

# **St Catharine's College MCR open meeting minutes, 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

## **Committee members present:**

Praharsh Babu, accommodation officer  
Louis Christie, co-social secretary  
Rosie Good, women's and non-binary officer  
Charlotte Guffick, welfare officer  
Rachel McKeown, access officer  
Simone Monti, education officer  
Souradip Mookerjee, co-president  
Ashirbad Nayak, co-president  
Callum Watson, secretary  
Tom Willis, computer officer

## **Committee members not present:**

Jess Forsdyke, formal hall officer  
Claire Guimond, co-LGBTQ+ officer  
Frey Kalus, co-LGBTQ+ officer  
Nikita Kamath, fourth-year representative  
Sohane Mousseid Yahya, BME officer  
Aden Solway, food and drink officer  
Sam Stephenson, green officer  
Chris Welland, co-social secretary  
Livia Wilod Versprille, treasurer

## **Others present:**

'S. A.'  
Marianne Mansour (co-president-elect)  
Tobia Nava

## **Redecorating the MCR**

Summary of proposals from Tobia:

- Make it more comfortable and inclusive
- Reorganise the MCR
- Nicer leather couches

Action to be taken: Tobia to put a proposal together with more detail on the redecoration, to be implemented in the new academic year.

Proposal passed unanimously

## **Role of International Officer**

- This has been proposed in a previous meeting
- Arguments in favour:
  - Would be very useful for covering things that UK-domiciled students are less likely to have experience of.
  - E.g. it would be useful to have a point of contact with knowledge of financing for international students.
  - Even with a largely international MCR committee, it could be better for to have a central point of contact for international students.
  - Many international students face e.g. visa issues that many UK students have not experienced.
- Arguments against:
  - Is adding the role to other positions more feasible?
  - Could have the MCR president forward queries to others on the committee.
  - Could co-ordinate with the JCR's International Officer.
- Further remarks:
  - Which things can be covered better in by the MCR than at the uni-wide level?
  - We should certainly at the very least highlight which of our committee are from outside the UK and willing to help with the issues faced by international students.
  - We should ensure the freshers' pack clearly signposts who students should ask about e.g. visa issues. This could work like a liberation guide.
  - The JCR's International Officer also provides useful service of including a variety of cultural observances in their calendar
- Action to be taken: Praharsh (co-president-elect) to put a draft constitutional amendment together to be voted on in the next academic year.

## **Access update**

College want to have a prospectus format where each section has one college-written page followed by a student-written page. Combines 'official' and 'unofficial' prospectuses. This might involve filming and photography around college and in the new buildings.

## **Handover**

Committee members should make sure to write handover documents, even if we don't have a successor.