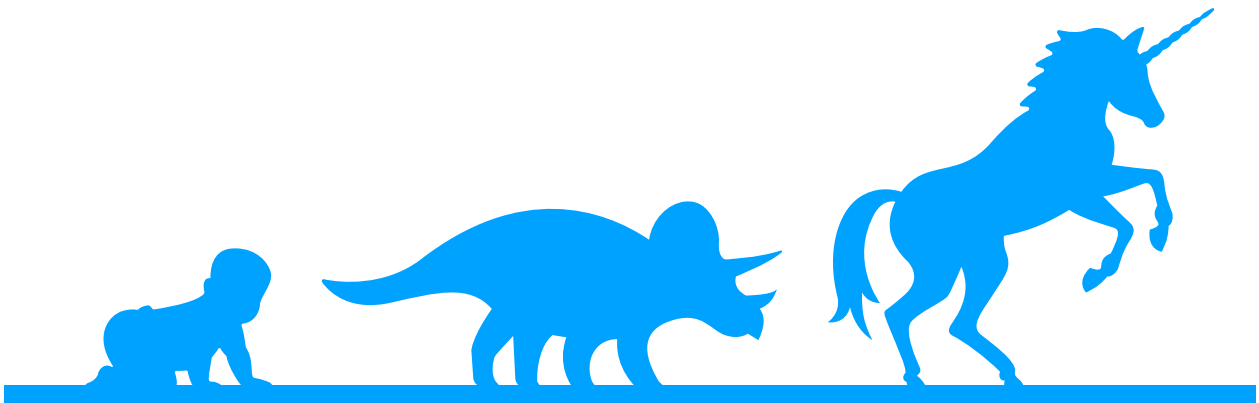




TREVELYAN COLLEGE JCR MINUTES

# JCR Meeting

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## CHAIR AND EXEC REPORTS

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**Christian:** Stash has arrived so please come and collect it from the JCR Office if you haven't already.

**Nat:** SU Assembly is happening soon, please come to me if you have any thoughts or questions.

**Saška:** Trevs night is happening this week so please come, it promises to be great!

**Mary:** I've just publicised a poster about Diss binding. Also, there has recently been a paper published about University accommodation costs. The takeaway from a meeting I've had regarding this is that the University we're very unprepared for this.

**Laura:** We've taken a new order of Moon Cup / Organicups so feel free to pick one up from the JCR Office if you are on the waiting list.

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## UPDATE ON THE JCR DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

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**Christian:** In the last meeting, we had the final presentations within the working group and are now working on the final reports - these will be going live on the JCR website. Next term we'll have a bigger discussion about this in a JCR Meeting. So to summarise, we've more or less finished the research stage and will be consulting the wider JCR soon. If you have any questions about this, please ask.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW MOTION

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**Jack:** Here's the constitutional review motion. The main way we've updated it was to take out some outdated terminology. Some of the bigger things we updated included an update to censure (now need 10 signatures to enact the first complaint, and 30 for the next). We've also updated terms on referenda, particularly a clarification of referenda publicity - things would need to be fact checked and JCR position holders wouldn't be able to use their positions to influence the outcome. Regarding campaigning, there was a slight issue this year with the use of 'reopen nominations' (RON). Should you choose, people can now submit an anonymous 150 word RON application. For uncontested elections, you now need to had a 2/3rds majority to win. This way we hope people will take applications more seriously.

**Mary:** Regarding the referenda, I wanted to confirm how this restricts things?

**Jack:** Any position holder to which the referenda affects their role cannot influence voter preferences.

**Mary:** Would that mean that the current position holder wouldn't be able to express their personal opinion?

**Jack:** It just comes down to common sense I think. We don't think it should be allowed within JCR positions. Ultimately it would be up to steering committee to decide this.

**Mary:** Can you express you opinion personally though?

**Jack:** It's clear on that - they can't use their position, but they can have a personal decision of course.

**Christian:** I would amend it to 'any current position holder or future position holder'. I also think there needs to be a clarification of what said 'position' is.

**Jack:** If I'm the chair for example, I couldn't use a meeting to express my opinion.

*Proposed amendment passes.*

**Penny:** Please can you confirm about the 2/3rd majority, would you prevent people from running again if they don't win?

**Jack:** Most people would know this was a thing. It should give them more incentive to canvas.

**Penny:** So if a presidential candidate lost, can they run again?

**Jack:** Yeah, they can make improvements of course, it doesn't mean they'll win though. It's largely to stop people running for positions as a joke.

**Aiman:** Please can you explain more about the RON letter limits please?

**Jack:** Students can advocate the benefits of RON, but it cannot be a personal attack against the opponents manifesto etc.

**Aiman:** How would steering determine which RON to choose?

**Jack:** If the same points are made, they can be merged. If not, this can be discussed.

**Christian:** Just use the one that gets submitted first.

**Aiman:** The first person might not necessarily provide the most well researched rebuttal.

**Christian:** What is the criteria for steering?

**Jack:** They can make judgments, the focus really is on good ideas. I don't think this will be common by the way.

**Jess:** Might people not see a RON letter as a personal attack?

**Jack:** I think its a good opportunity for people to hear about issues with their plans.

**Christian:** We want to be sure we don't increase the burden on steering though.

**Mary:** I don't think this would occur as often as people might anticipate. People should now feel motivated to give more thought to their applications.

**Christian:** Does this apply to any election, or just contested ones?

**Jack:** Every election.

**Laura:** Just a question if I may, in the international rep section it says they should be taken out of welfare committee?

**Jack:** My mistake, thank you!

**Aiman:** I want to amend this so that the person who wrote the RON letter won't be able to run?

**Christian:** It's anonymous, so we can't really enforce that.

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## VOTES

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**Constitutional Review motion passes overwhelmingly**