



St Anne's College

MCR Motions - General Meeting

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Motion: Constitutional Amendments to Address Committee Governance, Representation, and Miscellaneous Updates

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This MCR notes that:

1. On the [MCR Governance and Transparency Report 2021](#), the St Anne's College MCR ranked 18th out of 28 evaluated colleges in Oxford.
2. According to the aforementioned report, only 6% of the MCR was involved in the Committee. Moreover, the workload of several teams currently requires more positions than the number that the Constitution currently permits.
3. The current version of the MCR Constitution is out of date and refers to several technologies, regulations, committees, and practices that are now redundant or non-existent. Additionally, certain rules that are enforced in practice are not mentioned in the Constitution.

This MCR believes that:

1. The current MCR has a responsibility to ensure good governance for future members of the Common Room by putting in place measures that safeguard MCR democracy and ensure transparency.
2. The more members of our MCR involved in the Committee, the better the student body is represented. Moreover, slightly increasing the number of positions in certain teams will alleviate their workload without compromising their ability to coordinate effectively.
3. Obsolete clauses in the Constitution needlessly add to organisational bureaucracy, and that the Constitution requires an update.

This MCR, therefore, resolves to:

1. Address issues of transparency and accountability by amending the Constitution to:
 - a. Require the minutes of all MCR meetings to be published on the MCR website.
 - b. Allow additional financial audits by MCR members.
 - c. Disallow students from holding multiple positions on the Board of Executives (unless required).
 - d. Provide members of the MCR with the option to submit no-confidence motions against Committee members.
2. Address issues of representation and workload by amending the Constitution to increase the number of Social Secretary positions to four, Academic Affairs Officer positions to three, and Welfare Officer positions to four.
3. Address necessary updates in the Constitution by amending the Constitution to include:
 - a. A clause that may disallow individuals from seeking Associate Membership if they are the subject of any ongoing disciplinary action from College or if they owe money to College.
 - b. Updates that factor in changes in technology (e.g., removing a clause requiring the MCR Secretary to maintain a filing cabinet).
 - c. Updates that reflect the changes in titles of College committees and regulations.

The above list is not comprehensive and is only meant to highlight several major amendments made in addition to those approved at the previous Annual General Meeting. The full list of amendments can be found in Appendix A (attached separately).