

**St Catharine's College MCR meeting  
Monday 19th June 2023, 5.30pm**

**Committee members present**

Sam Ryan, Formal hall officer  
Praharsh Babu, Co-president  
Tobia Nava, Accommodation officer  
Tom Willis, Computer officer  
Hana Azuma, Social secretary  
Barbara Neto-Bradley, Education officer  
Maria Izmirlieva, Green officer  
Yuxuan Cai, Food and drink officer

**Committee members not present**

Kiyo Chan, Social secretary  
Elsie Greenwood, Access officer  
Ananya Kaushik, LGBTQ+ officer  
Laurence Fredricks, LGBTQ+ officer  
Marianne Mansour, Co-president  
Sohane Ines Mousseid Yahya, BME officer  
Fiona Connolly, Women's and non-binary officer  
Amelia Whitehead, Secretary  
Livia Wilod Versprille, Treasurer  
Zara Niven, Welfare officer

**Guests**

Jonah Zankl  
Jessica van de Grint  
Paula Teeuwen  
Petur Nielson

**Cost of living survey**

- Master wishes to work with MCR to determine a general framework for providing support
- Master suggested survey to determine an annual income which would be defined as the minimum, e.g. 16k, college would provide funding to those falling below this threshold automatically
- 65 responses to survey, roughly ~50% PhD respondents
- Praharsh has spoken to Peter Wothers about additional funding for medics to meet course costs like purchase of stethoscopes and textbooks

**Catz community spirit award**

- Can suggest names to be voted upon in the next MCR meeting
- A form will be sent out for people to nominate (Praharsh to send out)

## **MCR renovation**

- Tobia presenting today in order to finalise details
- College will match MCR expenditure 1:1
- Work to be carried out over the Long Vacation
- Substance of proposal
  - dining table in place of bay tables
  - addition of lounge area to upper room
  - two separate seating areas in the lower room
  - addition of cabinet to corridor
  - new furniture
  - replacement of lighting
  
- Voting issues:
  - one large dining table vs. two smaller tables (or an extensible table?), eight ayes, one no
  - armchairs vs. sofas; current proposal is for two extra armchairs over one extra sofa, seven in favour, two against
  - colour schemes: restore original wood vs. rookwood dark green vs. all white
  - restore panelling vs. colour scheme: panelling, unanimously
  - rookwood dark green scheme as back-up if panelling cannot be restored
  - Sound system: Bose (2) Sonos (4) Abstain (3); No option got more than 50% of the vote
  - Need a re-vote at the next meeting on the sound system after more information is provided. (Tobia to provide more info).
  
- Discussion about the bay windows in the lower room.
  - Seating space in the bay windows in the lower room will be extended for more comfortable seating
  - One bay window will be “closed” to turn into “coffeetable”

Thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work this year!

*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)*