

MCR GENERAL MEETING
 MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018 (7TH WEEK, TRINITY TERM)
 UPPER MCR, 8:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Committee Reports and Notices

- MCR Committee position vacancies for:
 1. Social Secretary to the Dean
 2. Social Secretaries (up to 2)
 3. Equalities Officer
- Signup sheets will go up in the MCR starting 4.6.18

2. Constitutional Motion to change the denomination of the Welfare Officer positions

- Proposed: Martina Astrid Rodda
- Seconded: Katia Carro García

The MCR notes that:

1. The current designation of the Welfare Officer positions as Female Welfare Officer and Male Welfare Officer implies that this position should be taken up by and seen as representative of individuals identifying as either male or female, respectively;
2. This formulation implicitly excludes MCR members who identify as any non-binary gender, potentially preventing them from running for welfare positions, or at the very least not recognising their presence as part of the MCR community;
3. In a general context where the College is making steps towards being more inclusive of LGBTQ+ and especially trans identities (cf. the recent creation of both an MCR Equalities Officer and a JCR Trans Rep, as well as College and University policy) this exclusionary message is both unhelpful and unnecessary;
4. However, the two Welfare Officers should still be of different genders, as this ensures more balanced and inclusive representation.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

1. Change the designation of the Welfare Officer positions to (collectively) 'Welfare Officers;' 'Welfare Officer 1 and 2' could be used where a distinction between individuals is required (e.g. in email addresses), although no hierarchical implication should be implied. This requires rewording of Sections IV.A and IV.D.7-8 of the Constitution, per the following proposed formulation:
 - a. IV.A: 'The general administration of the MCR shall be entrusted to an elected MCR Committee, composed of MCR Officers, acting in accordance with the

Constitution and consisting of the following positions: [...]

7 and 8 Welfare Officers’

- b. IV.D.7: ‘The duties and responsibilities of the Welfare Officers primarily consist of the following:

D.7.1 Disseminating relevant welfare-related information to MCR members, including but not limited to information concerning health, welfare, child care, finance, scholarships, and employment.

D.7.2 Maintaining the system of issuance and return of locker keys.

D.7.3 Acting as the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) Representative for the MCR while the MCR is affiliated, and to attend such OUSU meetings as considered appropriate to fulfil this role.

The Welfare Officers’ duties and responsibilities shall be held jointly and severally.’

- c. IV.D.8: deleted and replaced as in (2) below.

2. Introduce an additional provision (IV.D.8) stating that ‘The two Welfare Officers shall not identify as the same gender.’

This proposed constitutional change will:

1. Ensure that the Welfare Officer position is non-discriminatory in its designation and fully representative of everyone in the MCR community;
2. Introduce an explicit provision stating that Welfare Officers should not both identify as the same gender, something which is currently lacking in the Constitution.

3. Motion for Consideration of an MCR Bank Card

- Proposed: Luke Lattanzi-Silveus
- Seconded: Priyav Shah

The MCR notes that:

1. The MCR does not have a bank card to use with the MCR bank account card reader, meaning that it is not possible to add a new payee (and therefore not possible to pay new companies/people by bank transfer).
2. MCR committee members are frequently asked to front cash, often in large quantities, to the MCR for almost all of the MCR’s purchases.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

1. Acquire a card for the MCR bank account to allow use of the card reader, and with the provision that it can not be used for payments until a system of rules is worked out.
2. Discuss possible rules about how the MCR card would be used for payments and bring forward a constitutional amendment that would propose such rules at the next general meeting.

The MCR treasurer proposes the following rules, as a starting point for discussion:

1. The MCR bank card will only be used for the following:
 - (i) As the card on MCR online accounts such as Netflix or Amazon.
 - (ii) Purchases or deposits above 100 pounds made by any MCR Committee member other than the treasurer with the express permission of the MCR treasurer.
2. In order to use the card a member of the committee must:
 - (i) Obtain the permission of the treasurer for the purchase or deposit they would like to make.
 - (ii) Pick up the card from the lodge.
 - (iii) Use it to make the purchase or deposit
 - (iv) Return it to the lodge and notify the treasurer that it has been returned.
3. Failure to follow these procedures may result in disciplinary action taken by the MCR.

4. Motion for Honorary President

- Proposed: Priyav Shah
- Seconded: Maurice Casey

The MCR notes that:

1. The MCR is thriving in every aspect – the space has been refurbished, the community is more interactive and impressive than ever before, and we are having more of a say within college. Furthermore, the college (which itself is flourishing with the proposed Northgate House development in the centre of Oxford) is committed to increasing our numbers and supporting us.
2. We are able to appoint Honorary members who do not have to be studying at the University.
3. The college has a Welsh connection.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

1. Discuss the possibility of appointing a prominent Welsh personality to serve as an Honorary President of the MCR for a year-long term. The committee would propose a candidate to the MCR and, following a majority vote within the MCR, offer them the role. They would have the same rights as any other Honorary member, but their membership fees would be covered by the MCR. In return, the Honorary president would be expected to give a keynote speech at an event during the year. Their affiliation with the MCR would also raise our profile.
2. Amend this motion accordingly, and vote on it to gauge the interest in this idea within the MCR. If successful, a constitutional change motion will be presented at the next general meeting.

5. Motion for MCR Bunker

- Proposed: Priyav Shah
- Seconded: Caroline Nettekoven

The MCR notes that:

1. While the JCR and MCR rooms are not bookable, the bunker may be booked by any MCR member. Undergraduate members of the college can apply to book the room as well. If booked, other MCR members will not be able to use the space or equipment within.
2. Booking the bunker requires a deposit, but is otherwise free.
3. The bunker contains a lot of expensive electronics.
4. Once Northgate House is completed, there will be about 60 more grads living on site and demand for the bunker will probably increase substantially.

The MCR therefore resolves to:

1. Discuss whether we want to keep the system as it is (i.e. keep the bunker bookable by any member of the college, and keep it free to do so).

6. Honorary Membership Consideration for:

- Jannes Drechsler
- Keir Bowater
- Akhil Kumar

7. AOB