

St Catherine's College Executive Committee

Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 4th May 2014

Members Present: 25

Meeting Aims

1. Minutes from Open Meeting 13th October

1.1. Matters arising from minutes – none arising

2. Motions

2.1. Catz House

- The following motions (proposed by Naheed Raza and Caterina Paoli and seconded by Alex Taylor) were presented:

'Since 1972 St Catherine's College has provided accommodation for students in couples and with families at St Catherine's House. In the last month, the residents of St Catherine's House have become aware of the College's intention to convert the facility entirely into accommodation for single students with no alternative provision being made by College for students in couples and with families. We would like the MCR to make representations to the Governing Board on behalf of the graduate students whom this decision affects most, on the following motions:

Motion 1: The college affirms its commitment to provide some accommodation for couples and families, as it has done for the last forty years, to ensure that no student is disadvantaged on the basis of age, partnership, marriage, parenthood or pregnancy.

Motion 2: Given that St Catherine's House was established with the goal of housing couples and families, the college should communicate in writing its plans for this building to members of the College, including what provision will be made for couples and families now and in the future'.

- A vote on whether to carry out the vote by secret ballot or by show of hands was taken. A majority voted to carry out the vote by means of a show of hands.
- Both motions were carried by a majority. Co-President Martin Garthwaite noted that the results of this vote would now be communicated to the college.

3. Any Other Business

- None