

St Catherine's College Executive Committee

Open Meeting

Sunday, 26th October 2014

Members Present: 55

Executive Committee Present: Alex, Carla, Emma, Martin, Francesco, Jan, John, Pete, Stephanie.

Meeting Aims:

1. Minutes from Open Meeting 12th October 2014

1.1. Matters arising from minutes – None.

2. Motions

2.1 Motion for 24 hour access to the college library

‘The MCR would like 24 hour access to the college library for the reasons stated below:

1) Current and former MCR presidents have been approached by numerous MCR members regarding their desire for 24 hour access to the college library to avoid isolation while studying. A 24 hour open library would provide a study space for students to be surrounded by their peers. The MCR is not concerned that increased access to the library is going to increase the amount of work the students are doing.

2) The current opening hours are not satisfactory for graduate students that do not follow regular terms. Additionally, is it not satisfactory having an out-of-hours room that changes location with term/vacation and so on as keeping track of changes is simply too inconvenient when working under pressure to meet a deadline.’

- Motion introduced by Stephanie Ørum. Outlined details of research that she had carried out on how other colleges dealt with this and responded to concerns that had been previously raised beforehand on having a 24-hour open library.
- Wojciech Kozłowski questioned if there was a demand for it. Stephanie responded that she had got statistics for graduate students who had swiped into afterhours study room last year and that 29 students had swiped in a total of 263 times. This figure does not include people who would have gone in in groups and thus not swiped in.
- Julian Malisano asked if an after-hours study room could be found instead. Stephanie responded that she had tried to find a dedicated 24 hour study room on sight that could be used all year round, but had been told that this would not be possible due to different rooms being needed for different purposes throughout term and for conferences throughout the vacations.

Result of Vote on Motion– Majority voted in favour; motion passed.

3. AOB

- None