

Minutes - 16th January 2018

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MCR

Meeting Commenced: 19.05 Meeting Adjourned 20.42

Attendance

- **Present:** Charles, Richard, Tabea, Philip, AJ, Julia, Ingrid, Dominik, Amy C, Amy F, Zeina.
- **Apologies:** Michael, Hiba.

Votes

- Tuli was unanimously voted onto the committee as Dinners Officer.

Handover

- Yuning highlighted the distinction between constitutional amendments, standing orders and policy guidelines. The previous year's committee made no new standing orders; however, Yuning suggested that the new committee might be more inclined to do so.
- Yuning drew the committee's attention to Asana and encouraged members to share ideas for events and MCR Dinner themes on the platform. Charles noted that important documents, such as bar certificates, could be found on the site. Harold undertook to keep the MCR events calendar up to date.
- Yuning drew attention to the constitutional provisions that at least twelve committee meetings shall be held annually and that absence at three consecutive meetings would prompt the termination of a committee member's position. Informally, however, he advised members not to miss two consecutive meeting without good reason.
- It was noted that items of expenditure that exceeded five per cent of the MCR's annual outlay must be subject to a vote of the committee. As an informal guideline, Yuning suggested a £150 limit and recommended that comparison be made with the outlay on Friday drinks.
- Yuning questioned whether the MCR ought to reduce the proportion of its expenditure on alcohol, spending money on non-alcohol centred events. While the committee agreed that it needed to host events that appealed to all members of the MCR, it was not felt that the MCR's current expenditure on alcohol was too high.
- All members of the MCR must be invited to official MCR events. Yuning therefore urged committee members to advertise their events via email as well as Facebook.


General Business

- Catering hope to trial a new events booking system for the MCR Dinner on the 10th February. It was noted that it would probably be necessary to retain the old events booking system to sell tickets to MCR events like bowling and yoga.

- A number of College committees require MCR representation. Philip volunteered to serve on the Gardens Committee, Harold on the Library and Archives Committee, Zeina on the Access Committee and AJ on the Equality and Diversity Committee.
- Committee members attending the Burns Night Dinner were encouraged to undertake manual handling training as soon as the maintenance department responded to our requests for a time to be set.
- Members in want of bar training were entreated to do so promptly.
- In light of Paula's resignation, a new Publicity Officer will be required. Members wondered whether Merlin Kafka would be interested in the position. In the meantime, Yuning would ask Paula if she was prepared to take photographs at one last MCR Dinner.
- Wang drew attention to his powers of reimbursement, including for emergency visits to Addenbrooke's. The committee debated whether the Personal Development Fund ought to be continued given its vague prescriptions. Yuning noted that the 2016 committee had voted to abolish it, but never carried this through. A member of the MCR had made multiple claims on the fund since then. The committee agreed that it should be abolished and resolved to decide upon amore clearly defined replacement at a future meeting. The idea of an MCR societies fund was floated.
- The committee discussed ideas for future events, including a Chinese New Year-themed Friday Drinks, a Super Bowl party and the streaming of Winter Olympics coverage. Julia requested that the MCR subscribe to Eurosport for the latter. Yuning noted that the MCR was hosting a number of events for LGBT History Month in February.

Specific Business

- Harold requested that suggestions for improving the MCR website be sent to him. Yuning enquired whether he could incorporate a punt card booking system onto the site. Harold was dubious.
- Amy Fedeski appealed for cupboard space for MCR food and long-life milk. Yuning posited that that a combination padlock could be purchased. The rest of the committee agreed.
- Charles noted that the Master had requested that the Students of Selwyn feature continue into 2018 and that Parker was prepared to retain responsibility.
- Philip raised the issue of the rapidity with which sexual heath supplies were disappearing from the J staircase lavatory. He suspected that they were being misappropriated, or even purloined, particularly by members of the JCR. The committee considered whether they ought to be moved into the MCR or a combination lock be employed. Yuning suggested that the committee ought to be wary about placing barriers upon the access to emergency supplies. Philip raised the issue of shame *vis-à-vis* sexual intercourse. The committee decided to reserve their judgment while Philip monitored how quickly the next batch of supplies was used up.
- Julia noted that there had been a lot of interest in an MCR boat. It was suggested that an initial boat be established, with outings taking place at weekends. The committee wondered whether the MCR would be able to rent a boat without paying subs to SCBC. Wang noted that the Men's' Captain, Sam Pettinger-Harte had indicated that he could organise coaching arrangements.
- The committee was also keen to establish a running club. Philip and Zeina suggested that MCR members could attend a group that met at Parker's Piece on Saturdays.

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- Wang questioned whether the MCR's subscriptions to *New Scientist* and *Private Eye* magazines ought to be continued, noting that they cost around £150 per annum. Yuning noted that the previous treasurer had failed to execute the previous committee's decision to cancel them. Once again, the committee unanimously recommended cancellation.
 - The committee agreed that a coat stand should be purchased for the MCR.