

# Minutes – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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# MCR

## Attendance

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

## General Business

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- The committee concurred that no significant problems had arisen vis-à-vis the new booking system. Charles reported that visiting students were excluded from the system but that he had arranged that the MCR would purchase tickets on their behalf.
- Merlin was reported to be uneager to take on the role of publicity officer. The committee agreed that the position should be advertised and that interim measures be taken to ensure that publicity functions were maintained during the period of the vacancy.

## Specific Business

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- There ensued a discussion regarding the reallocation of the ill-defined 'Personal Development Fund'. The idea of an MCR Societies Fund was raised; however, what the criteria for eligibility would be remained unclear. Richard contended that College and Hermes Society sports funding could be duplicated. It was then suggested that there therefore ought to be a bias towards non-sporting, cultural activities. Zeina gave the example of a reading group. It was agreed that the committee would float the idea at the upcoming open meeting with a view towards making a call for applications.
- Amy Fedeski proclaimed that she had found a suitable coat stand for purchase and would forward the details to Richard.
- Philip revealed that his inquiry into the usage of MCR sexual health supplies had revealed that the uptake on condoms was lower than he had feared.
- Julia reported the success of the MCR Boat's first two outings and noted that another outing was planned for this weekend. Furthermore, a running group had been established, with Haynes Heaton playing a prominent role. Opening the group to members of the JCR was being considered. Julia also reported that yoga sessions were running again. The Winter Olympics commence this week and it was suggested that events could be streamed in the MCR.
- Upon the advent of the Chinese New Year, it was suggested that the MCR might like to host an event with Chinese food and drinks. It was noted that Amy and Richard will be absent on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Members wondered whether the event should take place on a Saturday. It was suggested that a budget of around £140.00 might be appropriate.
- Yuning encouraged members to suggest themes for upcoming dinners. The March MCR Dinner is likely to have a Celtic theme, given that it takes place on St Patrick's Day. Yuning suggested that we might like to host a ceilidh again, following the unfortunate cancellation of the Burns Night ceilidh.



- Yuning also called for theme proposals for the Annual Dinner in June. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was one suggestion.
- It was also suggested that planning should begin for an MCR trip to take place later in the year. Ingrid and Philip agreed to take the initiative.
- Michael showed the committee the designs for MCR hoodies. It was suggested that further designs ought to be commissioned. Yuning wondered whether we should include the MCR logo designed by Will Drazin and how we could propitiate him if not.
- The committee considered when the best date for an open meeting would be. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March were suggested as alternatives.
- Michael reported the proceeding of the Accommodation Committee. Although no decisions have yet been made with regard to changes to the rooms available to MCR students, James Moultrie had called for the MCR to inform him of their priorities in this sphere.
- Harold had been to the Libraries and Archives Committee. He reported that most of the discussion concerned the erection of anew library from 2020. Many complaints were made concerning the bungled launch of the new library loans system. Marco del Vecchio had requested a water cooler be installed in the library. Members noted that this was not an original request and that the powers that be were obstinate in their refusal to consider this. Elizabeth, the College Archivist, requested that students donate possessions.
- Richard raised the perennial gripe of laundry fees and the poor quality of the service. Philip noted that other colleges employed the same contractor, Circuit, and yet received a better service. College had recommended that we keep a log of machine failures. Michael agreed to liaise with the JCR and draw up a form to place in he laundry rooms.
- Yuning reported, with pleasure, that the Minimum Meals Charge (MMC) was to be abolished.