

St Catharine's College MCR meeting minutes, 26th of July 2021

Present:

Aisling O'Kane, education officer (outgoing)
Beth Cooper, women's and non-binary officer (outgoing)
Callum Watson, secretary (outgoing)
Charlotte Guffick, welfare officer
Souradip Mookerjee, co-president
Noritz Müller, formal hall officer (outgoing)
Nadene Dermody, green officer (outgoing)
Polly Machin, social secretary (outgoing)
Alex Eaton, treasurer (outgoing)
Felix von Horstig, food and drink officer
Frey Kalus, LGBTQ+ officer
Than Dar, black, minority and ethnic student officer (outgoing)
Anna Hutchinson, social secretary (outgoing)
Louis Christie, social secretary (incoming)
Livia Wilod Versprille, treasurer (incoming)
Sam Stephenson, green officer (incoming)
Rachel McKeown, access officer (incoming)

Apologies from:

Nathaniel Tye, computing officer (outgoing)
Eilidh Rivers, fourth year officer (outgoing)
Dora Robinson, green officer (outgoing)
Praharsh Babu, accommodation officer (incoming)
Claire Guimond, LGBTQ+ officer (incoming)

Welfare

- Yoga will continue the same funding arrangement as before.
- University Counselling Service has a shorter turnaround time during summer, so it's worth reminding students of this resource.

Treasurer

- The MCR is in a good financial position.
- Some accounts need to be written up.
- Should be in a good position handover of the role of treasurer.

Social Secretaries

- Handover has been organised.
- Anna and Polly are happy to help with future events in future.

Green

- Old and new green officers have met to hand over.

Formal

- Moritz can help with formals, given no new Formal Hall Officer was elected.

BME

- Book launch in Black History Month is going ahead.
- Than has left Cambridge, but College's welfare officer has agreed to help.

Freshers' Events

- Need to sort out college parents
- Freshers' guide needs to be updated

Access

- Proposal to make access to the entire MCR step-free. Given college are putting lots of spending into building improvements just now, they may be more willing than usual to help.
- Stairs to the toilets near the MCR are very steep, and the nearest accessible toilet is on the other side of college.

LGBT

- Proposal to remove the 'traditionally worn by <gender>' references from clothing guidelines for graduation, as they come across as sexist and continue to make gender-binary references.
- College's Equality and Diversity Committee are in discussion over this.

Punt

- We've been considering buying an MCR punt, but it may prove logistically difficult.

- Our previous Scudamore's deal was £400 per year, but it may now cost significantly more to get a similar deal, at least until January 2022.
- Another option would be inflatable paddle boards, which might be easier to store.
- Or we could make a pay another college to use their punts.

Miscellaneous

- Looking for proposals to improve the aesthetics of the Catzebo
- College are wanting to increase the number of graduate students admitted. They have recently sold a couple of houses, which may lead to accommodation issues.