

St Catherine's College Middle Common Room

Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday 10th November, 2019
at 7pm in the MCR

In attendance:

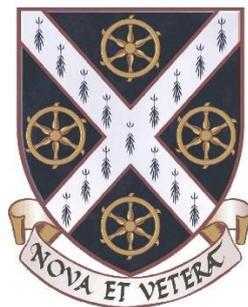
50 MCR members in total

Executive Committee Members Present:

Vivek Kothari - President (Meeting Chair)

Chloe Colson – Secretary

Federico Zilic de Arcos – Social Secretary



Minutes taken by MCR Secretary, Chloe Colson

Noah suggested contacting Andrea to see if she would like to act as joint officers in this role, as he deemed it unfair that she lose all consideration solely on the basis of her absence.

Female Welfare Rep:

1. Charlotte Wendland

Seconders: Nergiz Oprescu, Louie Iselin

2. Charlotte Lee

Seconders: Gavin Herbertson, Parker Chan

Secret ballot used to vote for these candidates, results to be published after the official count has been made.

Tea and Biscuit Officers:

1. Noémie Deom

Seconders: Shayla Schlossenberg, Charlotte Wendland

2. Laura Wheatley

Seconders: Arlette Nyembo, Ananya Sharma

Candidates were unopposed and duly elected.

Sports Officer: Helena Page

Seconders: Katie Prosser, Jenith Jothi Felix

Candidate was unopposed and duly elected.

LGBTQ+ Officer: Frazer Martin

Seconders: Benjamin Jackman, Oshmita Ray

Fourth Year Rep: Rogan Clark

Seconders: Nergiz Oprescu and Mark Todd

Catz House Rep: Kevin Bruggeman

Seconders: Noah Wescombe, Usuta Kavari

OUSU rep: Peerce McManus

Seconders: Usuta Kavari and Kevin Bruggeman

IV. Proposal of new Regular Committee positions

1. Nergiz Oprescu would like to create and run for a position entitled Digital Communications Officer.

Nergiz explained what the position would entail in her mind, her main goal is to enhance digital communication at Catz. This would be through a more active Instagram platform, possibly a new Twitter account, etc. as well as by creating advertisements for events happening at Catz. She mentioned being open to any suggestions and being keen to actively discuss with the rest of the Committee about the best ways to go about increasing Catz' digital presence.

Giedre Cepukaityte mentioned at this point that Catz does have the position of Editorial Officer, which could go hand-in-hand with Nergiz' proposed position.

The MCR voted to create the position of Editorial and Digital Communications Officer.

Nergiz subsequently ran for the position, uncontested, and was duly elected.

2. Jenith Jothi Felix and Oshmita Ray would like to suggest making the BME Officer position a joint-position that they would fill together.

The idea behind this is to better represent the BME community as they both have different and complementary ideas of what they would like to achieve through their role. Having two officers would also help ensure that the role doesn't get forgotten, with both members keeping each other accountable.

The MCR voted to modify the current BME position so that it can be occupied either by a single individual or a pair choosing to run together. In the event that two people that initially chose to run as a single and then decided they would rather join forces to become a pair, this shall be allowed as long as the decision is taken 24h before the elections and the Secretary has been duly informed.

Minto and Oshy subsequently ran for the position, uncontested, and were duly elected.

V. AOB

Motion from the previous meeting:

Allow executive committee to make appointments, which would require elections, between CR meetings

Proposed by: Vivek Kothari

Seconded by: Henrique Aguiar, Lo-Ching Chow, Hamez Gacaferi, Daniel Gregory

1. The executive committee can make pro-term appointments for positions, which are vacant.
2. These need to be confirmed by a full election at the next CR meeting
3. Appointments must be made by a 3/5th majority of the entire committee voting, including a co-president.
4. Votes may be cast via email or another remote service.

The goal with this motion is that no position on the Committee remains unfilled for a long period of time. Any member appointed to a position in this way would be required to run officially, along other possible candidates, during an Open Meeting.

The motion was approved by the MCR by show of hands.