

# MCR General Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October (2<sup>nd</sup> week, Michaelmas Term)

Upper MCR, 8:00 pm

## AGENDA

**36 people**

### 1. Committee Reports and Notices

President

- Proposal for the Development Fund to be submitted by 10 November. Ruedi will help with implementation. Send suggestions to Di.

Vice President

- MCR Refurbishment: concept worked out over the summer. Email Caro with any feedback/ideas,
- Food waste bags: started in the JCR, mostly in Herbert's Close.
- Student Switch-Off: Campaign to promote sustainability and environmental conscience. Different colleges compete in this. Jesus won the Bronze award last year. Need 10 more people to sign up to get Gold in the same category.

Treasurer

- TV Subscriptions: Netflix, Now TV, Amazon Prime.
- Anyone interested in different subscriptions (e.g. magazines) should get in touch with Sam. Will have to be proposed as a motion because it's not included in the budget although the MCR has the money.

Secretary

- Email Marie to book the MCR Bunker. Only MCR members are allowed to book.
- Hustings for Female Welfare Rep will take place during this general meeting and information on elections to be sent out shortly after.
- Information on how to write motions in the correct format can be found on the MCR website (<http://mcr.jesus.ox.ac.uk/submitting-motions/>).
- First Year Reps will be elected later in term, possibly at the next general meeting.

Welfare

- Coffee & cake: every Wednesday evening.
- First Welfare brunch is this Sunday at 11am.
- Lockers: Huge response to the locker scheme and only one locker is left. Temporary locker scheme has just been started where lockers can be rented out for a short period of time (e.g. one afternoon). Sign up sheet is in the MCR.
- Welfare Consultative Committee: Meeting is next week. Opportunity to bid for extra welfare funding. The MCR did not ask for a lot of funding last term. Contact Chris for any ideas to improve MCR welfare (e.g. money towards weekends away, new beanbags, coffee machines, massages) before Wednesday lunchtime.
- Yoga: currently run by the JCR but working with the JCR welfare reps to allow MCR members to attend (free of charge).
- LGBTQ: More LGBTQ events this term (e.g. tea, cocktail nights, movie nights) especially before Queerfest.

- Consent classes: Will be held later in the term. Currently only 4 members of the MCR are trained to facilitate these classes and OUSU requires 2 trained people per 10 students. More information will be sent out later in the term.
- Multicultural events: College is looking to run more of these events. Currently mostly involve dinners in hall but college would like to have more of these events (e.g. Chinese New Year celebrations).

#### IT

- Question of the week on the MCR twitter
- MCR Printer: needs to be fixed.
- Mailing list: contact Maurice to get your email on the MCR mailing list.
- Board games: Keen to propose a new motion to get new board games. Wolfson has a lot of board games and a social exchange event could be organized.

#### Sports

- Sports with Rob on Sundays at Barts.
- Looking into organizing fitness sessions, yoga (taught by an MCR member), joint welfare/sports event.

#### Social secretaries

- Check emails for updates and for the term card.
- Turl Street bar crawl this Friday.
- Sign up for wine tasting with Magdalen next Wednesday.

## 2. **Hustings for Female Welfare Rep**

### (1) Cristina Di Genua

4<sup>th</sup> year DPhil in medical sciences. Understands the unique stresses and pressure of studying and would like to be the first point of contact for graduate students at the college. Good listener, approachable. New ideas: involve the wider community; for example, organize get-togethers with welfare reps from other colleges to discuss what initiatives have worked.

Q: A big part of running events is setting up and cleaning up. Will this fit into your schedule?

A: Yes.

### (2) Ashley Dam (Thao)

1st year Masters student. Enjoys meeting new people, networking, creating a safe space/community. Has 3-4 years of event planning experience. Welfare ideas – knitting, needlework, holiday cookie decoration, painting.

Q: If 3<sup>rd</sup> year DPhil student has an issue relating to their research (e.g. anxiety, stress), how would you resolve the situation?

A: Direct them to the welfare library and familiarize them with the list of collections and resources. Direct the individual to welfare reps in college.

(3) Tanaya Narendra

Medical doctor. Has counseling training and extensive volunteer experience. Good at saving money. Will be able to cook good Indian food for welfare brunches.

Q: What specific formal training do you have that will be applicable in this role?

A: Have been trained to deal with anxiety, working in a high pressure environment and listening skills.

Chris: College offers peer support training in Hilary term and it takes one term. Intensive training procedure but very worth it. Email will be sent out with details towards the end of term.

### **3. AOB**

(1) Honorary membership vote for Omar Mohsen – pass.

(2) Honorary membership vote for Andy Everall – pass.

(3) Coffee machine not working, instant coffee will be available instead.