

## Minutes

### St. Anne's MCR Committee Meeting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009

Present – Karen Heath, Rhianedd Jewell, Alice Dub, Michael Youdell, Sacha Nandlall, Denis Lapitski, Alexandra Janos, Christian Michel, Christina Mayer, Aziz Mithani (*in part*)

Apologies – Ligia Nistor, Danyiel Grancich, Rumbidzai Maweni.

#### 1. Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008

- The minutes were **noted**.

#### 2. Facilities

- The Environmental Officer updated on facilities and planned activities inc. progress on lockers, bike culls, and a possible bar area in EPH (**Mike**)

In addition:

- RSH: The video recorder/television was not working properly and needed to be replaced. A budget of £550 was **agreed (Mike)**
- The Committee considered a proposal to transform the TV room into a workroom. The settees and TV would remove upstairs into the games room to create a combined social facility. This project was **rejected** as when measurements were taken the games room was not big enough. It was considered inappropriate to remove either the pool table or table tennis as these were well used by residents.
- EPH: The speakers were broken and needed to be replaced. A budget of £150 was **agreed (Mike)**
- The Committee then discussed the possibility of a coffee maker. This idea was **rejected** as it would be hard to clean and maintain the machine, instant coffee was readily available in the kitchen, and the College coffee bar, STACS, was right next door.
- College: iPlayer usage is on the increase. Current levels of activity are not sustainable and are slowing the network down. It was **agreed** that further information would be sought for discussion at the next meeting (**Mike**)

#### 3. Social Events

- Events were going well and attendance was good. It was **agreed** that the Social Secretaries would:
  - Utilise Facebook for event promotion and planning
  - Put up hard copies of the Term Card on EPH and RSH noticeboards
  - Work with the JCR to organise joint events as appropriate (**Denis/Alex**)

#### 4. Budget

- The following budgets were **agreed** for Hilary Term 2009:
  - Academic £100
  - Environment £150
  - International £100
  - Social £1000
  - Sports £50
  - STAAR £50
  - Vice President £50
  - Welfare (inc. 1x peer training) £200
  - Women £50

5. Academic

- The Academic Affairs Officer updated on the progress of a number of initiatives:
  - Lunchtime Discussion Seminars were going well. Ideas for future speakers were invited. It was **agreed** that a short blurb would be written for the MCR website (**Sina**)
  - Plans were underway for the launch and call for submissions to St. Anne's Academic Review (STAAR), the multidisciplinary e-journal. Enquiries to the Editor (**Daria Luchinskaya**)
  - Speakers were needed for upcoming Subject Family Dinners. MCR representation was important at these events, and graduates needed to be offered the opportunity to present (**Sina**)
  - Further work would need to be undertaken on the role of Graduate Advisers, in conjunction with the Senior Tutor, plus input from the Committee (**Sina/Karen**)

6. IT

- The IT Officer discussed progress on the MCR website:
  - A re-write was needed to update details and ensure a coherent site (**Rhi/All**)
  - Plans would be made for a photo contest to source new imagery (**Sacha**)
  - Dining hall menus would be uploaded (**Sacha**)

7. Charities

- The Charity Officer discussed future events and the possibility of working more closely with the JCR on projects, inc:
  - RAG
  - Red Nose Day Party
  - Charity Dinner
  - It was **agreed** that planning for these events would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting (**Cara**).

8. OUSU

- The position of OUSU representative was left vacant at the MCR elections. The Committee **agreed** to co-opt a volunteer, (**Josh Belton**), to this post, subject to ratification at the next General Meeting, date to be confirmed (**Karen**)

9. Welfare

- The Welfare Officer sent apologies. In her absence it was noted that:
  - The Welfare Leaflet needed to be released early this term (**Rumbi**)
  - The provision of peer support was also discussed. It was **agreed** that £150 would be made available for training the Welfare Officer (**Rumbi**)

10. Associate Membership

- The President outlined the function of associate membership, i.e. extending MCR benefits to alumni, visiting graduate students, and other suitable members, namely a greater sense of collegiality and more research/academic/social/career networking opportunities.
  - It was **agreed** that further work would need to be undertaken with College in order to better define the facilities and events that might be made available to associate members (**Karen**). In the interim, charges would be £15 per term or £30 per year for visiting graduate students at St. Anne's to join the MCR mailing list and attend certain MCR events as appropriate.