is quite important
- Cooking in the kitchen is cheaper than eating in hall

This JCR believes:

- Having cutlery in the kitchen would be a simple convenience for the college to provide with lots of benefits
- The lack of cutlery in the JCR kitchen puts people off from cooking
- In some cases, this can lead to students choosing the more expensive options
- Eating a quick, cooked dinner would be much easier if students can have access to cutlery in the kitchen and the JCR where students socialize

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Either buy extra cutlery to put into the JCR kitchen
- Or Move some cutlery from hall into the JCR Kitchen

Proposer: Khusrau Islam Seconded: Rudi Smith

For: 24 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSES

Motion 4: Payment for the Pool Table

This JCR notes:

- Lots of other colleges have free pool in their bar
- Pool brings together lots of people and is a staple activity after many events to continue socialising
 - Ping pong in Cohen and air hockey in JCR are free but pool is paid for

This JCR believes:

- Having 3 games for a pound is annoying- people take too much time on the table
- More flexibility if it were to be free since you could easily join and drop of out games and not lose money
 - More people shouldn't have a price put on trying something new in college

This JCR therefore resolves to: Make the pool table free in undercroft bar

Proposer: Rudi Smith Seconded: Khusrau Islam

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: JCR RESOLVES TO PURCHASE THE POOL TABLE WITH REMAINING FUNDS FROM JCR ROOM RENOVATION

For: 25 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSES