

Minutes for the MCR General Meeting on Wednesday 28th January 2015

Committee Reports and Notices

Damien

- Elliot and Hannah are engaged - we all sang "Happy Engagement" and the two of them looked very embarrassed.
- There's a protest happening against the Castle Mill renovations – there's a Facebook group, which Damien will send to everyone.
- Everyone who applied to stay in College over the summer has got a place. If you're just staying for a part of the summer, there will be an email early in Trinity.

Jessica

- We're either having a ceilidh for the End of Term event or going to Mad Hatters for a cocktail evening.
- Jessica is the treasurer while Lizzy is on fieldwork.

Katy and Richard

- We've had cake and board games already this term, and we have a painting event coming up later.
- If anyone has any welfare concerns, let them know as they're going to a welfare meeting.

Yosi and Jack

- They'll be holding a Superbowl event instead of a film night next week

Ceren and Lucy

- The Keble bop is probably turning into a Keble/Jesus only party instead.
- They might implement a sign up system for Wine and Cheese to prevent lots and lots of guests turning up.

Rohini

- Keep an eye out in the next few weeks for lots of information about the upcoming elections. If you're interested in running, feel free to speak to members of the current committee about what the role involves.

Angus

- Angus is planning an event to see a Premiership football match. He'll put up a poll on the Facebook group soon. Other possibilities are rugby and the Boat Race.

Meatless Mondays

- Meat-free breakfast would be boring.
- College has done this before (and basically just served fish on Mondays).
- When college has this before, hardly anyone turned up to Hall and they cancelled it. On the other hand, other colleges have successfully implemented it, and everyone has been happy.
- Maybe having a vegan option on Monday might make people feel more included.
- There are also many environmental benefits – water pollution, methane pollution etc. It's a massive driver of climate change.
- Another possibility is generally pushing vegetarian options more, making them more appealing.
- Maybe we could say that anyone who wants meat has to ask for it as a special requirement.
- Would Vegan-only make more sense? Since the dairy and meat industries are very linked.
- What about changing the ratio of meat to other ingredients in dishes? Rather than meat being the main component, it could be just one component.

We make the decision to simply give college the information about the various opinions held, rather than holding a formal vote. To go with this information, we take a few straw polls:

In favour of completely meatless Mondays: 17
Against meatless Mondays: 9
Abstaining: 11

In favour of making veggie the main option, and having to actively select non-veggie: 34
Against: 0
Abstaining: 3

In favour of a more education about the impact of eating meat: 34
Against: 0
Abstaining: 2

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- The undergrads have some really good events, like Open Mic nights, poker nights. It would provide more of a range.

Making in opt-out: Vast majority