



St Anne's College
MCR General Meeting
Week 7, TT2020, Wednesday 10 June 2020

Venue: Zoom (meeting ID: 819 8052 5570)

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Wed 27 May 6pm to 8pm, MCR meeting

Attendance:

Lise, Zhen, Nicole, Esteban, Daniel, Jessica, Lena, Virginia, Alex, Ron (Matthew), Abbey, Meredith

Recorder: Zhen

1. Covid update by Lise + rent negotiation
 - a. College response and policy
 - i. Rushing moving people from EPH and RSH to RDB
 - ii. Belonging in RSH/EPH
 1. Charge £250 or actual cost per person
 - iii. College hardship fund also applies to Covid related things
 - iv. MCR emergency fund
 - v. Ball postponed next term
 - vi. No travel grants this year, move the money to emergency fund
 - b. Rent negotiation
 - i. Proposed rent increases more than usual, going to try to lower the rate
 1. Index: 4.2%
 2. Lost money due to rent lost
2. Fresher's week planning
 - a. Need the schedule
 - b. University has not made a decision of how Michaelmas is going to look like
 - i. Assumption: graduates going to attend lectures and social events in person
 - ii. Helen said: plan for an ordinary Fresher's week, but make sure there is a contingency plan
 - c. People in general think the Fresher's week is not going to be normal.
3. Committee reports
 - a. Jess (social)
 - i. Planning daily lunch and twice weekly evening
 1. Attendance very low (0-2 people)
 - ii. Cut down activities, 2 lunch per week, 1 evening events
 1. Attendance still very low
 2. Try to increase Facebook presence
 3. Hesitate to organize things with other colleges
 - a. Worry about low interest and low attendance
 4. Zhen suggests drink/food voucher
 - a. Virginia suggests virtual activities together (or paid for)
 - b. Abbey thinks conversion rate might be problematic
 5. Daniel
 - a. Zoom fatigue
 6. Virginia
 - a. People have had set routines
 7. Nicole

- a. MCR as a social space may be a bit uncertain in this uncertain situation
 - 8. Esteban
 - a. I would be interested but personally don't follow the Facebook pages
 - 9. Lena
 - a. Lots of work, already using lunch as a break from work
 - b. Lena (LGBTQ)
 - i. Worry about attendance
 - c. Virginia
 - i. 3 weeks left before summer anyway... make some commitments?
- 4. Next meeting
 - a. Week 7
- 5. Interim committee
 - a. Usually people find their own successors
 - b. And this will be responsible for the Fresher's week and Michaelmas term
- 6. Future of social secretary role
 - a. One person who has the role for a year (more institutional knowledge)
 - b. Change others to termly commitment
- 7. Keyboard emergency fund, redefine the purpose of emergency fund?
 - a. To be discussed in week 7 meeting
- 8. Charity donation?
 - a. To be discussed in Slack

MCR Meeting 27 May 2020 – President's Business

1. COVID-19 College and MCR response over the Easter Vacation

Initially, communication with College has been somewhat difficult as they were themselves trying to figure out the best course of action. I have been in touch with them regularly throughout March and the Committee has raised concerns about their communication and policy regarding international students. Unfortunately, many decisions were taken in haste and College hasn't always explain its rationale for these decisions, which made initially made it difficult for the Committee to form an appropriate response and support our students.

1.1. Accommodation

RSH and EPH

39 graduate students were moved to en-suite rooms in Ruth Deech Building (RDB). Catering was reduced to hot lunch, bagged breakfast, a packed evening meal (only available to students staying in College).

This decision was made possible by moving first the undergraduates who were residing in this building by the 22nd of March. Meanwhile, two flats at RSH fell ill with COVID-19, and self-isolated for 14 days. College reported that none of these students were seriously ill. This prompted the rapid move of our postgraduate students to RDB.

The Committee was not made aware of this situation before the decision was taken to move our postgrads to RDB, which is why we were unable to communicate about its rationale. As of April 21st, 36 graduate students are still in residence.

In terms of arrangements for RSH and EPH residents who moved out of their accommodation, refunds will be given (both voluntarily and at request of the college). There will be no charges for keys that were not returned. £250 will be charged to those who have left their belongings in their rooms, but the actual costs will be tracked, and bills will be adjusted. This is to cover the mailing and delivery costs.

Castle Mill and 6 St John St

The University has waived the final three months of tenancy, but there is a possibility of liability for rent payments between the time students vacated their accommodation and the start of May.

1.2. MCR and other college facilities

The MCR was closed on Apr 8 without notice. Other college facilities (e.g. the gym, libraries except Tim Gardam) were closed at the beginning of the lockdown.

1.3. College response

- Extension of the Dean of Welfare's and nurse's hours
- Academic Office and Disability Advisor helped with requesting deadline extensions – college has been quite supportive
- St Anne's COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund (IT equipment, bursaries, welfare, access to essential books and resources) - **reminder: hardship funds can be requested by getting in touch with college treasurer John Ford**
- Library set up postal books service. Books currently on loan bulk-renewed until June 17 (unless outstanding fines). Fines for Easter vac and start of TT will be waived

- (Incoming graduates: made more offers in expectation of fewer graduates taking up their offers)

1.4. MCR Committee response

- Cancellation of the last MCR meeting of the term, the MCR dinner and the end-of-term party
- Cleaning and hygiene products in the MCR
- MCR Emergency Fund – **reminder: the Google form is on the FB group and has been circulated by email. We can help with emergency travel expenses, urgent living costs or cost of IT equipment when appropriate.**
- Centralised COVID-19 resources
- Discord channel
- Anonymous feedback form
- College emergency meetings online
- PresCom meetings and exchange with other MCRs

I wanted to thank everyone in the Committee for their work during these times. Even if you feel you haven't contributed much, taking the time to attend meetings, reply to emails, and give your thoughts about what would be the best forward has been incredibly helpful.

2. TT2020 Arrangements and Issues

2.1. College and academic arrangements

College follows university guidelines

- Students wishing to suspend are expected to continue as normal
- No travel grants this year
- Year group celebrations will be organised when safe to do so
- Ball cancellation

2.2. MCR

- Take-home exams and dissertation arrangements (e.g. Access to IT equipment: in discussion with IT manager for monitors and keyboards)
- Online events (cfr. Social secs and welfare reps)
- Continuation of emergency initiatives (e.g. emergency fund)
- MCR meetings online

2.3. Outstanding issues

I wanted to flag two issues that will require our attention in the coming weeks:

- Fresher's Week planning – see agenda of this meeting
- Return to Oxford – you've probably seen today's communication from the university about the reopening of some university buildings, so at this point there's not much to be said because the situation is just starting to evolve but I just wanted to flag that this is something we'll need to follow. If you have any views on this, please share them with the Committee!

3. Annual rental increase negotiations

- Every year college increases their rents for the upcoming year; we re-negotiate the rate every year (usually it's around 2.5-3%) in coordination with the JCR
- This year: national calls for rents freeze (no increase), recommendations from SU point towards rents freeze; the uni has already decided that their own rate on their own properties would be 4.57%
- Ongoing negotiations: proposal of college is higher than in normal years – JCR pres and I are going to make a counter offer which makes the case for a rents freeze in the hope of bringing the rate down as much as we can.



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Attending: Abbey, Alex, Matt, Caroline, Cindy, Lukas, Virginia, Daniel W, Daniel H, Yin-Cong, Jessica, Cecilia, Nicole, Lise, Matt, Zhen

Start of meeting 6.00 pm

1. Welcome

2. Minutes

LC reminds everyone that they can comment or amend the minutes from the last meeting at the beginning of each GM. The minutes of the Week 5 GM are approved.

3. President's Business

See attachment.

3.1. Rents negotiations

Lukas Beck (LB) asked how high the index that calculates rents inflation in Oxford was this year. 3.5% sounds pretty high in comparison to previous years. Lise Cazzoli (LC) replied the VNI was set at 4.2% this year. Both agreed that it was good that 3.5% was significantly lower.

3.2. Black Lives Matters and Rhodes Must Fall: on open letters

LC asked the MCR whether she should sign an open letter asking for the University to remove Cecil Rhodes' statue. There has been talks about such a letter being circulated among the MCR presidents and it is possible that a draft will be sent to her at the last minute.

LB thinks such a letter differs from the two previous letters that she signed, which made reasonable demands to the university; LB personally doesn't agree with the removal of the statue and would like to be consulted if such a letter were to be signed.

Jessica Still (JS) agrees with LB and suggests LC shouldn't abstain from signing such a letter if she could not consult the entire MCR; perhaps it would be best to share the letter with the MCR and let people sign with their own names. Virginia Casablanca (VC) agrees.

Cindy Asokan (CA) disagrees with LB and says Rhodes Must Fall stands for other demands that we could reasonably support. Caroline King (CK) agrees.

Abbey Palmer (AP) suggests LC could share the draft letter with the MCR (e.g. on the FB group) and create a poll. Similarly, JS indicates she would also be happy to participate in extraordinary MCR meetings, where we could have a vote on the text. LB says that it is usually how these things would be done. JS adds that it's difficult to pronounce ourselves now without a text. LC explains that the problem with it is that she's often sent the draft text the day it is set to be released. CA raises the question of whether we could consider that it was legitimate for the MCR to support a motion or text on the basis of an MCR meeting, since it gathered so little participation. Nicole Eichert (NE) and VC agree, and that is something that should probably be discussed at some point.

LB asks if other MCRs have indicated their support to such a letter. LC says that some MCR Presidents have expressed they would join if one was to be written.

CK says that we have to think that in the present climate, not signing such a letter might do more harm. CA and AP agree.

LB states that it is difficult to pronounce themselves without a text, because it depends on the nuance. Ultimately, LB suggests that LC should take action or not depending on her own judgment on the text, and based on the arguments raised in this debate, and in particular depending on whether or not it would do more harm for the MCR not to sign it. All agree.

4. Reports from the Committee

NE reminded the MCR that we don't currently have a peer supporter within the MCR. She knows someone that is not in the MCR who would be willing to act as peer supporter for us, and asks whether we would be happy to have this person, even though we'll eventually need to train a peer supporter. Preferably the new peer supporter should be a first year DPhil, so that they can be trained for a long period of time. All agree. Zhen Shao (ZS) and VC say they would be happy to hear more about the peer supporter training, even though they are in 3rd year.

ACTION: WELFARE OFFICERS

NE asks if the MCR still has picnic blankets that the MCR could use, and whether we think we could give them to the lodge for our students to use. LB and CA say it might be extra work for the lodge because they would have to clean them after each use. LB says NE could ask the Domestic Bursar (John Banbrook) whether they would be willing to do that. LC says she can put NE in touch with him.

ACTION: PRESIDENT AND WELFARE OFFICERS

5. New Social Secretary position: Discussion

JS wanted to suggest we create a Wining and Dining Officer, who would be one of the four social secretaries. She explains that socials are not well-attended but that social secretary is a demanding position, with a lot of admin. A Wining and Dining Officer could stay for a year, which would enable him to have some institutional knowledge. They could have some perks (e.g. free exchange dinners). The other 3 social secretaries could work one term at a time.

VC likes the idea because it creates more rotation, which would enable more people to get involved in the MCR community. She suggests that it might be two people instead of one.

NE asks whether we really need an AGM to make this decision. Indeed, it could just be informal, which would enable us not to change the Constitution.

LB agrees and suggests we could achieve that only through changing the way we communicate about these positions.

JS thinks it's a good idea, and adds that we should make it clear that people could only stay for a term.

NE adds that this conversation extends to other roles (e.g. we should find a way through which we could get more people in the committee if the current officers are not excited about their position anymore). VC agrees. LC notes that there is a mechanism in the Constitution through which committee members can abandon their position, in which case the MCR co-opt a replacement (as is the case with the Interim Committee).

VC asks whether stating that one of the officers has to stay for a year would put people off. JS says not necessarily because of the perks.

All agree that the Committee should communicate in MT2020 that one of the four social secretaries should stay for a year. The others can stay for only a term.

ACTION: COMMITTEE AND RETURNING OFFICER

6. Website Update

Esteban Gomezllata Marmolejo (EGM) indicates College has asked whether we wanted to move our MCR website to the main college website. The JCR already agreed, but EGM is not sure it's a good idea. In any case, at the moment EGM is working on updating the current website.

NE asks whether it would be possible to have a Google Calendar on the website. ZS has ideas for more functionalities, for instance a page explaining the procedure for reimbursements. EGM says that the website already has a webpage called 'Payments' but that it is out of date. ZS asks if changes have already been made to the website, because it looks like there are new functionalities, such as a direct link to the meal booking system. EGM says that he already made some minor changes; ZS commands and thanks EGM for making this change. EGM indicates that LC and himself have already a draft of future improvements, and that more work will be dedicated to this before the end of term and during the summer vacation.

LC calls everyone to share their ideas about improvements and updates with EGM, and that Committee members could participate in the update through a dedicated Slack channel. EGM also asks whether people can share recent pictures of MCR events for the website.

ACTION: COMMITTEE

7. Motion: Ball Subsidies

LC presents a motion that aims to create a ball subsidies scheme similar to that of the JCR (see full text in attachment).

CA thinks it's a great idea and that she completely supports it. She notes that the JCR scheme allocates the subsidies through the college treasury, which has advantages re confidentiality. LC says that we can't use the system for our own scheme because College has a list of students in receipt of bursaries, and then they only share it with the JCR. CA suggests that maybe we could ask students for their student number instead of asking their names. JS and LC think it's a great idea.

AP asks how the implementation would work, as in the case of the JCR, students have to pay upfront and then have to be refunded by the JCR, which is not ideal for students experiencing financial hardship. She suggests we could use another system, like a discount code. ZS notes that from a treasury perspective, it is often asked to pay upfront so that we can give refunds based on receipts. LC suggests that another way of solving this problem would be to pay the tickets upfront with the MCR funds; a discount code sounds reasonable, and she can ask the JCR what would be the best way to go ahead with this. All agree.

ACTION: PRESIDENT

ZS asks how many students would be targeted by this scheme. LC says that the JCR funded about 2K of subsidies, which targets the 60 students in receipt of bursaries. The money comes from their reserves. ZS notes that at the moment we have 7-8K left in our reserves; however, there is uncertainty regarding the amount of the college grant next term, which means we might want to keep the reserves in case we receive less money from College. 2K sounds just

about the amount he thinks we could spend; however, there might be something else we want to spend that money on (e.g. the travel grants).

VC says that we shouldn't worry too much about the travel grants because we have plenty of money anyway. We should thus make use of the reserves. Re confidentiality, VC notes that there is a LGBT ball organized every year (called the 'Glitter Ball'), and the society provides subsidies for the tickets, so it might be worth looking into it. We could also ask the Junior Deans to help with the allocation of the subsidies. In addition, VC asks whether other MCRs have implemented a similar scheme. LC thanks VC for the suggestions, and says it's difficult to know because in our case the ball is organized by the JCR, whereas in other colleges, the MCRs organize their own ball and thus can easily manage the way they set the ticket prices.

Re the amount to be spent, LC notes that it is likely that we won't have 60 students participating in the scheme, because not many MCR students are involved in College events such as the ball. NE notes that lowering the ticket prices will probably attract more students. AP thinks it would be an advantage of the scheme, by encouraging more students to come to the ball. All agree.

The motion is passed unanimously.

ACTION: PRESIDENT, TREASURER, COMMITTEE

8. MCR Charity Donation

ZS indicates that it is the time of the year where we should decide for a charity donation. We haven't donated last year, so we have two years of charity levees, which represents almost 4K.

VC looks at whether there is any controversy involving St Anne's, and found that St Hugh's has released a statement in conjunction with its JCR and MCR in support of BLM, which includes a significant donation to BLM-related charities. VC thinks we should donate to a charity that represents where the wind's at. This would alleviate the discomfort expressed earlier re statements without action. CA and LC agree.

VC asks what charities would be good to donate to in that perspective. CA gives a list of multiple charities she knows, and will send the full list to ZS in writing.

ZS agrees that supporting BLM at this moment would have the most impact. He also notes that he heard about a charity that supports girls living in poverty in China, which creates a lot of impact with little money. He suggests we can afford to donate to multiple charities. VC agrees and asks whether we could decide as a Committee on a system to vote. In previous years, a poll had been circulated. LC agrees and says that it was a Google Form.

VC thinks the Committee should decide on the categories. CA suggests that we could divide the categories (e.g. 1K goes to UK-based charities, 1K to US-based charities...). ZS agrees that BLM

should be the main categories. VC asks when is the deadline for taking a decision; ZS replies there's no deadline. In that case, VC suggests the Committee should work out the details. In particular, ZS could send an email to the entire MCR saying it is coming up, which would give an opportunity for people to voice their preferences. This would solve the problem of representation mentioned earlier. CA agrees. Then, ZS can send a poll to organize the vote. All agree.

ACTION: TREASURER

9. Interim Committee and Fresher's Week helpers

LC says we have two candidates for the two social secretary positions, one candidate for the RSH Rep, and no candidate for the OUSU Rep. She asks whether anyone else wanted to volunteer for any of these positions. No one comes forward, so LC asks the candidates to introduce themselves.

CA volunteers for the first social secretary position. She's a third year undergraduate and asks if it's a problem if she's not in residence before Week 0. JS and AP confirm it shouldn't be a problem. CA asks who the other two social secretaries will be; JS says they will be AP and Tobias. CA is co-opted unanimously.

Daniel Hortelano (DH) volunteers for the second social secretary position. He's a first-year student in Materials Science (DPhil) and wanted to get more involved in the organization of the social events next year, after participating to many throughout the course of this year. DH is co-opted unanimously.

LC introduces Yin-Cong (who had to leave the meeting early), who volunteered for RSH Rep. He's co-opted unanimously.

10. Fresher's Week planning

LC notes that Katherine Brown hasn't come back to her yet about Fresher's Week planning. She suggests that the Committee should meet in the next few weeks to discuss the schedule and practicalities. All agree.

ACTION: SECRETARY, COMMITTEE

End of meeting: 8:05 pm

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1. Rents Negotiations: Results

Following our Week 5 General Meeting, I have worked closely with our JCR President and we presented a proposal to College regarding the rental increase for the year 2020/2021. The details of this proposal can be shared upon request. I believe we made a strong case for the rents freeze, but made a counter-proposal that was declined by College.

We managed, however, to reach a rate that was lower than what was previously announced by college. The rate for the academic year 2020/2021 has thus been set at 3.5%, which is 1% lower than what was decided at University level.

College indicated that in addition to the loss of rents that resulted from the remote Trinity Term, additional costs related to hygiene and cleaning will be incurred to College when they will decide to reopen college buildings, including the MCR. Moreover, the College Treasurer indicated that the Treasury received twice as much applications to the hardship fund than usual, which they have been trying to honour.

2. Michaelmas Term 2020

I have reached out to Katherine Brown, who's taking care of Fresher's Week organization within College administration, but have yet to hear back from her. Our Principal, however, confirmed that MT2020 will be happening in presential, but most probably with some level of social distancing. The University and College are looking at reopening buildings at the earliest safe opportunity.

As a reminder, the University has announced that the Bodleian Libraries will be resuming their 'Scan & Deliver' service from late June, and 'Click and Collect' with social distancing will be available from early July.

3. Black Lives Matter and systemic racism in Oxford

3.1. General update

As I'm sure you're aware, there has been a wave of reactions to George Floyd's murder and systemic racism all over the world, and closer to us among JCRs, MCRs and other student groups in Oxford. Our JCR President has, for instance, released a statement last week in support of BLM (see <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA8qXCcpnoA/>). If you haven't followed how the movement is evolving in Oxford, here are a few local resources you might to look at. - **add the protests and 'Rhodes Must Fall' movement and petitions**

*NB. The articles come from The Oxford Student and are not reflective of my own opinion.

- [Oxford Releases Statement On Why 'World Events' Mean Admissions Statistics Postponed](#)
- [Students Release Petition Protesting Handling Of Christ Church Race Controversy](#)
- [Why I'm Proud To Not Be A Union Member](#)
- [Black Lives Matter Protest Held In Oxford](#)
- [JCRs To Table Motions Condemning Christ Church Over Race Row](#)
- [Officers For Elevate Slate Drop Out Of Union Election](#)
- [Union Candidate Condemned For Invoking George Floyd Protests In Hack Message](#)

- [£27k Raised By Somerville Students For Floyd Protesters](#)

3.2. Emergency statements

Over the course of the past week, I have been approached by the Oxford African and Caribbean Society (OACS) and the Undergraduate PresCom (*the conference of JCR Presidents), both of which invited MCR Presidents to sign open letters addressed to the University. After consultation with the Committee, I thus joined forces with other MCR and JCR Presidents in demanding the University to:

- 1) Release a formal apology to all Black students
- 2) Retract their Twitter statement of the 2nd June 2020
- 3) Diversify the members of their Public Affairs Directore (who issue the statements)
- 4) Recognise the impact of gloval events on Black students, which includes increasing welfare support and releasing public individual statements
- 5) Take measures towards improving undergraduate to postgraduate accessibility for BAME students
- 6) Release the number of BAME Teaching Fellows
- 7) Commit to diversify senior administrative roles and governance boards (at college level)
- 8) Decolonise Curricula, reading lists and course structures
- 9) Divest from harmful investments
- 10) Instate an independent inquiry of how the University and Colleges benefitted from the slave trade, imperial expansion and exploitation

The full text of the PresCom statement is available [here](#).

I have also joined forces with the Oxford African and Caribbean Society (ACS), JCR and MCR Presidents in an open letter entitled 'Racism at the University of Oxford', which makes similar demands.

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3.3. Next steps

Lastly, I wanted to emphasize that there are things that the MCR can do, and if you have any idea, concern or question related to these issues, feel free to express them or bring them at an MCR meeting. If you are in the Committee, I would be happy to discuss what can be done as soon as possible.

In particular, I wanted to draw your attention to a few things other MCRs have been doing, or that can be done, including – **in case anyone feels inspired to take the lead on one of these:**

- Appointing a BAME Officer (*stands for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) (e.g. Merton)
- Making systemic racism a standing item to MCR General Meetings' agenda
- Appointing a BAME Rep for Fresher's Week
- Donating to a Charity that supports BLM or other organisations fighting racial injustice, discrimination and systemic racism (e.g. Magdalen, Pembroke, SJC)
- Sharing resources related to the movement (opinion articles, information on how to donate, protests and petitions)

- Work with College to set a scholarship for BAME students (e.g. BNC)
- Trainings about implicit bias (e.g. Magdalen)
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