

Selwyn MCR committee minutes 14th April 2016

11 members present

- **Common room expense**

President and other committee members: A picnic basket with a blanket and cushions to sit on would be a good way to spend this money for.

President: Also Herb garden would be a good way to spend money and, at the same time, it would allow to get people involved in something which is not an alcohol-related social event. The other option would be to purchase a guitar or a musical instrument. We can narrow down the options to three.

Amy: Better kitchen furniture is another option to consider.

Christopher and Max: playing cards would be a good idea too. Max says that, if anyone finds any playing cards interesting in particular, he/she can buy them and then claim expense back.

President and other members: Twister, Looping Louie, Jenga should also be bought.

Amy: These games can perhaps be used for the MCR annual dinner too.

The president will send the final list of ideas to Amy who will then post the possible options on the facebook webpage and ask for further suggestions.

- **Annual Dinner**

President: there are two more council meetings to be held before annual dinner. Anything we would like to do during the annual dinner must go through Council approval.

MCR Social officer (Alexander): Regarding the casino for the MCR annual dinner, one company offered two tables for £395, 3 hours of game play, professional croupiers and setting up expenses included. Another company quoted three tables for £575. Alexander enquired about 10 companies, but only four of them got back to him. He reckons that about 50 people per table would be ideal.

Other committee members: we need at least two tables, since a single table would end up being too crowded.

The MCR Committee agree on sending this option Alexander mentioned (£395 for two tables) around to have a further look at it before voting on it.

In terms of musical instruments, there are some hanging around in the Diamond. Alex (MCR member) has an electric guitar too. All the committee members agree on voting for having the Jazz band, paying for the price quoted to Alex. President: a booking form for the hall should be filled out with the details of the band.

The quartet trio – they have some pre-formulated groups in the music Department where Alexander has already advertised, which may be cheaper than professional groups. Alexander is currently waiting for receiving these quotes.

Organize an open meeting to get approval on the expenses for the MCR annual dinner. The meeting will take place on next Thursday evening, April 21st.

Decorations – shopping should be done from decoration shops. This would take a couple of hours and a whole day would be needed for decorations. It would be good to schedule and split people between incoming weekends to work on decorations. Evenings for things that do not require being outside like painting would also be good to work on this.

The weekend of May 7th would be good to set decorations up. The whole Committee will be emailed by Amy, in order to remind people to keep this weekend free. Saturday, April 30th should be ok to buy decorations.

President: the casino should be arranged in the hall.

Max: there is an elevator in the back of hall as well if needed to carry stuff.

- **Extra Events**

LGBT event – the LGBT officer would like to have a board in the MCR with history and LGBT events happening. She would also like to organize a talk in the MCR, similarly to what happened in Fitz recently. She would also like to organize a bar crawl involving several colleges, where each college has a colourful ribbon to exchange with that of a member of another college.

Social secretaries: they think it would be a good idea to have relaxing events like painting, art-creating stuff. Alexander talked to Queen and they would be interested in organizing a combined event with laser tag.

Anna suggests that a trip to London would be a good idea too to visit some museum.

A petting zoo would be another good idea. It can be organized with tents outside Cripps. In any case, we would need approval to organize this event.

Ely: Other than having pets in College, CUSU organize an event we can participate in where we would go to visit a petting zoo. Ely will get back on this with further details.

Laser tag can be organized after May week. Barbeque should be organized for the summer too. Isa will be in touch with the person in catering responsible.

- **College Accommodation for 4th year Ph.D .student**

Migle: accommodation meeting next week to discuss this issue of 4th year and whether to ensure them accommodation in College. The Senior Tutor would like to understand whether College should try to get more students on the long term or increase current housing capabilities of College.

Angelo: The rules were discussed and redefined last year with Dr James Moultrie. It was decided that College should provide accommodation to students whose program has a regular duration of four years, due to previous agreements made between these Ph.D. programs with College. Also, students that did a Master's degree followed by a three-year long Ph.D. should be given accommodation for four years according to this rules.

Max: First years should go first in the ballot and they should all go in Cripps.

Angelo: It is not a good idea to pre-allocate rooms for first-year and College certainly would not be willing to do so. The reason for this is that students sometimes withdraw from their programs at the

last moment since they have other options, and College would ended up with making a loss if rooms were pre-allocated.

Any other business? Chad is the president of the GU and would like to come to give a talk about why we should stay affiliated to the GU.

Shin guards: The MCR can subsidize for shin guards for the Keble match if needed. The men's team can swap shin guards with the women's team.