

# Additional Constitutional Changes

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**The JCR Notes That:** Following the review by the Governing Body of Worcester College, several minor changes were suggested. Any changes to committee mandates have been approved by the relevant committee member. If passed this will be circulated within the Governing Body to gain their final seal of approval.

**The JCR Believes That:** All of these changes are fair and add to the validity of the constitution as a document. The changes suggested would not make any significant changes to JCR proceedings, and are mostly changes of wording to provide clarification, promote inclusivity, or update terminology.

**The JCR Resolves To:** Hold a referendum to implement the following changes:

1. In Article 1 paragraph (ii), replace subparagraph (3) with:

*“actively promote equality and fairness among Junior Members of the College; and”*

2. In Article 2, replace paragraph (v) with:

*“Any Member has the right to opt out of membership. This may be done by giving written notice to the Dean by the end of First Week of any Term. Those entitled to Membership who opt out shall still be eligible to use services and facilities provided by the JCR. As stated in Section 22 (2) (c) of the Education Act 1994: “students who exercise*

*that right [to opt out] should not be unfairly disadvantaged, with regard to the provision of services or otherwise, by reason of their having done so.”*

3. In Article 4, renumber paragraph (ii) to (iii) and insert:

*“(ii) The list of affiliations is to be approved by members annually or more frequently, by virtue of a Referendum organised by the Secretary.”*

4. In Article 5, renumber paragraphs (i)-(iii) to (ii)-(iv) and insert:

*“(i) None of the foregoing provisions within this article shall preclude:*

*(1) a Junior Member of the College from exercising their right to make a complaint as set out in Article 67 and such published College procedures as apply from time to time including but not limited to the Student Handbook; or*

*(2) a court of competent jurisdiction from determining any dispute as to the interpretation of any rule of the JCR Constitution insofar as it is alleged that there has been an error of law which cannot be remedied within internal dispute procedures or by recourse to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education.”*

5. In Article 6

(a) in paragraph (i) replace the word(s) *‘The Constitution may be amended only’* with *‘The Constitution may only be amended’*

(b) remove paragraph (ii) and renumber paragraph (iii) to (ii)

(c) replace paragraph (ii) with:

*“The Constitution with the exception of Part III shall be subject to review by the Governing Body every three years, beginning Michaelmas Term 2021, in accordance with Part II of the Education Act 1994. Any changes suggested by the Governing Body must still be passed by a Constitutional Motion.”*

6. In Article 13 paragraph (ii), renumber subparagraphs (3)-(4) to (4)-(5) and insert:

*“(3) ensure that any pages on the JCR Website they are responsible for are updated to match current information.”*

7. In Article 16 paragraph (i), renumber subparagraphs (3)-(10) to (4)-(11) and insert:

*“(3) organise an annual Referendum, usually held in Trinity Term, open to all JCR Members in order to approve new and continuing affiliations with external organisations;”*

8. In Article 18 paragraph (i)

- (a) replace subparagraph (2) with:

*“If requested by the College, stay at College during the admissions period as a student helper and organise the following:*

*(a) a timetable for the other student helpers that may be staying at College during the admissions period; and*

*(b) social activities for the interviewees staying during the admissions period (e.g. quizzes, trip to G&D’s, movie night);*

*”*

- (b) remove subparagraphs (3) and (4) and renumber other subparagraphs accordingly.

9. In Article 21 paragraph (i), replace subparagraph (10) with:

*“review the JCR Website regularly and publish any updated information submitted by relevant Officers; and”*

10. In Article 26 paragraph (i), renumber subparagraphs (2)-(8) to (3)-(9) and insert:

*“(2) attend and represent the interests of the JCR at meetings of the Joint Sustainability Committee, and represent the interests of the JCR to the College in general regarding sustainability;”*

11. In Article 27 paragraph (i), replace subparagraph (3) with:

*“attend and represent the interests of the JCR at meetings of the Equity and Inclusivity Action Group;”*

12. In Article 37 paragraph (i), replace subparagraph (8) with:

*“ensure that captains keep the Editor of the Woosta Source up to date on relevant fixtures and results; and”*

13. In Article 63 replace paragraph (i) with:

*“The Members of the JCR shall be represented, at the very least, on the following bodies:*

*(1) The Governing Body*

*(2) The Joint Consultative Committee*

*(3) The Domus Committee*

*(4) The Joint Sustainability Committee*

*(5) The Gardens and Grounds Committee*

*(6) The Library Committee*

*(7) The IT Committee*

*(8) The Equity and Inclusivity Action Group*

*(9) The Oxford Student Union Council*

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14. In Article 65 paragraph (v), add the following to the end:

*“In accordance with Section 22 (2) (k) of the Education Act 1994, this report should contain details of subscriptions or similar fees paid, or donations made, to organisations to which the JCR is affiliated over the past year.”*

15. In Article 66

(a) replace paragraph (ix) with:

*“Any person found by one or more of the Moderators to be in breach of the Guidelines must be informed of the rationale behind the decision with reference to the specific guideline they are alleged to have breached.”*

(b) replace paragraph (x) with:

*“Any of the Moderators may, if they see fit, remove any post or comment (including but not limited to: links, images, videos and files) that they find to be in breach of the Guidelines.”*

(c) replace paragraph (xi) with:

*“Any of the Moderators may turn off commenting on a post if they deem the continuation of the comment thread likely to result in a breach of the Guidelines in their reasonable opinion.”*

(d) remove paragraph (xiii) and renumber paragraph (xiv) to (xiii).

16. In Article 68 replace paragraph (ii) with:

*“This Constitution shall have effect immediately, subject to future approval by the Governing Body”*