

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 14th October 2015

Apologies from Farid. 10 people present. Meeting opened at 18:39

Agenda:

- 1) Michael Shannack's future on the committee
- 2) MCR vandalism
- 3) IT charges: Max and Josh to report
- 4) Selwyn - Keble friendly
- 5) Punt Booking System
- 6) MCR Dinners
 - a. Dates for lent term
 - b. Limit on JCR attending
- 7) Bops for this term
 - a. Skipping the bar
 - b. Bop after Christmas- special arrangements
- 8) BBQ on Sunday
- 9) Hustings
- 10) Reimbursement system
- 11) Status of 4th year in/not in MCR

Minutes:

- 1) Michael stated in an email that he would happy to resign as Men's Welfare Officer.
- 2) Someone had vandalized Natalie and Isabelle's photo in the MCR. Initially it appeared that this was a malicious act. However, this was not the case. The individual has since come forward and the issue has been wholly resolved.
- 3) Max and Josh are meeting with the Bursar next Wednesday, and they will continue the IT charge negotiations. The IT charge that MCR members pay is used to pay the IT staff's salaries and provide the wireless network. Initially Josh and Max wanted to increase the college fee to include the IT charge, but have since realised that they have less negotiating power than previously thought.
- 4) The male sports team for the Selwyn-Keble football match has been set, however Selwyn has not been able to recruit enough female players. Keble faces a similar issue and has suggested recruiting from the JCR to make up for low numbers. The alternative is to play a game with 5 players on each side. Committee members unanimously agree to play a match with 5 female players each if numbers are low.
- Harvey suggested that we designate a women's football captain. Angelo will speak with Sarah Pearce to ask her if she would be interested in taking up this leadership role.

- 5) The Porters now have the punt pass and a sign-out sheet, and can begin operating the booking system. However, because there are multiple lines of communication in this process, the system is unsustainable. Afnan and Will have discussed the possibility of creating an online booking system. Will has spoken with a friend who wrote the code for a college squash court booking system. He is available to create an online system, and will require £80 for 4-5 hours of work. The committee will initially suggest a price of £50.
- Other colleges have implemented different systems. Peterhouse uses a Google calendar. In this system, a MCR member emails the secretary to book a place on a viewable calendar. The committee considered this method. However, because this would simply create more work for an individual committee member, an online booking system is still preferred.
 - The committee should also begin looking into updating the MCR events booking system, but will return to this in a later committee meeting.
- 6) The dinner dates agreed to by the committee for the upcoming Lent and Easter terms are the following: 4 or 5 March, 16 April, 6 or 7 May, 28 May, and 18 or 19 June (Annual Dinner). Heidi will email these dates to Catering and establish a schedule for the dinners.
- JCR attendance at the last dinner (9 October) caused some issues because they were rowdy and were seated in a large group. In order to prevent this kind of behaviour, the committee agrees not to extend the individual ticket allocation beyond 3 unless the committee has not sold 60 tickets. If the problem persists, the committee will revisit the issue.
- 7) At the last dinner, too many people stayed in the bar and did not go to the bop. Isabelle proposes that committee encourages people to go directly to the bop after the dinner. The committee agrees with this proposal.
- College has approved a bop after the Christmas dinner. However, the committee will need to thoroughly clean the room and reset any tables or chairs after the bop.
- 8) Arrangements need to be made for the BBQ scheduled for Sunday.
- Because the weather is now cold, the committee will serve mulled wine, hot chocolate and s'mores. This event will be followed by a film night, so those attending the BBQ can take their hot drinks with them to the MCR to watch the movie.
- 9) Hustings for new MCR committee members will occur at the end of November. Elections will take place first week of December, and the winners will be announced at the Christmas dinner.

- All committee members must write up a short blurb about their specific responsibilities so that Josh can use them to advertise the positions to the MCR.
 - For the upcoming year, the committee should reinstate the sports officer and dinners officer positions.
- 10) In order to improve the current reimbursement system (and possibly create an online system), Max will chat with MCR members to figure out what features would be useful to them.
- 11) Because many 4th year JCR members sit in limbo between the JCR and MCR, efforts should be taken by the MCR to include these Selwyn college members. According to the constitution, Class A members must have a BA. Unfortunately, 4th year students do not receive their BA until they receive their masters. In order to include 4th year undergraduates, the MCR committee can advertise that the MCR can vote in Class C members if they are interested and have the appropriate support (i.e. MCR member nominations)
- The committee will request a list of 4th year students from college. Invitations will be sent to them via email to join a Friday Night drink events. This will introduce them to the MCR before they are invited to join.

Other business:

- 1) The committee approves Milan's request to purchase 2 bottles of wine for the Selwyn LGBT event's pre-drinks in the JCR.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35.