

St. Catherine's College MCR  
Hilary Term Open Meeting  
Sunday, February 6, 2005

Agenda:

1. Call to Order (Lauren, meeting opened at 5:12pm)
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (21 November, 2004)
3. Matters Arising
  - a. Update on TV-monopolizing issue; issue has been resolved; if any problems come up in the future, please contact the Exec.
  - b. Update on furniture rearrangement; new arrangement has been well received
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
    - i. Co-President 1 (Lauren)
      1. Domestic and Welfare Updates from College: DC has been dealing with the construction; roofers are ahead of schedule; scaffolding should be down by Easter (~ March 11); siding installment to take place over the next couple of days, please mind the noise; WF: if you have not been vaccinated, PLEASE see the nurse; get in touch with Lauren for any new matters arising.
      2. State of the MCR: *coffee/tea/toast*; working well; people are respecting use; we are well within our budget; *periodicals*; to be labeled and put in the new black dividers; Sunday paper has gone missing as well; Lauren to draft email to MCR asking people to respect periodicals as common property; return of the *computer*; not working and not internet ready; Lauren/Dan to get in touch with Jamie Keats about fixing it.
      3. Bar Committee; thank you for Friday helpers (including Social Committee); restocking will take place this week; if you have suggestions on what to stock, see Lauren before next batch order.
    - ii. Co-President 2 (Avital)
      1. Student Liaison Update (including JCR matters); Avi *et al.* have been working to encourage JCR president to come to MCR open meetings, and vice versa to foster cooperation; joint Entz was successful; we should be proud, it is something from which to build good JCR-MCR relations in the future.
      2. Guest Dinner stuff; everything has been going well; for outstanding complaints, see Avi; PLEASE read emails and check up on guest list spots on your own.
      3. Academic Committee; posters for the graduate seminar and presentations to be sent out this week; program will also be

advertised on the MCR list; please spread the word ; college is paying for the wine and some of the fellows are coming; talk it up!; conference will take place in WK2 of Trinity, culminating with graduate dinner; if you have questions on the conference, see Markos or other AC reps.

iii. Treasurer (Rachele)

1. State of MCR Funds; we're doing well/being efficient with our funds; Lauren is doing a good job keeping track of our booze/stock orders; we have money available to purchase something for the MCR; if you have questions on the budget, or ideas for an MCR gift, talk to Rachele.

iv. Secretary (Erik)

1. Art Appreciation Night; AAN will take place on Wednesday night of WK5; theme is forthcoming; if you have ideas or questions, see David Wahl.

v. Social Secretary (Avital)

1. Latest on Social events (to Entz or not to Entz?); we have three events that have been put on hold following Ursula's resignation (Speed Dating with Trinity was cancelled; Avi to explore Speed Dating with St. Hugh's; exchange dinner with Worcester will be planned for WK3; finally, Entz was planned for Saturday during WK6, the same night as a Linacre bop; it is now cancelled)
2. Exchange Dinner with Worcester in Wk5

vi. Publicity Officer (Dan)

1. New website; done! Thanks Dan! Thanks to James, David and Avid for all of your help; if you have input or photos for the site, please talk to Dan.
2. Email list traffic; the flow has been manageable, despite the occasional spam email; thanks to everyone for not abusing the list.

vii. JCR LGB Representatives

1. Offering information on events and programs; if you want to know what's going on, look at the notice board in the JCR or email JCR LGB reps (addresses available on the JCR website).

5. Constitutional Amendment

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP OF THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

c) Associate members shall be:

- i. former ordinary members who are approved by the MCR Committee
- ii. any person engaged in study or research in Oxford, typically but not exclusively at an institution associated with the University of Oxford, not reading for an Oxford degree, who is considered to have the equivalent of the status of a Senior Student as defined in the Examination Regulations, upon application in writing to the Committee. The Committee's decision on membership, made following discussion with the Tutor for Graduates, shall be reported to the next Open

Meeting. By majority voting, an Open Meeting shall have the right to reject a proposal for Associate Membership. Associate Membership shall commence after the Open Meeting at which the proposal has been presented and not rejected.

The duration of the membership of an Associate Member shall be defined by the Committee and included in the proposal made to an Open Meeting. No Associate Membership shall be longer than three years. **19 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions. Motion passes.**

6. Motions:
  - a. The Committee motions to invest a portion of the profits from the Dia de los Muertos Entz either in a new television or in a data projector to allow for the continued entertainment of the MCR's members; we're looking to spend between £500-£700; after much discussion, **The MCR votes unanimously to table the motion until the next open meeting to take place on Sunday of WK8.** An email to the MCR announcing the date and agenda of the next open meeting on by mid-week WK4.
  - b. The Treasurer moves, seconded by Co-President Lauren McGuirl to donate this term's £50 charity allowance to the Lincoln College Vacation Project. **Motion passes with 11 in favor, 2 against, and 6 abstentions.**
7. Special Election for the Open Position of Treasurer: Avi nominates Ubaid, Lauren seconds, Rachele thirds. **MCR unanimously votes Ubaid confident.** The new committee will be announced on Monday, February 7, 2005.
8. Any Other Business
9. Meeting is closed at 6:45.