

Minutes

St Anne's College MCR Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 18th Jan 2012-01-18

Present: Daniel Alati, Roberto Oliveri, James Searle, Dean Rizzetti, Laura Ludtke, Maike Sauter, Florience Stuart-Leach, Oactavia Cox, Dom Davies, Gillian Purcell, Rebecca McKavanagh, Min Wu, Esther Illman, Eamonn Maguire (in part)

Apologies: AJ Chandrasensa, Laura Hughes.

1. Treasurer

- Change of signing authority for MCR account.
 - Resolution passed - Daniel and James to become authorised signatories. Bank to be contacted asap once minutes complete.
- All outstanding debts from last term have been settled.
- Slight overspend last term (attributed to Fresher's week additional expenses).
- Budget agreed for Hilary Term.
 - Increased allocation of funds for academic expenditure, due to increased costs of weekly Thurs/Fri discussion groups.
 - Committee to approach College for budget increase later in the term. Projects requiring increased funds to be outlined beforehand.
 - OUSU costs? Enquiries to be made (**Laura L**).

2. Sky Sports

- Proposed Sky Sports installation in the College bar/MCR common room discussed.
- £80/month, to be shared with JCR.
- Agreed that Sky Sports in the bar may encourage use of this facility.
- Unanimous vote in favour.

3. (Lack of) music in College Bar.

- Possibility to be explored with the bar management (**Daniel**).

4. Post Graduate Research Provision Review

- What do PGs think of current provisions?
- Committee members available for focus group? Doodle poll to be set up (**Daniel**).
- E-mail to wider MCR (**Daniel**).

5. RSH Representative

- Committee heard from Prakhar Jain, followed by unanimous vote in favour of his involvement as RSH Rep.

6. St Anne's Arts funding.

- Small support for upcoming play requested by MCR members.
- Agreement in favour, possibly in the form of a loan. To be decided when further details emerge (**James**).

7. Social Secretary Business

- Term card now complete and looking good
- Cambridge Exchange
 - Sufficient interest has been expressed from the MCR
 - Social Secretaries to arrange accommodation transport etc and send out e-mail detailing financial commitments. Decide which social secretaries will attend (**Octavia, Dom, Flo**).
- St Anne's Bop
 - St. Cross interested in joint bop. Health and safety theme?
 - Need to confirm date (early next term? As Hilary termcard already busy). Further discussion with St. Cross (**Flo**)
 - Joint with JCR? JCR Ents reps to be contacted (**Social Secs**).

8. RSH

- Refurbishment
 - Martin Jackson has suggested small cosmetic changes e.g. pictures, plants.
 - Committee members to ask for RSH residents' views (**All**).
 - Discussed at length. Some committee members felt that refurb at RSH should not be merely superficial, but the subject of longer term lobbying, due to the fundamentally poor design of the building. Location of common room noted as unsatisfactory.
 - Current lack of family/couples accommodation noted.
- Wifi
 - To be installed in RSH by the end of term. Potential issues with plugs in some bedrooms.

9. Welfare

- Housekeeping in MCR kitchen and common room – lack of washing up and general uncleanliness noted. Polite reminder e-mail to be sent around MCR (**Daniel**).
- Welfare to take responsibility for communal tea, coffee and milk provisions in MCR kitchen (**Rebecca, Gillian**).
- Welfare brunch – total of three to be held this term; one in RSH. Chinese New Year – themed brunch (**Min**). Availability of kitchen and bathroom facilities poses a potential problem and needs looking into (**Rebecca**).

- Yoga sessions – possibility of purchasing mats was discussed and decided against. Agreed that although mat provision may encourage participation, most yoga enthusiasts probably have their own. Additionally, limited provision in the budget for this.
- Facebook group – advertising housing vacancies for St-Anne’s MCR students. Useful for both current students and Freshers who have not secured College accommodation (**Rebecca, Gillian**).
- Welfare information on both MCR and college websites –this could be improved upon currently very little information on either site. Info to be collated (**Gillian**).
- Events/awareness for specific health issue days e.g. upcoming cancer awareness day (**Rebecca, Gillian**).
- General discussion re: increasing use of MCR Facebook page for advertising events, to be supplemented by website when necessary.

10. Sports

- Women’s self-defence classes – good levels of interest from both MCR and JCR. Suitable courses, costs, funding (OUSU?) etc. to be investigated (**Maïke**).
- Sports budget
 - gym refurbishment to be funded in cooperation with JCR
 - Yoga sessions – MCR to fund/subsidise?

11. Academic

- Academic feedback event to discuss student’s issues was proposed. Tea/ice-cream Sunday? 5th/6th week? Interest to be gauged (**Laura L**).

Esther Illman

MCR Secretary