

## **Monday, 6th May 2024 - JCR Open Meeting Minutes**

### Summary

<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstains</b>
Ritika Singhal	Conduct a secret ballot for motions (2), (3), and (5)	19	0	5
Zakariah Ismail	Urge JCR to avoid purchasing from companies on the BDS list directly funding genocide in Palestine (e.g., Domino's for socials, Pepsico).	21	2	2
Zakariah Ismail	Also ask college to replace Coca-cola in buttery for an ethical alternative for the same ethical reasons (and for environmental and health reasons). Options like Karma + Green Cola exist and can be bought in bulk.	17	2	4
Iris Rogers	Sharing cleaning schedules with students/ notifying them before they are visited (especially neurodivergent/ mentally ill students)	18	0	6
Sara Alef	For the JCR to put pressure on college to switch banking with Barclays and pursue more ethical choices. Barclays has traditionally (for over 100 years I believe) been the main banker for the University of Cambridge and its Colleges. Barclays have a long history of funding repressive regimes, such as indirectly funding apartheid in South Africa and arms companies like Elbit which are contributing directly to the genocide happening in Gaza right now. They have also invested over \$190 bn in fossil fuel industries and thus are directly fuelling the climate crisis. Some alternative banks that are more ethical alternatives are Triodos Bank UK Ltd, Nationwide, Monzo, Starling, Metro and more information about them be found on bank.green. A group of Bursars and University Finance employees are currently engaging with Barclays and some other major clearing banks to discuss their (problematic) track record on lending to fossil fuel companies and projects. I have emailed the bursar about this and it would be helpful to have a mandate and further backing from the JCR to pursue this fully.	17	4	2

We have a quorum.

<b>Proposed by:</b> Ritika Singhal	<b>Motion 1:</b> Conduct a secret ballot for motions (2), (3), and (5).
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<b>Ayes: 19</b>	Noes: 0	Abstains: 5
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Zakariah Ismail	<b>Motion 2:</b> Urge JCR to avoid purchasing from companies on the BDS list directly funding genocide in Palestine (e.g., Domino's for socials, Pepsico).
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- Aimed at closely related companies.

<b>Ayes: 21</b>	Noes: 2	Abstains: 2
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Zakariah Ismail	<b>Motion 3:</b> Also ask college to replace Coca-cola in butterfly for an ethical alternative for the same ethical reasons (and for environmental and health reasons). Options like Karma + Green Cola exist and can be bought in bulk.
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- Options include more expensive and cheaper options. This motion specifically aims at Coca-Cola.
- Concerns whether Catering will be cooperative.
  - Passing a motion would show the support of the JCR, which is an important step.

<b>Ayes: 17</b>	Noes: 2	Abstains: 4
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Iris Rogers	<b>Motion 4:</b> Sharing cleaning schedules with students/ notifying them before they are visited (especially neurodivergent/ mentally ill students)
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- Cleaners do not really have a specific schedule. Although it is a good idea in principle, it is uncertain if it is feasible.
- Passing this motion will help with furthering ideas such as 'Do not disturb' signs and access to hoovers.
- It is good to have a notification in general.

<b>Ayes: 18</b>	<b>Noes: 0</b>	<b>Abstains: 6</b>
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

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<b>Proposed by:</b> Sara Alef	<b>Motion 5:</b> For the JCR to put pressure on college to switch banking with Barclays and pursue more ethical choices. Barclays has traditionally (for over 100 years I believe) been the main banker for the University of Cambridge and its Colleges. Barclays have a long history of funding repressive regimes, such as indirectly funding apartheid in South Africa and arms companies like Elbit which are contributing directly to the genocide happening in Gaza right now. They have also invested over \$190 bn in fossil fuel industries and thus are directly fuelling the climate crisis. Some alternative banks that are more ethical alternatives are Triodos Bank UK Ltd, Nationwide, Monzo, Starling, Metro and more information about them be found on bank.green. A group of Bursars and University Finance employees are currently engaging with Barclays and some other major clearing banks to discuss their (problematic) track record on lending to fossil fuel companies and projects. I have emailed the bursar about this and it would be helpful to have a mandate and further backing from the JCR to pursue this fully.
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- A strong JCR mandate will further motivate the bursar to move talks forward.
- Concerns about whether there is really a better banking option out there.
  - Some banks have a bit more transparent banking practices.

<b>Ayes: 17</b>	<b>Noes: 4</b>	<b>Abstains: 2</b>
<b>Motion passes.</b>		

Meeting adjourned.