

Attendance

- Present: Yuning, Zeina, Ingrid, Harold, Richard, Donato, Charles, Dominik, Michael, Amy F, Julia, Philip, Amy C, Aaron.

Specific Business

- Richard has ordered a coat stand and new pool cues for the MCR.
- Regarding the possibility of a vending machine for the MCR, it was agreed that the proponents should come forward with a concrete proposal. Several members were skeptical about the idea. Charles expressed a sense of foreboding, regarding vending machines and, in particular, the proliferation of confectionary to be entirely malign prospects.
- Will be new auditorium – have a space on the committee: music space (soundproofed). Yuning reported the College's plans to build a new auditorium. He added that there will be space for use by the MCR, including a soundproofed area for musical activities.
- The prospects for a future MCR barbecue appear grim, given the level of regulations and training imposed by the college. The committee considered whether to hold an MCR picnic, without hot food, instead.
- Michael reported that the accommodation ballot will take place this year on the 15th July. Current first years will have the option of balloting as a group. Any student paying university fees is eligible to enter the ballot. Any questions should be directed to the Fellow for Rooms, James Moultrie.
- The issue of MCR affiliation to the Graduate Union was discussed. Michael suggested that it generated little direct benefit to the Selwyn MCR, in spite of working for good causes. From next year, the affiliation fee of around £700 per annum will be paid directly by the Colleges. Yuning suggested that this did not mean that disaffiliation would be of no pecuniary benefit for the MCR, as the college may just reduce MCR funding by an equivalent amount. Charles wondered affiliation to both the GU and CUSU was necessary, given that they seemed to duplicate each other's functions. Yuning suggested that CUSU affiliation was useful, given that it facilitated information sharing amongst college MCRs. Philip recalled the GU's history of financial mismanagement. Charles noted that all postgraduate students are members of the GU regardless of whether their college MCR is affiliated or not. Yuning recalled that a Queens' representative attended meetings in spite of his or her college's disaffiliation, albeit without a vote. Yuning informed the committee that the GU were encouraging us to establish the position of black and minority ethnic officer.



- Yuning requested that a committee member attend the college's library committee. The library are specifically concerned with the issue of support for students with disabilities. No volunteers were forthcoming.
- There is a need to dispose of bric-a-brac and detritus from the common room and the cupboard in the diamond. It was agreed to postpone this until after Annual Dinner.
- Amy Chen informed the committee that Colonel Spankys jazz band had been asking about equipment. Yuning suggested that bands usually provide their own equipment. Amy said that Colonel Spankys will reduce their fee if we provide some equipment.
- There was a discussion of potential future events. Dominik urged the committee to hold something related to Polish vodka. Other suggestions included a cheese and wine night, a World Cup sweepstake and an MCR Garden Party (after Annual Dinner). Richard will order a range of balls and frisbees for the MCR.
- Laser tag is no bueno for the Annual Dinner. Alternative suggestions are required. It was suggestion that a professional cocktail bar might be hired. Charles will order some personalized playing card-style invitations to put in guests' pigeonholes.
- The relative merits of JET and Lafayette photography companies were discussed – most of those with an opinion seemed inclined to continue with Lafayette.
- Philip reorted that perishable food items cannot be brought to the garden party. The dinner menu will be: gin and tonic salmon, followed by confit duck with potato gratin and chocolate brownie for dessert. There will be cheese boards in New SCR after the dinner.
- The committee discussed which members of staff and fellows should be invited to the dinner. Charles contended that it would no be feasible to invite every man (and woman) and his (or her) dog.
- Richard suggested that the MCR should cancel its Scudamore's subscription, given that it is a bad deal. This would not affect the punt card. Richard: thinking of cancelling Scudamore's deal.
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