

## **St. Catharine's College MCR Open Meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 5pm**

### **Committee members present:**

Praharsh Babu, Co-president  
Marianne Mansour, Co-president  
Amelia Whitehead, Secretary  
Tom Willis, Computing officer  
Barbara Neto-Bradley, Education officer  
Samuel Ryan, Formal Hall officer  
Tobia Nava, Accommodation officer  
Fiona Connolly, Women's and non-binary officer  
Zara Niven, Welfare officer  
Maria Izmirlieva, Green officer  
Laurence Fredricks, LGBTQ+ officer  
Kiyu Chan, Social secretary  
Hana Azuma, Social secretary  
Sohane Ines Mousseid Yahya, BME officer  
Yuxuan Cai, Food and drinks officer

### **Committee members not present:**

Livia Wilod Versprille, Treasurer  
Elsie Greenwood, Access officer  
Ananya Kaushik, LGBTQ+ officer

### **Worcester Swap**

- Our social secs have contacted Worcester social secs but not yet received a reply
  - Going to follow this up this week, perhaps contact their MCR president too
- Could contact JCR as they have contacts with Worcester

### **MCR memberships**

- Associate member fees to be what college members pay +/- the amount that college subsidises
- Look into amending constitution to clear up how paying MCR fees should work for students who choose to leave the MCR

### **Admin**

- Matriculation photo of new students to be ordered for MCR by Praharsh
- Yoga
  - Zara to reassume responsibility of MCR yoga duties, to be discussed with Sam and cc in President
  - Resend email to join separate yoga mailing list at the start of lent

## College meetings

- Rent meetings- relevant committee members to ensure they are available (Livia, Tobia, Marianne, Praharsh)
- Discussed colleges proposition to reduce MCR committee members attendance at college meetings to a CCC meeting once a term
  - The MCR committee agree that we are not on board with this proposal, student input in college governance is important and should continue as much as possible
  - Everyone believes they are attending the meeting they are required at and are happy to continue doing so

## Social secretaries

- Kiyo proposed the purchase of a portable pay machine linked to the MCR bank account for MCR events
  - Social secs to look into this and discuss feasibility with Livia
- Lunar new year social and formal
  - Sohane, Yuxuan and social secs to plan
- Burns night
  - Sam is planning to get a Bagpiper for the ceilidh and formal
- Smaller, causal events
  - Movie nights- Sohane planning to move to weekly for Lent
  - Board game events
  - 2/3 karaoke events per term
- Super-bops or bar swaps with other colleges
  - Sam has been in contact with other colleges and will help plan
- Make a doc for the drive to help plan events and let others know when things are happening

## Accommodation

- Discussions with college into MCR renovations ongoing
- Tobia is looking into bikes sale for abandoned bikes outside the badminton courts
- College looking into more lights and a bike ramp for sports courts
- The survey suggested students are keen for an arts and crafts room
  - Tobia looking into organising space for an arts and crafts room
- Couples flat – 4 single rooms in Barton Road which are currently being renovated would be turned into a couples flat
  - Is this the best idea due to shortage of singles accommodations as it is?
  - Several people applied for couples' accommodation in college this year and were unable to get one
  - Committee stance: only add more couples accommodation if they are able to also increase the amount of singles accommodation before the end of the year
- We want more graduate accommodation
- Discussed the rent rebate – Tobia to follow the situation
  - To raise a point about bedders neglecting graduate accommodation

## Food and Drink

- Try and increase footfall in the bar
  - MCR events – Karaoke?
  - Themed foods?
- Yuxuan to reach out to catering team to discuss cooperating with local suppliers

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the MCR, please get in touch by emailing [mcr.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk)