

St Catharine's College MCR meeting minutes, 18th of January 2022

Committee members present:

Praharsh Babu, accommodation officer
Louis Christie, co-social secretary
Jess Forsdyke, formal hall officer
Rosie Good, women's and non-binary officer
Charlotte Guffick, welfare officer
Frey Kalus, co-LGBTQ+ officer
Nikita Kamath, fourth-year representative
Rachel McKeown, access officer
Souradip Mookerjee, co-president
Ashirbad Nayak, co-president
Sam Stephenson, green officer
Callum Watson, secretary
Tom Willis, computer officer
Livia Wilod Versprille, treasurer
Chris Welland, co-social secretary

Not present:

Claire Guimond, co-LGBTQ+ officer
Felix von Horstig, food and drink officer
Simone Monti, education officer
Sohane Mousseid Yahya, BME officer

Matters arising from last meeting

- Boycotting banks' destruction: still in discussion about moving bank account over.
- College saying they'll accelerate the move to card-accessed facilities (though they've said this before).

Food & Drinks

- Suggestion from Souradip: in the past we've had two people for food & drink; could maybe try co-opting someone if Felix wants a hand.

Chinese New Year

- The MCR should try and organise something for this as it is an important festival.
- Ashirbad to consult with students for whom this is a part of their culture for suggestions of appropriate activities.

- Suggestion of something fireworks or sparklers-related, but this is subject to the previous point.

Burns Night

- Should be going ahead unless there's a big rise in covid cases
- Will try to keep windows open for ceilidh but this may create issues with noise
- Callum to suggest a schedule for the night
- Robyn MacRae and her dad to do speeches, Callum to do toast to the haggis
- Can committee help clear up the bar and help the band clear up
- Tom to show the band where to go

Mugs

- Mugs have vanished again. Might be worth getting some cheap charity-shop ones.
- It's possible that many of the wine glasses in the MCR are from college and may need to be returned

MCR committee stash

- Souradip is sorting out stash for the newer committee members

Proposal of MCR board game night

- Livia proposes having a board games night at the same time as bar night
- We can take games from the MCR down

Budget

- Livia needs to see minutes from the beginning of 2020–21. Callum to track these down.
- We spent much more in freshers' week this year than last year, but still seem to be on track
- Would be good to have more detailed information in handovers between roles – e.g. treasurers have a lot of technical things to sort
- JCR need to pay their half of yoga

- Ceilidh band have had their deposit paid by Louis
- Looks like we have a better idea of how much money we'll have this term than we did last term

Sexual health supplies

- We should consult on which menstrual products are likely to be used – funding to come from Master's Fund

LGBT History Month

- Possibility of themed formal and bop

Pink Week

- Kat Steer suggests yarn-bombing the trees in front of Catz if there's support
- The MCR Committee supports the suggestion.

Accommodation

- Some students have pointed out that colleges are very rigid about people leaving accommodation, needing three months' notice
- There are cases where someone needs to move out rapidly
- Praharsh has put out a survey as to ways this could be improved
- Many other colleges have a one-month cutoff

Pop-up sustainable food shops

- There's a student-run bring-your-own-container pop-up food shop called Scoop that are looking for a permanent location.
- Could do something in college.