

Selwyn College MCR Open Meeting 25 October 2015

Minutes

Meeting opened at 16:20

14 members in attendance

4 items for the Agenda

1) Voting in new members as Class C

- Two 4th year engineers have expressed an interest in joining the MCR: Jimi Oluwole and Logan Vasudeva.
 - 13 voted Jimi and Logan into the MCR as class C members, 1 abstained.
- Natalie Greenfield was here for an MPhil last year and was elected as Ents Officer during her time here. She is continuing to help out in committee and would like to join the MCR.
 - 13 voted to have Natalie join the MCR as a class C member, 1 abstained.
- Amy Barstow (the partner of Josh Maher) is currently a Class D member, but would like to be voted in as a Class C member.
 - 13 voted to have Amy join the MCR as a class C member, 1 abstained.

2) Referendum on CUSU

- For further information, see CUSU's document on why Selwyn MCR should stay: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6FslCLBsfWpLU82R2V2dzZQzQ/view>.
- Max's comments on CUSU's documents: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cEn7dYEwzeDk_5S7qQttWV2XR-o9xxelhJzrRsV4EjY/edit?usp=sharing
- Max has tried to communicate with CUSU at length and they have been unresponsive. From his research, the only benefit that the MCR losses if they disaffiliate from CUSU is their right to vote in their committees meetings, which Selwyn does not currently not attend.
- Selwyn will be holding a referendum this week via the online booking system. You can 'purchase' a ticket to register if you agree, disagree or abstain.
- The money previously spent for CUSU membership will be saved and used to fund more MCR events.

3) Financial report

- For further information, see Heidi's email with the attached PDF (the audited accounts for 2014-2015, as accepted by college).
- For an overview of expenditure in the first half of 2015, see <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CL-OJGMEMnoL-ALvuP1MSyd1hnPVQkEOJ2Zc5RIQT5A/edit?usp=sharing>

- The Bursar is happy with our spending and there is no threat that he will cut any of the MCR funding.
- CUSU affiliation was the greatest expenditure that the MCR made since January 2015. The second biggest expenditure was the MCR's Sky subscription, which has since been replaced by Now TV.

4) Information about upcoming election procedure

- Hustings will occur during late November for those who would like to join the committee. It will be conducted in an Open Meeting format. Candidates will give short speeches, and voting will be conducted online. The winners will be announced at the Christmas Dinner.
- Interested MCR members will need someone from the committee to nominate and second them. They will also need to write a brief proposal explaining why they would like to run.
- Committee positions run from January to December (2016). MPhils are encouraged to run, and their term will finish in June/July.

Meeting adjourned at 16:32.