

MCR Committee, St. Catharine's College
Open Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February, 2018

MINUTES

Present:

Sarah Paris (SP – Co-president), Charlotte Kenealy (CK – Co-president), Helen Wilkes (HW – Secretary), Fynn Krause (FK – Treasurer), Souradip Mookerjee (SM – Computer officer), Conrad Watt (CW – Food and Drinks officer), Joe Cooper (JC – Accommodation officer), Julien Mahin (JM - Social secretary), Alice Porter (Education officer), Iacopo Russo (IR – Green officer).

Absence with apologies:

Dermot Trainor (DT - Social secretary), Jonny Davidson (JD – Formal Hall officer), Frances St George-Hyslop (FS – Welfare officer).

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Sarah Paris and Charlotte Kenealy. The meeting was minuted by Helen Wilkes.

00	<p>Actions from previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This open meeting has been organised and advertised. • Pics for MCR have been purchased and delivered. They must now be put up by maintenance. • Nightline has been advertised in the newsletter. • Newsletter and Big issue rotas are being organised tonight. • Bike purge will be carried out on Friday (23rd). • Mugs – organising search for mugs. 	<p>SP, CK, HW, JC, CW,</p>
01	<p>Co-presidents' Report</p> <p>1 Sleep easy</p> <p>We are helping organise the sleep easy event on the college pitches</p> <p>Proposal: Organise a collection drive for the homeless. Vote: All members for, 0 members against, 0 abstentions. Action: To organise a collection drive for the homeless.</p> <p>2 CCC</p> <p>A report has been submitted to the GB, about the need for increased pastoral support for graduates by college.</p> <p>3 Handover period</p>	<p>SP, CK, HW, CW, SM, JC, FK, JM, IR</p>

	<p>We would to have a handover period. Proposal: In principle, we have a 1 month handover period. Vote: 10 members for, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.</p> <p>Action: we will work out the logistics of a 1-month handover period for each committee roll later.</p> <p>4 Strikes</p> <p>University staff are striking over a pensions dispute. The CUSU have distributed advice to student during the strike period.</p> <p>5 Refugee Scholarships</p> <p>The Cambridge Refugee Scholarship Campaign has asked the MCR to support the CRSC's lobbying of Cambridge University to offer 10 scholarships per year to refugees.</p> <p>Proposal: To support the CRSC's lobbying of the University for refugee scholarships. Vote: 10 for, 0 members against, 0 abstentions.</p>	
02	<p>Food and Drink Report</p> <p>1 Port</p> <p>Very little port to be bought this term, as port remains from last term.</p>	CW
03	<p>Formal Hall Report</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
04	<p>Social Secretary Report</p> <p>1 St Patrick's day bop</p> <p>Options for music – We produce our own playlist or hire a DJ. Action: Investigate any license implications for playing our own playlist, and if necessary, hire a DJ.</p> <p>Plastic cups will be used in the bar for St Patrick's day bop.</p> <p>Action: allocate sober people for St Patrick's day bop.</p> <p>Action: Ensure the doors to the McGrath centre are locked for St Patrick's day bop.</p> <p>Action: Ensure the key card reader at the entrance to the bar is activated for St Patrick's day bop.</p> <p>2 Oxford swap</p> <p>This will take place in May, and there will be 15 places available. Will look for a hostel to stay at when in Oxford.</p>	JM, SP, CK
05	<p>Green Officer Report</p> <p>1 Green Formal</p>	IR, SM, JM,

	<p>The formal went well and we have received good feedback. We will hopefully be having a green formal once a term.</p> <p>2 Vegetarian options in college</p> <p>We have sent out a survey on vegetarian options in college. There have been 55 responses, and there have been useful comments. These have been passed on to the catering staff for response.</p> <p>3 Environment Quiz</p> <p>We have won the environment quiz and will be receiving more ice cream. Action: to hold an ice cream event.</p> <p>4 Environment Committee Meeting</p> <p>The lighting in corridors will be replaced by motion sensing lights.</p> <p>5 Green web-page</p> <p>Work on this page will begin next week.</p>	<p>SP, CK</p>
<p>06</p>	<p>Welfare Officer Report</p> <p>1 Proposal to Provide Free Feminine Products in College's Main Site Toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently collaborating with the JCR welfare officer and JCR women's officer to begin providing feminine products (e.g. pads and tampons) in college toilets (main site only) • These resources would be free of charge for students • The MCR will share a 30/70 budget towards paying for these supplies with the JCR (Action: Final budget to be arranged) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our lower contribution is because MCR members are not likely to use main site college toilets as often as JCR members ○ Our initial estimates are to spend £165.60 per month (we pay £49.68) ○ However, these are only our initial estimates: the quantity of supplies provided/frequency of replenishment/cost of supplies purchased will be adjusted according to the demand once the system is put into place • Supplies will be re-stocked through a joint effort by myself, and the two JCR officers • Together with the JCR officers, we have written a proposal for permission from the college to provide these resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will be presented to the college consultative committee this week (week of February 19th) <p>2 LGBT Month Karaoke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catz LGBT is hosting a karaoke night in the college bar on Tuesday February 27th to celebrate LGBT history month • I plan on promoting this within the MCR and bringing a group to support the event 	<p>HW, SP, CK, FK</p>

	<p>3 Future Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring “welfare walks” around Cambridge • Enter a group of Catz MCR students in the Cambridge 5K Race for Life (Cancer Research UK) • Look into puppy therapy for exam term – Good idea but must look into the logistics of it. 	
07	<p>Education Officer Report</p> <p>1 Work room</p> <p>Sometimes no one attends. On other occasions, around 6-7 people attends.</p> <p>2 Symposium</p> <p>Preparations for the symposium continue.</p> <p>3 Mini-seminars</p> <p>It appears that there are a more people attending the mini-seminars.</p>	AP
08	<p>Computer Officer Report</p> <p>1 Room database</p> <p>Action: Get photos of rooms in different accommodations.</p> <p>Action: Add a space for people to add information about their rooms/accommodation. Note that this will require monitoring and should be put in the handover documents/information.</p> <p>2 Formal Hall Website</p> <p>Renovation of the formal hall website is now underway and will send the committee the test site before it is made available to the public.</p> <p>3 Maintenance requests</p> <p>Action: Encourage maintenance to acknowledge maintenance requests.</p>	SM
09	<p>Secretary Report</p> <p>1 Pictures</p> <p>The framed pictures of midsummer formal, the last MCR committee and the matriculation photo (2017/18) have been delivered. Action: organise with maintenance to put the photo’s up in the MCR.</p> <p>2 Big Issue rota</p> <p>Filling out the rota today. Action: circulate rota to the committee members to fill it out.</p> <p>3 Newsletter rota</p>	HS, CK,

	Filling out rota today. To fill it out fully for next term, we need a better idea of the events happening next term. Action: Finish compiling rota for next term once the relevant events are finalised.	
10	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>1 Ice cream Charge</p> <p>We have checked and paid the ice cream charge that was outstanding from last year.</p> <p>2 Subscription fee</p> <p>A report has been formed. Action: To send this report to the committee for feedback. The chosen option will then be proposed at the next open meeting.</p> <p>3 Burns night</p> <p>The MCR has been charged £750 for damages from Burns night.</p>	FK
11	<p>Accommodation</p> <p>1 Accommodation Security</p> <p>A homeless person gained access to Russel Street accommodation. They left peacefully and thanks is due to those involved in sorting out this issue.</p> <p>Issues with Russel Street security include the buzzer system. Action: Emails residents of RS to inform them that they should only get their parcels delivered to college.</p> <p>In addition, CCTV will be placed over the RS pigeon holes.</p> <p>2 Rent negotiations</p> <p>The rent negotiations are underway.</p>	JC, SP
12	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>1 Action: HW to create doodle poll for the next meeting. Dates offered – week beginning 12th March and 19th March</p>	HW