

## ***St Catherine's College MCR Open Meeting***

held on Sunday Week 2 Michaelmas Term, 17 October 2010

**Call to order: 20.15hrs**

**Executive Committee Present:** Christoph Haase, Theresa Kevorkian, Hugh Taylor, Christina Fuhr, Conor Fleming, Tara Mills

**Total MCR members:** 34

Christoph gives an introduction about the MCR in general, the MCR's finances and what the MCR open meeting is about.

**Motion 1:** This MCR supports St Catz Ball 2011 with £1000.

**Suggested by:** Christoph Haase

**Seconded by:** Theresa Kevorkian

Christoph gave a short introduction to Catz Ball. Nathan Jones of the Ball Committee explained in more detail what students can expect from the ball and why the support of the MCR is important, in particular at the current stage for advertising. It was noted that the JCR had supported the ball with £2500 and that the proposed MCR contribution was considerate in relation to that and the budget of the ball. Moreover, Nathan made clear that any excess money from tickets will go straight to the ball, there will be no money left over after the ball.

**For:** 29

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 4

**Motion passes**

**Motion 2:** This MCR requests two new desktop computers for the MCR. In the first instance, we request that College (via the student liaison committee) pay for the replacement computers. Should college refuse to support the MCR by improving our facilities, the MCR will be willing to pay up to £600 for two new desktop computers.

**Suggested by:** Christoph Haase

**Seconded by:** Theresa Kevorkian

Christoph explained that the computers in the MCR are very slow, for example it takes three minutes from logging in to checking your emails. It was noted that it is the view of the MCR that the computers are part of College infrastructure which is the reason why the request for new computers should be brought forward to the College in the first instance. Some MCR members were worried that the motion in its current format will not give incentive to the College to provide financial support.

**For:** 28  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 1  
**Motion passes**

**Motion 3:** This MCR should subscribe to the New Yorker magazine.

**Suggested by:** David Soud  
**Seconded by:** Christoph Haase

David explained that although the title of the magazine makes it appear to be only targeting inhabitants of New York, it covers a big range of topics of interest for every MCR member, such as movie reviews.

**For:** 18  
**Against:** 2  
**Abstain:** 10  
**Motion passes**

## **Committee Elections**

### **Executive Committee**

**IT/Publicity Officer:** Joachim Steinberg

**For:** 32  
**RON:** 0

**Social Secretary:** Kate Hodgkinson

**For:** 30  
**RON:** 0

### **Standing Committee**

#### **Academic Committee**

James Anderson  
Robert Gerlach

**Bar Committee**

Alan Shirfan  
Hugh Taylor  
Matthew McGilvrey  
Phil Coulter

**Sports Officer**

Phil Coulter

**Welfare Rep**

Camille Rajnauth

**Equality Officer**

Njala Njabola

**Environment Co-Officers**

Felicity Bedford  
Aimee Zisner

**St Catz House Rep**

David Soud

**4th Year Rep**

Joe Bennett

**For:** 30

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Associate Membership Motions** (subsumes motions 4-7)

**Suggested by:** Christoph Haase

**Seconded by:** Theresa Kevorkian

Marie DuBoucher

Robert Gerlach

Meabh Brennan

Paul Phelps

**For:** 30

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion 8:** This MCR believes that college should withdraw from meat-free Mondays.

**Suggested by:** Serena Lunardi

**Seconded by:** Karolina Bujok

Christoph gave a short introduction into meat-free Mondays. Serena explained that she feels that MCR members have not been well enough informed in the debate and therefore could not equally participate in the voting that took place in Trinity Term last year. According to Serena, putting constraints on what College members shall or shall not eat is not a decision to be made by a simple majority vote. A member of the JCR noted that in a JCR Open Meeting it was mentioned that College had withdrawn in Michaelmas already from meat-free Mondays.

**For:** 21

**Against:** 7

**Abstain:** 6

**No other business.**

**Meeting finished 21:45hrs.**