

MCR Committee Meeting

Monday 29th May (6th week, Trinity Term)

Upper MCR, 8:00 pm

AGENDA

In attendance: Di Hu, Caroline Nettekoven, Samuel Hatfield, Marie Wong, Priyav Shah, Robert Mason, Teresa Baron, Chris Gausden, Maurice Casey, Robert Quinlan.

Absent: Jason Sender, Katherine Page

1. Refurbishment of Upper MCR

- Development Fund will be used for refurbishment (Ruedi)
- New coffee tables
- Put the brown chairs in the bunker
- Fix cracks in the walls, remove old/unused nails and replace existing ones. Wood panels or repaint the walls. Painting likely to be done over the summer.
- Get more lamps, put up fairy lights
- High tables to serve drinks during events and can be used for storage
- Need more storage space
- Get access to padlocked cupboard in the kitchen
- Get help from an interior designer
- Need to have exact plan before Michaelmas to be sent to the Development Office
- ~12 out of 30 mugs returned
- Cleaning supplies: have not heard back from college and may have to get them ourselves for the MCR (there is a separate budget)
- Write to Wine Society to ask them to clean up after their events

2. Postdoc applications

- Approve all applications
- Should organize an event for postdoc members

3. Events feedback

- Generally attendance has been poor
- Comedy night: 7 people signed up but only 2 people attended
- 15-16 people signed up for cocktail making masterclass
- Welfare brunch and coffee and cake have been doing well
- 5th week wellfairy went well
- Chris and Teresa met with the Chaplain regarding hosting two events (at the end of week 9 and during the summer)
- More summer events to be organized

- Survey: 33/60 people wanted events with less alcohol
- End of term party (Caro)
 - o Waiting for reply from Ruedi regarding use of 2nd quad
 - o Picnic/barbecue
 - o Can keep food/drinks in the MCR and have people take them out onto 2nd quad
 - o Backup plan: pub with a garden (Uni Club, The Victoria, Varsity, Head of the River etc.)
- Guest night
 - o Priyav and Jason will be in Cambridge
 - o Teresa and Di will help out

4. MCR Improvement Survey

- 62 responses
- Survey to close after term ends. Post on Facebook (Caro)
- Generally people want more transparency, better communication. People do not know what the committee members do
- Link from college website to MCR website (Di)
- College's responsibility to link freshers to MCR website and Facebook group
- 55% do not want to get involved in the committee
- Some people want more positions (e.g. environment, equality), less time commitment, more incentives.
 - o Maybe awards/recognition in a monthly/termly newsletter or email
- Freshers' week: Important to introduce the MCR committee members to freshers and give them information of the roles

5. Other updates

- Print pictures of MCR committee members to be put in the MCR and at the front of college (Maurice)
- New graduate teaching assistant job
 - o 2 hours a week assisting a tutor in college
 - o Specific to DPhil students
 - o Full funding from college
 - o All subjects
- Careers events
 - o Seminar by people who are heads of charities (Parkinson's, Save the Children) in Michaelmas
 - o Entrepreneurial workshop organized last year had poor attendance. Plans to have more interactive, engaging workshops. College has extensive links to the business school
- Freshers' week: waiting to hear back from Academic Office

- Female welfare rep hustings
 - o Ideally before end of term
 - o Alice Raw expressed interest but is moving to Corpus
 - o 3rd year undergrads who will be around for 4th year
 - o Speak to Kathy and male/female welfare reps in the JCR before organizing hustings