

## **St. Catharine's College MCR Open Meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 5:30pm**

### **Committee members present:**

Praharsh Babu, Co-president  
Amelia Whitehead, Secretary  
Livia Wilod Versprille, Treasurer  
Tom Willis, Computing 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  
Kiyoo Chan, Social secretary  
Hana Azuma, Social secretary  
Sohane Ines Mousseid Yahya, BME officer  
Yuxuan Cai, Food and drinks officer  
Barbara Neto-Bradley, Education officer  
Laurence Fredricks, LGBTQ+ officer

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

Marianne Mansour, Co-president  
Elsie Greenwood, Access officer  
Ananya Kaushik, LGBTQ+ officer

### **Worcester college**

- Social secs have been in contact with Oxford
  - Initial plan is Worcester to visit us on 11<sup>th</sup> of March and us go to them later in summer term
- Plan to form a sub-committee, other members of the MCR have expressed interest
  - Social secs to email out to organise this by the end of January
- Aiming to have the plan sorted by mid-February

### **Budgets**

- Currently quite broad and uncertain
- Each committee member to consider how much budget they require for their role throughout the year
  - Praharsh to send out a template to be filled in
- Large expenses to be run by Livia so she can expect them
- Committee members can separate regular expenses from one-off expenses (Black history month, etc.)
- Livia to meet with presidents to discuss further

### **Caddy scheme**

- In order to be greener and prevent food waste clogging up general bins
- Could the MCR bulk-buy and make them available to members?
- Would this only be available to people living in college or could people living in private accommodation access them too?
  - Previous issues with confusion between those living in college accommodation and bedders about whose responsibility they are to clean
- Maria to send out form to assess interest within the MCR to loan caddys from college

### Advertising on the MCR mailing list

- General consensus is that only opportunities that would benefit students should be included in the newsletter (social events, volunteering/job opportunities, etc.)

### Maintenance bill

- Currently 50% if you live >1 mile away from college as the crow flies
- Praharsh proposed that we could ask the college to reconsider this and potentially change it to be distance people must travel to get to college
  - Everyone supports this
- Livia suggested that deadlines and mechanisms for applying for these sorts of things should be made clearer
  - Could this be automated as they have our addresses?
- Tom to add reminders to the calendar

### GEC meeting

- 2 couples-flats to be made in the basement of Barton Road
- Keeping Fitzwilliam Road
- Keeping the ballot at 15
- Long term goal to get more housing for postgraduates

### Arts and crafts room

- Tobia currently under talks to get one of the squash courts changed into an arts and crafts room

### Coffee machine

- Breaks too often!!!
- Livia in talks with the company to fix it and inquire as to why it's breaking so often
- Yuxuan to investigate other options
  - Less commercial versions with beans or biodegradable/refillable pod machine

### Catering team

- They are unwilling to work with local suppliers for more varied food choices due to concerns about waste
- To reassess at a later date

## Seminars

- Lent term postgraduates and fellow's seminar
  - Panel for LGBTQ+ liberation month
  - International women's day
- Committee members to think of people who may be willing to speak and liberation officers to circulate more information nearer the date

## Social events

- Kiyo asking for committee members to help out at lunar new year social and inter-college pub crawl

## Marginalised gender gym hours

- College have approved them, and they will be implemented soon
- Monday 5-6 and Saturday 10-11
- To be circulated once confirmed by JCR womens+NB officer

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)