

AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING

ST. EDMUND HALL MCR

MCR, 7pm 14 June 2017

Present: President, Vice-President, 2x Welfare, 2x Steward, treasurer

Apologies: Beatrice, Benjamin

Quorum met: 16 people

No Objection to minutes from previous GM

Reports from MCR Committee Members

President

NSE Closure

- President reports on the closure of NSE on Jake's behalf.
- Emergency work
- Belinda and team have worked to have accommodation for the students affected
- This will happen again next year with 26 and 19 Norham Gardens

Comments:

- Belinda turned some students away because they did not provide 'academic reasons' despite the students being on Masters or Dphil courses.
- This was the case for 3 students
- the committee offers to raise the concern to college as needed

Rent Negotiations

- Linde was updated on the state of the increase in Living costs.

Vice-President

CWC meeting 30 May 2017

- 1- Get the peer supporters to encourage students to see the nurses when

issues arise (generally and specifically around mental wellness). The nurse and doctors point out that its difficult to work with a student when they show up at the point of needing to suspend. It is better to work on the issue over some time. (So this would be something for the welfare team to speak to the peer supporters)

2- There have been some issues of mumps on campus but its a part of a bigger Oxford outbreak and will be addressed by the medical team in due course.

3- Unconscious Bias tests

- We encouraged college to follow up on this among staff

4 - Survey feedback to the College

Treasurer

- Everything is looking positive
- Gave a brief-ish update on the state of the accounts
- 10000 in savings; 5g of which is contingency
- 9 900 on the 'normal' accounts
- Should have around 7 000 left by the beginning of the next term
- Ad hoc charges to come in a bit later

Stewards

Trinity dinner

- Everything is fine.

Welfare

- Yoga from JCR are now open to MCR

Academic Rep

- Academic and Library meeting; nothing to report
- Successful graduate seminar

IT

1- Punt system is being abused a bit; over booking and we will need to look into this.

Nominations for Guest Membership

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

Ordinary Member _____ Nominated member

Loyal Liverpool
Philine Scheer
Kevin Gibbons

Olof van der Werf
Graham Baird
Brin Kessinger

Loyal: 0 Objections; Passes

Philine: 0 Objections; Passes

Kevin: 0 Objections; Passes

Motion to Change the MCR Membership Structure

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

This motion calls for changes to the MCR constitution

This motion was brought forward to the MCR in the previous GM ahead of the GPBC meeting with college. The changes were accepted at the GM and have since been accepted by college. This is the follow-up to confirm the changes at a GM. The wording of the motion as presented in the last GM are below.

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

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.

Comments:

- Nidi asks about the cap on the number of students; Linde says about 4 depending on college's judgement
- Linde says there should be around 50GBP additional coming from college
- Nidi points out that our MCR is quite open in letting people not associated with the college or university have a chance to enjoy the MCR environment.

In favour: 14

Objection: 0

Abstention: 1

Motion passes

Motion to Purchase Newspaper Hangers for the MCR

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

Presented by: Ryan Daniels

The magazines in the MCR keep getting stolen, at high cost to the MCR. Asking people to stop has not had an effect. Newspaper hangers can be attached to the magazines to make it harder to remove them and hopefully act as a deterrent.

Resolves: - To buy 5 newspaper hangers (https://www.amazon.co.uk/Louis-Tellier-NCJ01-Newspaper-Varnished/dp/B00JN0XD84/ref=sr_1_1?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1494878043&sr=1-1&keywords=newspaper+stick) at a cost of £98 inc shipping.

Comments:

- It was made clear that the magazines and newspapers are the MCR property and should not be taken by individuals
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- Nidi suggests raising the budget so that it doesn't need to come back to GM; 200 GBP
- Raise in the budget was accepted by Ryan.

In favour: 18
Objection: 0
Abstention: 1

Motion passes

Motion to Allow Meal Refunds in Trinity Term to College Graduate Students Who Live in Town

Brought forward by: Meghan Lim
Presented by: Meghan Lim

Currently, everyone who live outside of college are required to use up the £40 batted per term for meals. Ordinarily, I would use this up on formals. However, I found that bookings for formals get taken up really fast and have only managed to book 1 formal for this term. It is also very tedious for me to go to college for regular meals since my lab and flat are in Headington. According to the current rules, the dinner battels can only be carried forward until Trinity term but not to the following year with no refunds allowed. *Therefore, I would like to propose that refunds for any unused dinner battels be allowed in Trinity term for students who live outside college.*

In favour:
Objection:
Abstention:

Motion folds; No one present to present the motion.

Motion to Purchase a Scanner for the MCR Computer Room

Brought forward by: MCR Committee
Presented by: Ryan Daniels

The MCR needs to spend a set amount of its annual income on fixed assets. We propose to purchase a scanner for the MCR computer room.

We propose to get an all-in-one printer, scanner, copier, fax machine. The current machine is a designated printing unit with a page per minute rate of 30. An all-in-one unit will have a lower page per minute rate (~19ppm).

The proposed cost will be around 160-220 GBP depending on the unit. A suggested unit can be found at the link below.

<https://www.printerland.co.uk/HP-Color-Laserjet-Pro-MFP-M277dw-P135595.aspx>

Comments:

- Speak to Andrew Breakspear; The current printer was probably a college standard so we may want to speak to Andrew and see if college would just replace it for us.
- Nidi says that getting something approved does not mean that the money will be spent, just that the MCR is in favour of us doing so.
- We have access to the JCR scanner; we should use that instead.
- Getting an all-in-one is an upgrade for our space as the MCR.
- College should take over the maintenance and the network issues so it will be necessary to talk to the IT staff.

In favour: 13

Objection: 1

Abstention: 1

Motion passes.

Motion to Donate Funds from the Charity Fund to Donnington Doorstep

Brought forward by: Meghan Lim

Presented by: Meghan Lim

An Introduction to Donnington Doorstep

Donnington Doorstep is an independent community-based charity established in Oxford since 1981, which provides a variety of services for underprivileged communities including youth support, counseling, childcare and catered meals from the Oxford Food Bank to low income, deprived families in Oxford. More recently, they have started the 'Step Out' project in collaboration with various local organizations to safeguard vulnerable young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation. Due to

recent cuts on government funding, Donnington Doorstep has had to scale back their services considerably and is at risk of shutting down the facility entirely.

The Student Consultancy Team

To address the issue of lack of funding, Donnington Doorstep has commissioned a small group of student consultants from the University of Oxford – Xuxin Lim (St Edmund Hall), Charlotte Hutchins (Hertford), Emma Goddard (St Catherine), Daniel Sidwell (Univ) and Arthur Pander Maat (Mansfield) to assist with fundraising efforts to ensure that the valuable services provided by Donnington Doorstep will continue to flourish. Hence, as representatives for the organization, we would like to propose that this Charity Formal Dinner be held in support of Donnington Doorstep as their efforts in supporting low income families has been integral to the local community in Oxford in many ways.

On behalf of my team, I sincerely hope that you will consider our application for the Charity Fund favourably as we feel that Donnington Doorstep has had such a long history of service to the local community and plays a key role in safeguarding vulnerable young people in Oxford.

Xuxin Lim
2nd Year DPhil Candidate in Biomedical Engineering
St Edmund Hall

In favour:
Objection:
Abstention:

Motion folds; No one present to present the motion.

**Motion to Donate Funds from the Charity Fund to Rlabs
South Africa**

Brought forward by: Ryan Daniels

Presented by: Ryan Daniels

Reconstruction Living Labs or Rlabs is a social enterprise in South Africa that provides innovative solutions to address various complex problems in a wide variety of communities.

It was founded by Marlon Parker as an environment for community driven innovation and reconstruction to empower people to make a difference in the lives of others usually within their own communities.

Its core activities are skills and training, community development, social and disruptive innovation, mobile and internet solutions, social enterprise incubation, impact investing and social franchising.

The RLabs “main hub” is Cape Town, South Africa but have activity in the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, South America and Africa.

The organisation I used to work with, *Re.Think Leadership*, worked closely with Rlabs on a number of projects in the past.

<http://rlabs.org/about/>

Comments:

- Do you have an idea of how effectively they use the money?
- Ryan responds, no but there might be something available on the website.

In favour: Unanimous

Objections:

Abstentions:

Motion passes

Items for Discussion

NONE

Appendix A