

Minutes

St. Anne's MCR Committee Meeting Tuesday 17th February 2009

Present – Karen Heath, Rhi Jewell, Alice Dub, Ligia Nistor, Denis Lapitski, Alex Janos, Sina Mayer, Cara Morgan, Aziz Mithani, Josh Belton, Christian Michel (*in part*)

Apologies – Mike Youdell, Danyiel Grancich, Rumbi Maweni, Sacha Nandlall

1. Minutes 22nd January 2009

❖ The minutes of the last meeting were **agreed**.

The following outstanding actions were **noted**:

- Buy RSH video recorder/TV (**Mike**)
- Buy EPH speakers (**Mike**)
- Information on usage of iPlayer (**Mike**)
- New text for MCR website (**Rhi/Sacha**)
- Upload dining hall menus (**Sacha**)
- Graduate advisers (**Sina**)
- Welfare flyer (**Rumbi**)
- Associate membership (**Karen**)

2. Graduate Questionnaire

❖ The President outlined plans for a graduate questionnaire.

The following details were **agreed**:

- Joint venture between MCR and College
- Paper-based and on-line to ensure a good response rate
- Provision for both qualitative and quantitative measurement
- Box in EPH for easy submission
- Proposed timescale by end of Hilary Term
- Committee would suggest questions (**All**)

3. Charities

➤ A Red Nose Day Party was planned for **Saturday 14th March**

The following details were **agreed**:

- Charity Poker/Casino
- Tickets at £3.00
- Expenses to come out of the Social budget
- 'James Bond' theme
- Tables run by the Social Secretaries, the International Officer and Treasurer

➤ A BBQ was planned after the 'Race for Life' on **Saturday 6th June**

The following details were **noted**:

- Venue would be garden of 27 Banbury Road
- No raffle, unless a volunteer was forthcoming, as last year it took a considerable amount of time to organise
- Suggestions for other ways of raising money were welcomed (**All**)
- A Facebook group would be created for the event (**Cara**)
- An email would be drafted to the MCR to invite sign up for the Race for Life (**Cara**)

➤ Nominations would soon be sought for two MCR charities.

Voting would be held at the next MCR general meeting on **Tuesday 10th March**

4. Academic Affairs

- Plans were being made to improve opportunities for Careers planning. This would include:
 - A database of alumnae for networking purposes, available in both printed and electronic format (**Sina/Development Office**)
 - A graduate careers event in Trinity Term, to perhaps include a guest speaker/alumnae (**Sina/Development Office**)
- Plans for STAAR, St. Anne's Academic Review, were coming together. It was **agreed** that:
 - The deadline for articles would be extended to the start of Trinity Term (**Daria**)
 - The journal would be hosted on the College website (**Daria**)
 - A dinner or other incentives would be arranged in order to encourage submissions (**Daria**)
- The role and functioning of the Graduate Advisers system was discussed. It was **agreed** that:
 - Subject Lunches would provide a good opportunity for graduates to meet with their supervisor
The Academic Affairs Officer would work with the Senior Tutor to trial this new event and ensure suitable dates were entered into the College diary (**Sina/Senior Tutor**)
- Only a handful of Masters students so far signed up to the series of Collections meetings with the Principal and Senior Tutor. It was **agreed** that:
 - The President would send an email to the MCR to explain the purpose of Collections, (namely an opportunity to meet up, network, get a reference, make yourself known to College etc.) and encourage sign up. (**Karen**)
- St. Anne's online presence was considered problematic. As a key website for prospective students, a good Wikipedia page would help St. Anne's to attract high quality applicants. It was **agreed** that:
 - The President would raise this issue at the relevant College meeting and pass on suggestions. The page would need to include: scholarship information, details about accommodation, attractive photography. (**Karen**)

5. Facilities

- ❖ In the absence of the Environment Officer, the President updated on facilities. It was **noted** that:
 - Plans were underway to display more paintings and sculpture in Eleanor Plumer House (**Karen/Rhi**)
 - Similar arrangements were being made to put up a number of historic St. Anne's photos in Robert Saunders House (**Karen/Denis**)
 - Lobbying continued for lockers on the College site (**Mike**)

6. Sports

- ❖ The Sports Officer noted that table tennis and Wii nights were very poorly attended this Hilary Term. It was **agreed** that:
 - An email would be drafted and sent out to gauge interest in future sporting events for Trinity Term (**Christian**)

7. Welfare

- ❖ In the absence of the Welfare Officer, the OUSU Representative discussed the cost of condoms and rape alarms. It was **noted** that:
 - Condoms cost £10 per 144 regular; £12 per 144 extra large or extra strong; £26.50 per 144 Durex extra safe, not suitable for machines; £10 per 3 non-latex
 - Lubricant costs £4.50 for 50 sachets
 - Rape alarms cost £1.60 each

A budget of £30 was **agreed**. The President would discuss distribution with the Welfare Officer before ordering supplies (**Karen/Rumbi**)

8. Budget

- ❖ The Treasurer provided an update on the state of the MCR finances. It was **agreed** that:
 - The black list of debtors would be updated (**Alice**)
 - A quotation would be obtained from Cherwell Boathouse for Trinity Term and summer vacation punt hire (**Rhi**)
 - A subscription to *The Economist* would be considered next Trinity Term (**Karen**)

Aziz Mithani
MCR Secretary