

## **MINUTES**

### **ST. EDMUND HALL MCR**

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

**MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

#### **Apologies:**

Tonia Thomas  
Pip Coore

#### **Absent:**

Alex Blakes  
Kusal Lokuge  
Thomas Cosnahan  
Kirthi Bellamkonda

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#### **Appointment of Ad Hoc Chair**

In the absence of the Independent Chair (Jessica Davidson), James Sayers was appointed as ad hoc chair, with no objections.

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#### **Confirmation of Minutes from the Last GM**

The minutes of the last General Meeting were confirmed, with no objections.

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#### **Reports from MCR Committee Members**

- **President**
  - No new developments coming out of GBPC this term;
  - At the end of last term the Governing Body approved placing a plaque on 'Julie's Cupboard' and naming the MCR punt 'Mrs. Brown'; We are still waiting on estimates for the same
  - The new MCR punt has been insured and we are now awaiting the pole and paddle, and the cushions, for the same; as soon as these accessories arrive the new punt booking system will be made live
  - The All Staff Party has been confirmed for Thursday 26 May at 11:00 AM; MCR members are encouraged to attend to thank the College staff for their hard work and support through the year; this is a joint JCR-MCR funded event
  - Porter's Formal is currently being finalized; the current proposal for Week 6 did not suit most of the porters; this is a joint common room event

- The MCR Survey received an impressive completion rate, with many constructive and helpful comments; These results will assist the current and incoming committee in improving events and support for members
- **Vice-President**
  - Nothing new to report
- **Treasurer**
  - There is approx. £11000 in the MCR bank account
  - Currently working with college for them to pay a portion of the costs for the new punt equipment
- **Stewards**
  - New booking policy implemented for booking formals has been fairly successful; People are now able to book places more regularly and dinners do not get completely booked out at the beginning of Term
  - The Domestic Committee is working towards extending the opening hours of the college Library
  - Events have been well attended this term, including an Exchange Dinner with Pembroke, a joint BBQ with LMH, a Punting and Pub trip; The MCR Garden Party will be held soon
- **Welfare**
  - CWC is coming up soon; nothing new to report yet for this Term
  - Cake Friday is still quite popular; Welfare Team looking for more bakers for the upcoming weeks
  - 2 new peer support groups have been started – Rainbow Peers (for LGBTQ+ support) and Peers of Colour (for BME support)
  - Two new BME Officers have been appointed – Nidi Tapoulal and Cherelle Dacon
- **IT Officer**
  - Absent
- **Academic Rep**
  - Focusing on reforming on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant, along with the MCR President and Tutor for Graduates
  - Has been asked by the Library Committee to give feedback regarding updating stock; Has requested the MCR to forward any suggestions
- **NSE Rep**
  - Brunches going well – May Day and Summer Eights brunches have been replaced with a Champagne Brunch
  - New lighting in Common Room
  - New couch in the Common Room
  - Working with College to revamp Computer Room facilities at NSE
- **Environ Rep**
  - New recycling bins have been placed in the MCR, have more volume and are more easily identifiable; Members have suggested that the brim of the bins be marked to read “RECYCLING ONLY”

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## Nominations for Guest Membership

The following individuals have been put forward as nominees for Guest Membership of the St. Edmund Hall MCR and were confirmed without any objections:

- Michael Kaye (nominated by Sabine Weidlich)
- Christin Hoffman (nominated by Alice Costain)
- Harry Morgan (nominated by Melissa Bedard)
- Krista Adelman (nominated by Gemma Prata)

The following nominees for Guest Membership were confirmed without objections, but with some comments and/or abstentions:

- Caroline Hackler (nominated by Philine Scheer)
    - 1 Abstention;
  - Leo Chng (nominated by Pip Coore)
    - Beatrice Tyrrell wished to comment for the record that traditionally the MCR objects to admitting JCR members who are not partners of members, and that members should be mindful of setting the precedent with this nomination.
    - Members commented that in this case an exception could be made based on the age of the candidate and his ties with both current and former members of the MCR
    - It was felt that this should not be seen as setting a precedent.
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