

MCR General Meeting

Tuesday 6th June (7th week, Trinity Term)

Upper MCR, 8:30 pm

AGENDA

27 People

1. Committee Reports and Notices

President

- MCR refurbishment: painting will be done over the summer and will be paid for by College (£900). Need to decide on a color. Detailed proposal for new furniture to be sent to College in Michaelmas to receive the furniture by Christmas (new couches, coffee tables, high tables). Look for an interior designer to help with the refurbishment.
- New female welfare reps: position will be opened up soon. Email has been sent to JCR welfare reps.
- Freshers' week: information about Freshers' Week should be put up on the MCR website as soon as possible.

Vice President

- MCR Survey: 67 responses so far but still need more. Survey will close after term ends.
- End of term event: will be held at The Lighthouse on the 15th of June in the evening (~6pm).

Treasurer

- Nothing to report.

Secretary

- Nothing to report.

Welfare

- New biscuit jar in the MCR.
- Coffee and cake on Wednesday at 6pm.

IT

- Question of the week on the MCR Twitter account.

Sports

- Low attendance at events, possibly due to exams etc. during Trinity.
- Events will be organized over the summer (sports day, taster sessions etc.).
- Looking into organizing a barbecue on Friday Week 8 in college.

Social secretaries

- No more free tickets for future events due to poor attendance at Comedy Night and people signing up for events but not attending them.
- Refer to weekly emails for updates.
- Paintballing on Sunday 11th June.
- Guest Night on Friday 9th June.
- More events to be organized over the summer.

2. Accommodation Motion

The MCR notes that:

- (1) Committee Members are treated equivalent to the rest of the MCR with regards to balloting for College Accommodation.
- (2) Committee Members have frequent commitments in College for meetings, event planning, maintenance of MCR spaces, etc.
- (3) Committee Members who live away from College struggle, at varying degrees, in commuting to College for their Committee role.
- (4) Committee positions have, in recent years, been difficult to fill. An incentive can be helpful to motivate Committee involvement, and to show appreciation.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

- (1) Request that College provides In-College accommodation to MCR Committee Members (i.e. Ship Street Houses, and the future Northgate House).
- (2) Request for College to grant priority for Committee Members in selecting their College accommodation of choice, should they not wish to live in College.
- (3) In passing (1) and (2), award the MCR Committee for their contributions by easing their day-to-day commutes.

Proposed: Di Hu

Seconded: Caroline Nettekoven

Minutes

Q: Will college provide accommodation to committee members for free?

A: Committee members will be guaranteed college rooms but not with funding. Many committee jobs, such as going for meetings, will be easier when people are closer to college. Makes committee members more visible too. One problem is that committee members will be taking up rooms meant for first years.

Q: Will this be for every committee member?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the size of the committee?

A: 12 people. First year reps are automatically in Ship Street.

Q: How disruptive would this be?

A: Will ask college to consider rooms in college itself (not only on Ship Street). It will be nice for committee members to have this option but they do not have to take it up and some committee members may choose not to. We need further incentives since there have been problems filling up MCR committee positions.

Q: How difficult has it been to fill committee positions in previous years?

A: Last year was difficult. Earlier years too.

Q: Will timing also be an issue? Contracts tend to be from September to July the following year but committee roles are taken up in April.

A: Committee members could start the role in Trinity when not living in college or Ship Street but move in at the start of the next academic year and have one term to live there at the end of the academic year after their time on the committee is over. Michaelmas and Hilary tend to be busier.

Note: The motion needs revision and specification (e.g. need to clarify which rooms will be available etc.). The motion should be provisionally passed so it can be discussed with college and then revised.

Vote

For: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION PASSES

2. Motion to Update the MCR Board Game Collection

The MCR notes that:

- (1) Board games are a great way of spending a rainy afternoon and a popular source of entertainment in Oxford MCR common rooms.
- (2) The current MCR supply of board games is out-dated and somewhat tatty. Indeed, one game has begun to develop mould. Moreover, the selection is eclectic, with staples such as Settlers of Catan missing from the collection.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

- (1) Rejuvenate the board games collection by purchasing up-to-date and much loved board games such as Catan, Articulate, Cards Against Humanity, Scrabble and Ticket to Ride, at a cost of up to £185.

Proposed: Maurice Casey

Seconded: Robert Quinlan

Note: Budget to be increased to £250.

Vote

For: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION PASSES

3. AOB

- (1) Honorary membership vote for Liu Shi – not present.
- (2) Honorary membership vote for Duncan Bellamy – pass.