

Provisional TGM Minutes:

Jock Colville Hall (Friday 17 February 2023, 7pm)

Present: President, Vice President - Treasurer, Computing Officer, Bar Secretary, Bar Treasurer

Mairi Kilkenny (Senior Postgraduate Tutor, Minuting Secretary)
Members of the MCR outside the committee were also present

Apologies for absence: no apologies were received

Absent: Men's Welfare officer, Women's welfare officer, First year representatives (2), EDI officer, Green Officers (2), External Social Sec, Ale and Quail Officer

Minutes of the previous meeting: these were approved without correction

Issues arising from the Minutes: there were none

Committee reports and business:

President:

Accommodation: The President reported that 76 Storey's Way is being renovated next year, and therefore would not be in the rooms ballot for 2023-24. However, the return of certain other rooms due to the completion of renovation works (36A/B Storey's Way) would mean that a roughly similar number of rooms would be available as last year.

Committees: The Ethics and Reputational Risk Committee have requested that the MCR President and Secretary sit on this Committee. There is also a new Food Committee; if anyone has any comments please talk to/email David or fill out the form at the bottom of the formal hall sign-in menu, catering do read this.

Elections: these are now in progress.

Events: On Monday 20th February, Rachel Thorley from the SCR is running a joint MCR/JCR/SCR event to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month.

Vice President - General Secretary: this office is currently vacant

Vice President - Treasurer:

CCRFC: The Treasurer highlighted the recent reforms to the CCRFC rules, noting that the Finance Tutor is keen to hear whether the MCR is on board with the changes. The President requested that a simpler version (e.g. 2 sentence summary) be prepared in addition to the lengthier document. The Treasurer said that they would liaise with the Finance Tutor about producing a more compact, easily understandable overview. The Treasurer also reported

that the Finance Tutor had already processed this term's CCRFC applications ad hoc under the new rules, so if there were no objections this would stand. No objections were raised.

Rent discussions: The Treasurer reported that rent discussions are ongoing, and the Bursar had proposed using some of this year's rent increase to target financial support to those most needing help:

For undergraduates: College is looking to supplement the Cambridge Bursary according to a sliding scale based on family income.

For postgraduates: the above policy for undergraduates would hopefully mean that more money would be available through the general College Financial Adversity and Support Fund to support postgraduates. It was not yet clear how targeted financial support could be provided to postgraduates (i.e. in a similar way as being considered for undergraduates – it is probably not appropriate to base this on family income). Any ideas from the MCR on how to implement this fairly were welcome, please speak to the Treasurer.

Academic Officer: The President reported that the Academic Officer had just resigned the post. This post is now vacant, and any interested parties should approach the President.

Publicity and Communications Officer:

The Officer reported that they were working with the Green Officers on a Churchill MCR clothing swap for Saturday 18th February, this would involve a bring-and-trade and mending session.

The Officer requested that MCR members please let them know about any upcoming events, publicity can be provided, including poster design etc.

Men's Welfare Officer: not present

Women's Welfare Officer: not present

LGBTQ+ Welfare Officer: this office is currently vacant

Family Representative: not present

First Year Representatives: not present

Equality and Diversity Officer: not present

Disability Access Officer: this office is currently vacant

Green Officers: not present

External Social Secretary: not present

Internal Social Secretary: this office is currently vacant

Computing Officer:

The Computing Officer reported that time was being spent on updating the MCR website. The President noted their thanks to the Computing Officer for their help in the run-up to the current elections, in putting up all manifestos on the website.

Equipment Officer: this office is currently vacant

Bar Treasurer:

The Bar Treasurer reported that, together with Bar Secretary, they had been organising new training. They confirmed that the bar is well stocked and 13 different snacks are now available. The bank account is healthy (~£3000). In addition, there is an excess of a few thousand pounds worth of supplies in storage.

The Bar Treasurer reported that a work event is being organised for 10th March, including a formal. The aim is to encourage MCR members to bring their work colleagues, lab mates, supervisor etc. The President requested that information re. the event be sent to both herself and the Publicity and Communications Officer so that the calendar could be updated to reflect this new event.

Bar Secretary: the Bar Secretary echoed the statements made by the Bar Treasurer.

Ale and Quail: not present

Hustings

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Candidate for President: Reece McCoy

The candidate stated that clear communications and transparency (around, for example, accommodation, catering, access to facilities) would be a top priority. They were enthusiastic to represent the views of the MCR to the wider College and beyond (e.g. CUSU). They had some plans for changes to the MCR rules which would result in greater accountability of MCR members. They were motivated to work constructively with the rest of the Committee for the benefit of all MCR members.

Candidate for Vice President – General Secretary: Shany Richaud

The candidate would take care to facilitate communications - bringing members' opinions to the Executive and wider committee.

Candidate for Vice President - Treasurer: Kieran Heal

The candidate would streamline and simplify the MCR accounts processes and procedures, supported by the new changes to the CCRFC rules. Overall, the candidate was motivated to

implement improvements to the existing processes and to expand what can be done for MCR members. The candidate stressed the importance of clarity and transparency.

Candidate for Women's Welfare Officer: Meghan Plumridge

Not present. The President read out an email communication from the candidate: "I am a first-year CDT student studying AI for Environmental Risk. I am new to the MCR, but I have previously served in committee positions, as Chair and Vice Chair of a Staff Committee. I look forward to taking an active role as Women's Welfare Officer and getting to know more of the MCR community. I hope to bring initiatives that will build on the excellent work of the MCR committee to make women feel safe, valued and heard at Churchill."

Candidates for Men's Welfare Officer: Jeremy Wilkinson & Jon Bennett

The candidates would work to ensure that all MCR members were engaged, and comfortable in the MCR. They stated they would be happy to represent members' views to the Committee and wider College.

Candidate for Families Welfare Officer: Lily Rubino

Not present, manifesto online.

Candidate for LGBTQ+ Welfare Officer: Teodora Reu

Not present, manifesto online.

Candidate for Disability Access Officer:

No candidates.

Candidates for Bar Treasurer: Harry Walden & Natalie Porter

The candidates would work to secure customised items for the bar, and to ensure that the MCR bar is a place for everyone, and generally a nice, welcoming, social space.

Candidates for Equality and Diversity Officer: Thea Fennell & Josephine Tumwesige

Not present – manifestos online.

External Social Secretary:

No candidates.

Internal Social Secretary: Immy Harrison

The candidate highlighted a focus on fun. The candidate received a question re. plans for future guest nights, to which they outlined a rainbow and glitter themed event. The

candidate requested that MCR members please approach them directly with any ideas and suggestions for guest nights.

This concluded the hustings.

The President commented that voting for the 3 Executive positions was now open, and would close on Sunday 19 February. As the non-executive positions were all uncontested, these candidates were automatically elected.

There was no other business, and the President closed the meeting.