

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 27th May 2015

10 present. Apologies to Michael, Margaret, Corinna, and Jan who could not attend.
Meeting opened at 20:06

Agenda:

- 1) Update of Annual Dinner plans and meeting with catering
- 2) Breakdown of Annual Dinner budget
- 3) Room ballot and gentleman's agreement
- 4) First BBQ on Sunday
- 5) Library and Archives Committee Meeting
- 6) Issues with the Graduate Union
- 7) Charities votes
- 8) Report from Max on CUSU membership

Minutes:

- 1) Josh and Heidi's meeting with catering confirmed that the MCR will be able to serve their own alcohol (additional cocktails) at the garden party. The dinner ticket price will be £24—which includes a four-course meal, two glasses of wine, and a glass of port with the cheeseboard. Catering has no issue with allowing E&Y reps at the dinner and will include their logo on the menu. We will be allowed to fit 120 people in the hall (10 more than anticipated). We will also be able to add our own decorations, but we must make sure that they are easy to clear up (i.e. no glitter). Ice sculptures are also acceptable, but the committee should see if the company will take the sculpture with them after the event.
 - We were given £400 from E&Y that will be used on the bands.
 - Decorations and invitations will be in an art deco theme.
 - The committee will extend an invitation to the Master, the graduate tutors and the 2 E&Y reps. In total there will be 115 tickets sold to MCR members
 - Because Roger cannot make it, the committee agrees to invite the Dean.
- 2) During the previous Open Meeting, the MCR voted to have a budget of £1,200. With the additional E&Y sponsorship, the dinner now has a budget of £1,600. The bands will cost £800. The committee agrees to spend £400-500

on the alcohol and food provided at the garden party, and £300 on the decorations.

- Heidi, Max and Harvey will meet to discuss the budget for the alcohol and food served at the garden party.
- 3) There is currently no fixed date for the room ballot, but it will take place around mid July. Angelo will ask college to provide a list of rooms that will be refurbished in the upcoming academic year. This information can then be given to MCR members to inform their decisions.
- There has been some difficulty with the gentleman's agreement in the past year, and the question has been raised as to whether or not the MCR should keep the agreement.
 - Committee members agree to take this issue to an Open Meeting for a vote.
- 4) Because catering has not yet been able to provide the food safety and hygiene training for committee members, Marcos and Michal have offered to help with the BBQ on Sunday, 30th of May. Because they were both on the former MCR committee, they have received the appropriate training.
- Harvey will advertise the BBQ on the facebook page as soon as possible.
 - The BBQ will begin on 2 pm.
- 5) Heidi attended the Library and Archives Committee meeting and is looking for input from the MCR about what facilities the graduate community would like to have in the new library. She can then take this information to the next meeting.
- Committee members proposed that there be a room booking system for private study/presentation rooms. Members also proposed that there be a grad section where desks can be provided for graduate students in the humanities who are not provided office space in their departments.
- 6) Although elections for the Grad Union presidency were held at the end of Lent term, no president has been elected due to complaints and voting issues.
- We have inquired about the benefit of Grad Union affiliation, but GU has not yet replied.
 - Evidence has emerged that the GU had been negotiating fees on an individual bases with colleges that were threatening to leave, and the GU is no longer registered as a charity.

- The next meeting will occur in a couple weeks, and Angelo will continue to investigate the benefits of our continued membership. Milan has also offered to help make contact with GU through a personal contact.
- 7) The MCR committee has received 2 additional suggestions for charities: Jimmy's Cambridge homeless shelter, and a charity for Cystic Fibrosis. At the open meeting Marcos suggested that the charity fund go to poor relief. Josh and Afnan will look into smaller charities to determine which one would be the most effective charity to donate to poor relief.
- The charity fund will then be divided equally between these three charities. This information will be sent to the MCR and if anyone has any issue with the charities proposed, they can argue against it.
- 8) The president of CUSU sent a document with bulletin points of what CUSU does for its members to Max. Max also received a document from the JCR of their debate. He has since asked the president about this, but has not yet had a reply.
- The documents showed that CUSU states that it will help with SKY. CUSU also states that they will provide help with rent negotiations, however they do not provide the differing college rents on their website and one college dissociated with CUSU because they failed to provide aid with rent negotiations when that college asked for it.
 - Committee agrees to construct a document listing what we expect CUSU to provide, and send this document to CUSU.

Other business:

- Netflix: the TV is now connected to the network so Will will be able to set up a Netflix account. He will see if he can list 'MCR' as the name on the account. We can pay for the subscription via PayPal.

Meeting adjourned at 19:58