

St Catz MCR Open Meeting

Minutes

Sunday 22nd November 2015

Present:

41 MCR Members



Minutes taken by MCR Secretary, Phil Earp

I. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting are on the MCR website. No issues were raised.

II. Proposal of MCR Scholarship

A. The Motion

Motion read out by MCR President, Pete Forsyth.

This MCR would award the MCR Overseas Scholarship for entrance October 2016.

In summary:

Scholarship fund accumulated since October 2012 from the £15 voluntary contributions on your Battels bill at the start of term. If the MCR provides half of a candidate's living costs (approximately £6000) the candidate only has to fund:

- 50 % of their living costs
- 40 % of their university fees
- 100 % of their college fees

The scholarship will follow the criteria for the already-established Reach Scholarship. Candidates will have to present financial documents to demonstrate that they are unable to fund themselves. It therefore would be inappropriate for the MCR to have direct involvement with the awarding of the scholarship; instead it is probably best for college to select the successful candidate. This involvement is flexible and could be renegotiated at a later stage.

B. Questions and Answers

Q: Do we have money to support this scholarship continuously?

A: Unfortunately not. It has taken since October 2012 to raise enough money to support a 1-year scholarship, so the scholarship would be awarded for 1 year only, to students on 1-year courses only.

Q: Are college going to still charge 100 % of the college fee?

A: Yes. This was passed at a meeting with college in spring 2012. At the moment there is no direct financial support of this scholarship from college. Bear in mind though that, with the fee waiver included, the total value of the scholarship is of the order of £18,000.

C. Vote

Motion passed by raise of hands.

III. Transfer from JCR to MCR

Transfer of status from JCR to MCR member proposed for Alastair Adams. Alastair is a 3rd year undergraduate at Catz, who would be a 4th year if he had not suspended his studies this year, and he is hoping to become a member of the MCR

Q: Why do you want to join the MCR instead of the JCR?

A: There are lots of biscuits in the MCR!

Q: What is your favourite biscuit?

A: Bourbons.

Q: Why?

A: Bourbons.

Q: What do you think is the best MCR activity?

A: Yoga. I am also keen to be on the MCR mailing list to find out about events.
(Secretary's note: Yay! At least one person is keen to receive all my emails!)

Membership approved by show of hands.

IV. Associate Membership Application

Candidate not present. Item struck off agenda.

V. AOB

None raised