

Minutes for the MCR General Meeting on Wednesday 30th April 2014

Meeting begins at 8.30pm.

1. Committee Reports

Sports Rep (Angus)

- Thanks people who came to the boat race. He's working on getting people reimbursed.
- Linacre gym deal is carrying on this term - £30 for 3 months. Angus has been there, he said it's very nice, and much better than Iffley.

Treasurer (Lizzy)

- If you still want to sign up for punting, email Lizzy. Once you've signed up, you can go to the lodge and book a time. Before you go punting, go to the Lodge and they'll give you a slip to take to the boathouse. It's £10.70 for Trinity Term, and they're finalising how much it will be for the summer.
- Done the budget for the next year – see the first motion.

First Year Reps (Sioned & Jessie)

- There will be a brunch on Sunday

Welfare (Katy & Richard)

- Richard has access to the welfare locker now, so if you need condoms etc you can email them

Social (Garreth, Thais & Lucy)

- The Trinity termcard has been emailed round
- The first event is Champagne & Chocolates on Friday. Please click 'attending' on the facebook event so they have an idea of numbers. It will be battelled £3.50 per person.

Secretary (Rohini)

- Started updating the MCR website – copies of agendas and minutes will be posted there.

President (Damien)

- Jesus College came number one for student satisfaction in the student barometer survey. The categories it didn't do so well on were library provisions and living satisfaction (especially for graduate students). College is keen to improve this rating, so Damien will be putting together a survey.
- College is looking into providing more teaching opportunities for humanities graduate students
- Second international food night of term is Syrian food, and is also going to be a fundraiser for a Syrian refugee who's connected with a JCR member.

2. MCR Budget 2014-2015

- No great surprises, pretty similar to last year

- The one thing that might change at some point is the amount spent on magazines & papers as it seems like a lot. That could be changed in a future motion.

For: Majority

MOTION PASSES

3. Mug Project

- Could mugs be bought for much less money, and then we just accept that they will go missing
- These mugs are much more expensive, and will probably still go missing
- A similar system has worked in the Physics department – very few mugs have gone missing there
- Can we use a marker pen on cheap mugs?
- Marker pen will just come off in the dishwasher
- A lot of our mugs end up in the JCR but we can't prove they're ours.

For: 16
 Against: 14
 Abstain: 3

MOTION FAILS

4. MCR Black Piano – Moving Costs

- Kari and Simone told their story about getting the piano through the medium of song. I couldn't write anything because I was crying with laughter...

For: Majority

MOTION PASSES

5. The Big Piano Motion

- The music room is now only available to music students, so having a piano in the MCR is much more important than it was before.
- There's plenty of money in the bank account for whatever we want to do.
- If tuned, the brown piano will be OK but not amazing
- Maybe the drama society would want the broken piano as a prop
- It's a lot of work to get a new piano

Part 1: Spend up to £100 disposing of black piano

For: Majority

MOTION PASSES

Part 2: Spend up to £200 fixing brown piano rather than buying new piano

For: 22
Against: 8

MOTION PASSES

6. Summer Improvements

For: Majority

MOTION PASSES

Jessie, Kayla & Simone are appointed.

7. AOB

Thais: Thais is leaving Jesus at the end of the year, because she's been given a scholarship by Magdalen. This means we're short of one social secretary – we'll probably have a by-election soon.

Sioned: May Day is tomorrow – the choir is singing in second quad at 7am, followed by breakfast