

# St Catherine's College MCR

## Hillary Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 10 February 2013

Call to Order 7:30pm

Committee Present: Linda Geaves, Renzo Corrias, Andrew van Paridon, Giorgio Stefanoni, Chintan Chandrachud, Wojciech Kozlowski

MCR Members Present: 22 Ordinary Members + 2 Associate Members

Guests Present: Christophe Meerts

Apologies: Hege Larsen, Massimiliano Colonna, Michael Saliba

### **1. Minutes from Open Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

#### 1.1 Matters arising from the Minutes

Minutes are presented but no discussion is recorded.

### **2. Executive Committee Reports *including questions from the floor***

#### 2.1 Presidents – *Linda Geaves and Renzo Corrias*

Renzo and Linda reports that they and the committee have been busy organising bops, exchange dinners, exchange drinks, guests dinners and a plethora of other events. The presidents have also been attending OUSU meetings trying to help secure a better version of the University's standard Financial Guarantee Forms such that new graduates can include things like projected earnings when trying to prove their financial position prior to commencing studies. They report that graduate housing called Catz House which has been shut this year but will be available next year, primarily with a focus for Students with families. The presidents have also organised new couches, they have been talking with the Bursar who has put a bid in for some Arne Jakobson which will be both comfortable and stylish. Plus there will be an option to pretend to be Bond in the new swivel chairs.

#### 2.2 Treasurer – *Giorgio Stefanoni*

Giorgio has been making sure that the MCR runs on budget by allocating money to events and working with Wojciech on the bar stocktake. He has also been working a lot on the rent negotiations with college to make sure that rent does not increase by much over the next yearly increase. It is currently projected to be at least 3%.

#### 2.3 Secretary – *Andrew van Paridon*

Andrew reports he has been writing the weekly bulletins, keeping the minutes for open and executive meetings, organised two quiz nights and drafted the constitution amendment. He has also been organising Catz Ski Trip to Andorra.

#### 2.4 Social Secretaries – *Massimiliano Colonna, Hege Larsen, Chintan Chandrachud*

Chintan reports he has organised the Indian Tasting, helping with Guests dinners (writing the names on place cards), weekly Yoga sessions, and helped with BOP preparations.

Renzo reports that Massi has been the primary organiser for much of guests dinners, has helped organise the BOPs, running the weekly pizza and movie night, and helping with the organisation of the Ski Trip.

Linda reports that Hege has organised the Pampering Nigh and much of the BOP preparations. She has also taken some time to be trained as a peer supporter.

#### 2.5 Publicity and IT Officer – *Michael Saliba*

No report was delivered

#### 2.6 Bar Manager – *Wojciech Kozlowski*

Wojciech has been busy stocking up the bar fridge, organising exchange drinks, drinks for the BOPS, wine for the exchange dinners. He also reports successfully organising the bar helpers in a rota that has made the bar accessible throughout the week.

### **3. Executive Committee Election:**

#### 3.1 Co-President (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Linda Geaves*

*Seconded by Anne de Geus and Michel Djandji*

Linda campaigns that she will be looking to extend the availability of college accommodation to more of the graduates as there should be plenty available, but the current division of rooms between grads and undergrads is not favourable.

Questions from the floor:

Q: Are tasks going to be split formally? Linda will stick to social events and organising, and Wojciech will do Admin, but they are also likely to switch roles as their interests favour them and because Linda has a ongoing communication with much of the college.

Q How are you going to cope without a Bar Manager? Wojciech will have to take on the responsibility for the moment. (Note, this problem is averted by the nomination of a Bar Manager in Any Other Business)

Q: How can we push to college to acquire new properties? Linda is going to work with the Bursar to set out a 5 year plan for accommodation.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/**Total**)

**Linda: 21/15/36**

**RON: 1/0/1**

Linda appointed Co-President to the MCR.

3.2 Co-President (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Wojciech Kozlowski*

*Seconded by Michael Grange and Aine Mannion*

Details of discussion the same as Linda above.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Wojciech: 22/14/36**

**RON: 0/0/0**

Wojciech appointed Co-President to the MCR.

3.3 Treasurer (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Francesco Ferroni*

*Seconded by Anna Kauffmann and Karl Gemayel.*

Questions from the floor:

Q: Are you going to be able to manage to get through a BOP without getting drunk? He says he thinks so, however there is a cursory look of disbelief from the audience.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Francesco: 22/14/36**

**RON: 0/0/0**

Francesco appointed Treasurer to the MCR.

3.4 Secretary (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Jan Vonk*

*Seconded by Charlotte Goff and Ruolong Chen*

Question from the floor

Q: How will you handle the 1000s of emails you will get? Well practiced at managing all the emails he already gets quite a lot every day in his course.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Jan: 22/14/36**

**RON: 0/0/0**

Jan appointed Secretary to the MCR.

3.5 Social Secretary (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Michael Grange*

*Seconded by Wojciech Kozlowski and Aine Mannion*

States that we would like to have bop themes voted on democratically within the MCR. Wants to see the MCR a vibrant place. Michael has fallen for our trap and will be handling guest dinners.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Michael:** 21/13/34

**RON:** 1/1/2

Michael appointed Social Secretary to the MCR.

3.6 Social Secretary (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Joanna "Aska" Przewrocka*

*Seconded by Renzo Corrias and Erik Fraser*

Video is sent in place of a manifesto. Many questions are asked by the floor but Aska refuses to answer any based on her non-existence at the meeting. This is seen to be a fair reason, and all is forgiven.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Wojciech:** 22/14/36

**RON:** 0/0/0

Aska appointed Social Secretary to the MCR.

3.7 Publicity and IT Officer (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14): *Chintan Chandrachud*

*Seconded by Wojciech Kozlowski and Renzo Corrias*

Believes that his IT responsibilities should be like an umpire in a game of cricket – if everything is going well he should not be noticed - and that for Publicity he will be like a striker in a game of Football – making sure he is the centre of attention.

Questions from the floor:

Q: What are you going to with the Speakers? More involvement from the MCR will produce better results. (Classic Politician's Answer)

Q: How are you going to fix the printer? Will first try switching it off and on again. Need to make sure it's part of the University's/College's IT system so that it is not the MCR's responsibility to keep it maintained This ties in with efforts put forward from Linda and Wojciech on the same problem.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**Wojciech:** 22/14/36

**RON:** 0/0/0

Chintan appointed Publicity and IT Officer to the MCR.

#### **4. Motions**

##### **4.1 Amendment to Constitution regarding Honorary Membership for Distinguished Service to the MCR Executive Committee.**

*Proposed by Renzo Corrias and Linda Geave, questions fielded by Andrew van Paridon*

Q: Will it be retrospective? Yes, in the sense that any past members of the college who have served the committee will be able to be nominated for that service. It is not the same as the original proposal which asked that ALL ex- committee members be made honorary members automatically.

Voting results (Ballot/Email/Total)

**For: 20/5/25**

**Against: 2/4/6**

Motion Passed. Andrew will make sure that the Academic Registrar and College Governing Body are made aware of the proposed amendment, and they will either accept or reject it themselves.

##### **4.2 Men's Welfare Officer Nomination of Ruolong Chen (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14)**

Proposed by Hege Larsen

**For: 22**

**Against: 0**

Motion Passed.

##### **4.3 Women's Welfare Officer Nomination of Hege Larsen (start of Trinity '13 to end of Hillary '14)**

Proposed by Andrew van Paridon

Hege has forwarded a message to say that she and Ruolong will be looking to combine aspects of the Welfare Officer's responsibilities with those of Peer Supporters, much like is done in the JCR.

**For: 22**

**Against: 0**

Motion Passed

#### 4.4 Associate Membership Nomination of Christophe Meerts

Matthew McGilvray proposes Christophe Meerts for associate membership of the MCR. Christophe presents himself to the Meeting for questions from the floor.

**For: 22**

**Against: 0**

Motion Passed.

#### 4.5 Draft amendment to constitution in order to aid clarity of procedures

Proposed by Andrew van Paridon

These changes will aim to clarify the rules and procedures form meetings and elections in particular, without making any defining changes to the Constitution. This has been brought up as Andrew has been looking closely at the constitution and found it to be contradictory in some places.

For: 17

Against: 5

Motion Passed. Membership will last until September 2013 (the start of Michaelmas).

### **5. Any Other Business**

#### 5.1 Motion from the Floor, Alex Herriott nominates himself for Bar Manager

Seconded by Renzo Corrias and Andrew van Paridon

Voting done by show of hands and is unanimously in favour (22 votes).

Motion Passed. Alex appointed as Bar Manager to the MCR.

**Meeting Concludes at 8:10**