

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 28th September 2015

Apologies from Afnan and Milan. 9 people present. Meeting opened at 18:05.

Agenda:

- 1) Freshers' month events, particularly subsidising events (Wine tasting and the Footlights)
- 2) Trinity swap at Funky Funhouse
- 3) Formal Dinner swaps
- 4) Punt pass
- 5) Michaelmas MCR Dinner themes
- 6) College yoga and mindfulness
- 7) Annual accounts

Minutes:

- 1) Isa has made signup sheets for wine tasting and Footlights. Wine tasting will cost the MCR £10 per person, but graduates will be charged £5 (the remainder will be subsidised by the MCR). Wine tasting is taking place the 8th October in the Chadwick Room. Harvey and Isa are currently in process of creating an event through the online system.
 - The committee will have new graduates email a committee member to request a ticket if they cannot get access through the raven login. The member will then manually add a ticket on the events website for that individual.
 - The ticket price for Footlights is £6. Because the price is already quite low, the committee agrees that there is no need to subsidise.
 - These two paid events will require advertising (via email and facebook)
 - For the bar quiz, Isa will post quiz categories on the committee page and committee members can sign up to create questions in the category they choose.
- 2) Cambridge's Funky Funhouse allows adults to rent out the venue in the evening, and they can bring their own alcohol. The current proposal includes a group of 25 Selwyn and 25 Trinity, on the 21st of November. Those attending will go to Trinity first for pre-drinks. Cabs will be organized from there to take individuals to the venue.

- The committee will have to book in advance, and pay both group price and damage deposit (£250) in advance as well. If the MCR gets the deposit back, the price for one ticket will be about £10.
 - The committee will sell tickets on the event page with a maximum of 30 tickets. If tickets are not selling, the committee will ask other colleges if they would like to get involved.
- 3) The committee will plan to have 1 to 2 swaps this term. Isa and Harvey should contact the past Social Secretaries to get information about how to organize these events.
- 4) The porters are happy to sign out the punt pass on the committee's behalf when MCR members want to use it. They suggested that the MCR use a similar sign out system to the key sign out system, but use a yellow coloured sheet to differentiate between the two.
- The committee currently possesses the pass, but Helen Stephens would like to wait a couple of weeks to give the porters time to settle into the new term. For now, Josh will look after the pass and advertise to the MCR that it is available for use.
- 5) The committee has agreed upon the following themes for the Michaelmas MCR dinners:
- 30 October: Dead Famous (Halloween). The committee must specify that it can be a real or fictional celebrity.
 - 14 November: Keble swap, formal attire.
 - The 27 November dinner will be moved to 5 December for the MCR Christmas dinner. Heidi will contact catering to ask if she can cancel the 19 December dinner as many graduates will not be in Cambridge by that date.
- 6) Michael proposes some events for student welfare that involve mindfulness and yoga. One way of encouraging mindfulness (being present in the moment) would be to hire someone to give a talk. However, Michael has already looked into this and it would cost up to £500 and he argues that it is not worth the price. Instead, he proposes that we encourage and advertise the use of an app called Headspace.
- One way to incorporate this app into the events calendar would be to create a 'relaxation' series. One session would teach members how to use the app. Michael will brainstorm to think of a few more sessions. If the JCR is interested, the committee can include them in these events.
 - Michael has looked into having yoga as a weekly class for Selwyn students. There is a Wednesday evening available (7-8 pm) in which if

the MCR supplies the room, the teacher will be provided. The committee will have to supply the yoga mats.

- Another option would be to pay £25 per class to join an existing class at Wolfson and any Selwyn student can attend for free. The MCR can subsidise the first the class. If individuals enjoy the class, they can pay £5 for each class.
 - Committee members agree that the Chadwick room would be a better room to use than the Diamond. Michael will ask if they can supply mats for the first session (perhaps we can pay to rent them for that session).
 - The committee will aim to have the first free yoga class in November.
- 7) Max reports that everything is on track with our annual accounts. The numbers are largely the same as last year, but the committee is spending slightly more in the areas that it should. Max still needs to sign off on the accounts, so he will have a more complete report at the next meeting.

Other business:

- Will is going to install Now TV in the MCR so there will be access to sports and movie channels shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 18: 50