

## **St. Catherine's MCR Open Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Executive Committee Present:** Ben, Cristina, Méabh, Yuki, Ale  
**MCR members:** 18

### **1. Girovend central fund**

It was put to the MCR whether members of the MCR would agree for any money left on their Girovend card at the end of the academic year, to be kept by college for a central fund.

Those in favour (without a threshold): none

Those in favour with a threshold of £5: 15

Those not in favour of the central fund regardless of a threshold: 5

Abstain: 3

### **2. MCR officers**

MCR officers needed in the following areas and those who agreed to take up the role after a quick description of positions by Christina and Ben.

**Sports officer:** Robert Gerlach

**Bar committee:** Shilan Mistry, Erica Marcus, Tim Rooney, Kenneth Garrett

**Academic committee:** Brandon Roos, Udoamaka Izuka

**Welfare Rep.:** Lisa McNally, Zevic Mishor

**Equality Officer:** Joseph Chedrawe

**OUSU/Graduate Committee Officer:** Ben Britton

**Environment Officer:** Saul Moorhouse

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Yuki presented the budget for the forthcoming year with a projected balance of £4,526.53.

### **4. IT discussion**

Christophe Haase asked all members to contribute to the MCR by sending photos of MCR socials to him for the MCR webpages/facebook page. He also presented his plan of introducing an online guest dinner sign up programme.

### **5. Open meeting motions and results:**

**Motion 1:** That the MCR constitution shall be amended as follows:

“Article II, section c, on Associate Members:

The duration of the membership of an Associate Member shall be (up to) one academic year and can be renewed each subsequent year for a total duration of four years."

Replacing: "The duration of membership of an Associate Member shall be defined at the time it commences and shall not be longer than three years."

**Suggested by: Ben Britton**  
**Seconded by: Christina Fuhr**

**For: 23**

**Result: Passed**

**Motion 2:** That the MCR constitution shall be amended as follows:

"Article II, section f)

An associate member, as defined in section (c), who is a visiting graduate student in Oxford for six months or less, may pay half a year's subscription directly to the MCR. All other associate members as defined in section (c) shall pay a full year's subscription to the MCR directly, and upon renewal of their status will pay their next year's subscription directly to the MCR."

**Suggested by: Ben Britton**  
**Seconded by: Christina Fuhr**

**For: 23**

**Result: Passed**

**Motion 3:** That both Gregory Balmain and Ines Usandizaga (Engineering Science 6 month placement) become MCR Associate Members.

**Suggested by: Michael Pekris**  
**Seconded by: Ben Britton**

**For: 23**

**Result: Passed**

**Motion 4:** That Malcom Spencer (Catz Alumni, now working in Catz Lodge) becomes a MCR Associate Member.

**Suggested by: Ben Britton**  
**Seconded by: Christina Fuhr**

**For:** 23

**Result:** Passed

**Motion 5:** Marie-Violaine Louvet (Maison Francaise) becomes a MCR Associate Member.

**Suggested by:** Ben Britton

**Seconded by:** Christina Fuhr

**For:** 23

**Result:** Passed

**Motion 6:** That the MCR will subsidise the MCR football team member's personal kit/equipment on condition that subsidies are sought for first from the amalgamated clubs and societies and upon being unsuccessful in acquiring subsidisation from these sources.

Kit value is £28, approximately 18 kits  
£10 subsidy per kit

**Suggested by:** Michael Pekris

**Seconded by:** Ben Britton

A lengthy discussion ensued highlighting the pros and cons for this motion

**For:** 15

**Against:** 3

**Abstain:** 5

**Result:** Passed

**Motion 7:** This MCR will amend the constitution as follows:

Article IV:

Replace: "The six executive officers" with "The seven executive officers".

Insert as section (g) and rename subsequent sections appropriately:

g) The Bar Manager shall be responsible for managing the bar; this shall include managing stock, prices and the bar committee. The Bar Manager shall liaise with the College Bar Manager on licensing issues and training of the Bar Committee. The Bar Manager will also work closely with the Social Secretaries to ensure that there is adequate provision for MCR social events.

**Suggested by: Ben Britton**  
**Seconded by: Christina Fuhr**

**For: 23**

**Result: Passed**

**Motion 8:** This MCR amends the constitution as follows:

Introduction of the following clause in Article IV, concerning the executive officers of the MCR committee:

j) A motion of censure can be brought against any MCR executive officer. This motion shall be a reprimand for misconduct, or failure to carry out their fair share of duties (as listed in this article); but shall not entail removal from the committee.

A motion of censure may be called by any executive officer and shall require a two thirds majority vote of the executive committee to pass. Specific reasons for censure and methods of rectification should be listed in the motion. Any censure shall remain confidential to the MCR executive committee, but at the next open meeting, the President shall name any censured executive committee members (omitting any details of the censure).

Should any officer of the MCR be censured, any MCR executive committee privileges shall be revoked for the duration of censure. These include (amongst others) any committee dining privileges and access to MCR keys. Should the censured member be considering utilising a right which involves preferential selection for college accommodation, this shall be stripped also.

Censure can be revoked once the committee is satisfied that the executive officer has been fulfilling their duties (as listed in the methods of rectification), as determined by a simple majority vote of the executive committee. A censure shall last for a maximum of four weeks (of full term) and can be renewed only once further (i.e. a maximum total duration of one term). At this point, if the committee is not satisfied that the executive officer has been fulfilling their duties, then a vote of no confidence shall be automatically entered into the next Open Meeting.

**For: 23**

**Result: Passed**

**6. Meeting finished at 21:30**