

## MCR Meeting Notes

Absent: Amelia, Zara?, Fiona?

Present: Praharsh, Mariane, Tom, Tobia, Barbara, Sohane, Sam, Rachel, Livia

- 4<sup>th</sup> year access to MCR
  - o **Praharsh: 4<sup>th</sup> year access to MCR, vote: all agreed, no abstentions**
  
- Access of partners to MCR:
  - o Mariane: not sure how
  - o Barbara: partners don't have much access to many spaces in college and the university
  - o Sohane: maybe we could lobby with college to get more access for them but it could be something for the future, make college consider them as members of the college, could be something for the welfare them. **Sohane will take this to Ally and Marie**
  - o Barbara: spaces could be library, MCR, gym, hall
  - o Rachel: issues to get access to library as students need priority especially during term time/exam time
  - o Barbara: Fitzwilliam is giving quite a lot of access but this is only for married people or if they live together. Given that the threshold is quite high, it might be enough for college to accept this
  - o Praharsh: Vote in an open meeting with a specific proposal, e.g. what do we want them to access
  - o Praharsh: what is the current argument to prevent them from access?
  - o **Barbara will also gather more information about the handling of this at other colleges**
  - o Tom: ask the MCR members about how many would like to apply for this, e.g. gauge the interest
  - o Sohane: Ask the MCR members what they want by inviting them to a meeting, ask them what they want, hear them out, what are they interested in
  - o Sohane: see how much we can do this year and make a plan for the future years to come
  - o **Barbara and Sohane will take the lead in this**
  
- Membership charges
  - o Praharsh: increase membership for a few pounds, however, college took 9K from MCR without any reimbursement
  - o Livia: Money is just lost and the college just took it and is not giving it back
  - o Praharsh: we don't want any surplus as college might take it away, so it is better to be in negative
  - o Livia: MCR gets money from each student and from college for each student
  - o Livia: If we take into account that college gives less this year the total cost for associate members would increase to £60

- Praharsh: This is only for students who are not associated with the College or a student
- Diwali:
  - Sam: He is not in charge anymore, the event is simply not happening anymore due to clashes in timing
  - Yuxuan: they are not able to host the Diwali due to inaccessibility of the space, exact reason unknown
  - Sohane: we could do something in the MCR instead without the catering team instead
  - Actual date of Diwali is not yet set
- Masters funds for the MCR
  - Livia: Praharsh and Livia had a meeting with college regarding rent increase and food increase
  - Livia: they just set it at the beginning of the year and re-evaluate at the end of the year again
  - *This thread was somehow lost quite quickly*
- Committee roles:
  - Praharsh: take the role seriously and try to find replacement if you can't do something, general support of each other will be needed, give proper notice if you can't do it after all
- Committee meetings:
  - Praharsh: inform when you can't make it to the meeting to avoid last minute shifts, this helps everyone
- Hall capacity:
  - Sam: hall capacity is reduced at the moment as they also need to cater for regular dinners, but this won't be the case for special formals where we will get full capacity
- Hussein Farhat
  - Mariane: unknown person, not part of the college, if you receive an email from him just forward it to Victoria, do not reply!
- Associate membership
  - Tom: they need to be part of the MCR before the next round of election as they also need to elect the 4<sup>th</sup> year representative
- Elections:
  - Barbara: let people nominate friends, e.g. give them a confidence boost to run for a position, could be a good way to increase interest in applying

- Praharsh: So basically sending out an email after a deadline to everyone that they have been nominated and if they want to run for the position
- Lockers:
  - Mariane: Certain lockers are full for a while and no one is using them, we will send out an email so students need to claim their locker. otherwise they will be opened
- MCR Calendar:
  - Mariane: Make a new centralised calendar as the current one is dead and it doesn't look nice on the website
- Oxford trip:
  - Tom: have a team of volunteers to organise the trip rather than load it all on just the two social secs which still need to be elected
  - Mariane: not part of the mcr but as volunteers
  - Praharsh: more social secs are probably against the constitution but in general volunteers should be fine
- Social events:
  - Praharsh: organise a few repeating events now before social secs are elected as this term needs to kick off
  - Praharsh: karaoke was a big success
  - **Praharsh: make one during week 4 or 5 and another one during week 8 (1<sup>st</sup> of November and 29<sup>th</sup> of November)**
  - Tickets for external member
  - Praharsh: Boardgames once a month, maybe on a Sunday
  - Livia: e.g. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November with specific boardgames rather than a random choice on the spot
  - Praharsh: Have a spreadsheet for all the different events for people to help out
  - Movie night: 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Sohane: she could organise the movie nights on Monday evening every second week
  - Other events are left for the elected social secs
- Matriculation Photo
  - Mariane: need to order the matriculation group photo with frame to put it up

- 9 months contract
  - She need to inform new incoming students about the 9months contract
  - We don't get their contact until they are
  
- Committee meetings with College
  - Green working group: lack of attendance of MCR and JCR members
  
- 3 months notice period
  - Mariane: is it possible to get this reduced
  - Praharsh: college is not very nice about it and they pushed very hard last year
  - Tobia: send out a reminder that they need to cancel now if they want to leave 3 months ahead (e.g. send email 6 months ahead of the end of the contract)
  
- Open meeting
  - Mariane: All mcr committee meetings present a list of what they did in the past and what to discuss for the meeting, also voting points
  - Livia: date will need to be announced 2 weeks ahead of the meeting
  - Mariane: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November, public for all members of the MCR