

AGENDA
GENERAL MEETING
ST. EDMUND HALL MCR
MCR, 7pm 3 May 2017

Reports from MCR Committee Members

Nominations for Guest Membership

The following individuals have been put forward as nominees for Guest Membership of the St. Edmund Hall MCR:

<u>Ordinary Member</u>	<u>Nominated member</u>
Micol Chiesa	Guilherme Vaz de Melo Trindade
Tonia Thomas	William Stockdale
Tonia Thomas	Mala Rohling

Motion in favour of adopting a college cat

Brought forward by: Lucy Kissick
Presented by: Lucy Kissick

I propose the motion for the MCR to adopt and care for a rescue cat.

In January this year, Hertford College introduced their newest member of staff Simpkins, who is fourth in their line of rescue cats adopted and maintained by the student body. For sixteen years his predecessor, Simpkins III, was a shared friend to all, with free run of the college and even his own JCR magazine to report his latest antics and adventures.

For reasons including student welfare, raising the college profile, reflecting the caring attitude of Teddy Hall, and the sheer kindness of offering an unloved cat a loving home, I ask the MCR to vote in favour of adopting our own feline friend. I will detail the logistics of upkeep and homing during the Trinity GM, and invite anyone with questions to contact me at lucy.kissick@env-res.ox.ac.uk.

Motion to Purchase of a Better Coffee Machine

Brought forward by: Linde Wester

Presented by: Linde Wester

Based on the MCR survey 2017 result, there is much support for 'better coffee' in the MCR. The survey suggests this is one of the main items that would attract more people to spend time in the MCR. After a failed motion in the 2015/2016 academic year, we would like to bring this up in a different form, to poll whether the new proposal has the support. The difference with the motion last academic year, is that the coffee machine does not come with a lease plan. Therefore, students will not incur extra costs. Price and quality of the machine should be discussed in the GM

Possibilities:

1. Nespresso Machine (or remake brand)
2. 'whole bean' coffee machine

Pro's/Cons

- Pro's: Low maintenance. Supply of coffee can be on individual basis by students bringing their own caps, or supplied by the MCR either funded by an honesty charge, or from the MCR budget. Con's: environmentally unfriendly.
 - Pro's: environmentally friendly. Con's: high maintenance in terms of filling beans, water, cleaning etc. Chance of breakdown.
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Motion to Change the MCR Membership Structure

Brought forward by: St. Edmund Hall & the MCR committee

Presented by: Linde Wester

This motion calls for changes to the MCR constitution

College has proposed a re-evaluation of the MCR membership structure. Linde and the committee have spent much time negotiating the changes and what is presented below is the final agreement between the MCR committee and the college. The proposed changes were brought forward in the previous GM for comments. The comments were presented to the Academic committee and the following conclusions were reached.

These changes primarily affects the MCR's associate membership policy and the inclusion of DTP students as associate members; these DTP students are not associated with the college in any other way.

The summary:

- The MCR will retain self-regulation of guest membership for the time being
- The DTP students will not formally be part of the university so are assigned to associate members of the college which precludes them from taking part in MCR elections.
- The MCR will receive 800 GBP from college as part of the arrangement for taking on the DTP

Some of the questions raised in the last GM are answered in the appendix (A) of this document.

Summary of the membership policy with changes highlighted

Ordinary Members

members of the University pursuing a graduate course of study at the College;

- postgraduate Visiting Students registered at College;
- members of the University pursuing an undergraduate course of study at the College with senior status (as defined in the University Regulations for Senior Student Status) or reading for a second undergraduate degree;
- members of the University pursuing a medical degree at the College who are in their fourth year of study or beyond, who have completed their pre-clinical years;
- members of the University in their final year of a four-year undergraduate course of study at the College, who opt to rescind their membership of the JCR in preference for MCR Ordinary Membership. This is not inclusive of persons who have by reason of unsatisfactory progress in their undergraduate course been forced to remain in residence a fourth year.

Associate member

- members of the University in their fourth year of studies, who are pursuing a full-time undergraduate course of study at the College who decide to remain members of the JCR. This excludes persons who have by reason of unsatisfactory progress in their undergraduate course been forced to remain in residence a fourth year;
- the President of the Junior Common Room during their time at the University;
- the Vice-President and Social Secretary of the Junior Common Room during their terms of office;
- individuals pursuing research or learning around Oxford and not being members of other MCRs, who have been admitted to

Associate Membership of the College under an institutional or individual agreement and nominated by the Tutor for Graduates.

Guest member

Guest Membership may be conferred upon persons who, in the opinion of the MCR, would benefit from MCR membership. Persons eligible for Guest Membership include, but are not limited to:

- (a) spouses and partners of Ordinary Members; and
- (b) visiting graduates coming to Oxford to do work under the aegis of a Fellow of the College.

Items for Discussion

NONE

Appendix A
***Motion to Change the MCR Guest Member Policy:
To briefly address the domestic and financial matters raised at
the last GM:***

Meal subsidies:

Over the last few years, the expenditure on special dinners have increased disproportionately to income, with the result that the following are effectively subsidised:

- MCR Trinity Dinner (approximately 55% of total cost is covered by the ticket income)
- Hearne Dinner (approximately 50% of the cost is covered by the ticket income)
- MCR Exchange Dinners (approximately 70% of the cost is covered by the ticket income)

While the MCR Christmas dinner is not subsidised by the College but we are discussing ways to increase the number of seats available.

The Domestic Bursar advises us that increasing the capacity at Formal Halls would prevent first hall being served on those nights, which would disadvantage those who prefer to dine in this way.

Room allocation:

The current formula used to allocate common room funding by the Amalgamated Clubs is based around rental values, i.e. when student rents have to go up with inflation, so too do Amalgams contributions.