

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 22nd February 2015

Apologies from Jan, Afnan, Michael and Corinna who could not make it. 9 people present. Meeting opened at 19:34.

Agenda:

- 1) Edinburgh trip budget
- 2) Inviting the SCR to annual dinner
- 3) Self defense class
- 4) Keeping the common room tidy
- 5) MCR-JCR social
- 6) MCR Committee representative at swaps

Minutes:

- 1) Edinburgh trip budget
 - Approximately 20 people have expressed interest in attending.
 - Megabus travel will cost between £45 and £75 (depending on the level of comfort the individual desires).
 - Travel will ultimately be left up to the individual, but hostel will be booked as a group.
 - Create an event on the website that allows MCR to purchase a ticket with two options.
 - Option 1: standard ticket at £5 for hostel deposit.
 - Option 2: ticket that includes Megabus ticket and hostel deposit (£50).
 - Give MCR members 5 days to purchase these tickets.
 - Provide people with information about alternative methods of transport, such as plane and train.
 - Call Megabus to check if tickets will go up after a certain quota has been filled.
- 2) Inviting the SCR to the annual dinner
 - Proposition to invite SCR to the annual dinner and possibly the Christmas dinner, and attend at the high table. The aim of this is build ties between the SCR and MCR.

- Issues raised against the motion:
 - Having a high table would undermine the purpose of the invitation. It would be better to incorporate the SCR members into the tables with the MCR.
 - Several committee members are uncertain if the MCR would support this motion, so they suggest discussing the idea in an open meeting.

3) Self defense class

- Recent contact with Churchill and Pembroke showed that the self defense trainer might have been exaggerating in her email. Churchill MCR president had not even heard of the class and Pembroke offered a lukewarm, generic report about its success.
- MCR committee members agree to ignore the email and perhaps look into other self defense options.

4) Keeping the common room tidy

- The common room was unusually messy on Saturday, and in general mugs are rarely washed after use.
- Harvey and Nathalie will make sure that the MCR is tidy after Friday Night Drinks, but efforts need to be made by the whole MCR to clean up after they use the common room. Propose to send an email out about this to the MCR.
- Corinna and Afnan have purchased plants for the common room, and committee photos will be up shortly.

5) MCR-JCR social

- JCR has expressed an interest to have a social with the MCR during Lent term.
- Propose to invite them to Friday Night Drinks on the 6th of March, and possibly organize a weekday formal with a strong MCR presence later in the year.

6) MCR representative at swaps

- Proposition to ensure that a committee member is present at every swap to act as a liaison, and partially subsidise one ticket so that it would not become a financial burden for committee members required to attend.
 - Issues raised against:

- While it is important to have a liaison at the dinners, MCR members may not feel comfortable having their MCR budget allocated to committee members' dinner tickets.
- Because at least one MCR committee member usually attends a swap, in the future they should be notified to act as a liaison.
- If no committee members are attending, then someone who is attending the swap from the MCR should be asked if he or she would like to act as a liaison.
- Because we have so many colleges asking to come to Selwyn due to unfulfilled swaps from last year, it has forced Jan to organise swaps on formal days as well as MCR dinners.
 - In order to keep swaps on MCR dinner nights, committee proposes to invite multiple colleges to MCR dinners.

Other business:

- Work in Progress Talks
 - Propose to have one in March and send an email advertising it to the MCR to see if anyone would be willing to give a talk next month.
 - If no one offers, Josh would be willing to give it.
 - Talks to take place on Sunday evenings
 - Date for the first talk will be 22nd of March.
- Date changed for MCR Annual Dinner to 27th of June 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 20: 36