

Minutes of Churchill College MCR Termly General Meeting - Easter 2014

Date: 27 May 2014 - 7.30 pm

Location: Sandy Ashmore Room

1. Attendance:

- Present: Jacquelyne Poon, Alexis Kaminski, Electra Panagoulia, Barbora Janulikova, Jordan Ramsey, Lisa Volpatti, Hugo Wioland, Sonke Hee, Arthur Zielinski, KC Raghavendra
- Apologies: Hannah Stern, Kent Griffith, David Driver, Matic Horvat, Karolis Misiunas, Ahmed ElMezein, Jan Freyberg, Suzan Ok, Vahe Tshitoyan, Natalie Boonzaier, Mike Kang
- Absent:

2. Confirmation of minutes - Lent 2014 TGM

- The minutes from the Lent 2014 TGM (which included the Lent term elections) were confirmed.

3. Summary of MCR Activities (Jacquelyne Poon)

- MCR activities in the past term have included:
 - The election of the new committee members.
 - The Conference on Everything, which was a huge success. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the fellows on the new format, which include short talks and a poster session. This was followed up by the Advanced Students' Dinner.
 - The graduate accommodation ballot. We are still working on increasing transparency for current and prospective students. For example, we have posted pictures of the interiors of rooms and common spaces on the MCR website (and are trying to get it onto the College website). We are hoping to get floor plans posted. In addition, 64 Storey's Way is due to be completed this summer.
 - Looking into potential refurbishments to the Sandy Ashmore room. We sent out a survey last term to gauge how students use the area. A refurbishment subcommittee was formed and met to get a rough idea of what we would like to keep and what we would like to change. A proposal is currently being formed, and along with the refurbishments it includes extending the MCR area to the TV room, using the Tizard Room for academic seminars, and trying to create more storage space. More information can be found below. Giorgio asked who would be paying for these refurbishments. Jacqui responded that it is supposed to be College who pays.
 - Sonke asked whether the JCR currently use our equipment. Jacqui responded that they need to ask the Equipment Officer at present.
 - Giorgio asked about the TV, which apparently does not currently have access to terrestrial channels. Electra confirmed this.

- Jordan asked whether the MCR could consider paying for our own subscription to Sky Channels upstairs, at approximately £24/month with the charities price. Karolis would need to look into this.
- 4. Report on MCR Finances (Karolis Misiunas)
 - The current state of the MCR finances is generally healthy. Unfortunately, the MCR Treasurer was not able to attend and did not send in a finances report.
- 5. MCR Refurbishments (Jacquelyne Poon)
 - Plans include:
 - A kitchenette in the TV room for preparing coffee and little snacks.
 - Swapping the current location of the TV with the cupboards.
 - Increasing cupboard space.
 - Decluttering the MCR and hopefully swapping some of our chairs with College for stackable ones.
 - We still don't know the size of the heating box, which limits how much we can plan in terms of storage space.
 - Otherwise still in progress.
 - KC asked when the computer will be moved, thinking of the upcoming Guest Night. It is not clear when this will happen, but leaving the computer in the MCR hasn't been a problem for the past few Guest Nights.
- 6. Any questions
 - No further questions were asked at this point.
- 7. Any Other Business
 - Electra mentioned the upcoming event with the junior research fellows and postdoctoral by-fellows on June 2. The date was set based on the fellows' availability. Those interested in attending should fill out the doodle poll that was sent around.

Next TGM: date TBA, but will be for the Michaelmas elections after Freshers' Week.