

St. Catherine's MCR Open Meeting, 25th January 2009

Call to order: 20:15

Executive Committee Present: Ben, Cristina, Méabh, Yuki, Christoph

MCR members: 23

1. Social secretary husting

Riquing Chen was the only member to put themselves forward for the position but did not show up. Husting cancelled and decision to re-open nominations for social secretary position made.

Christina Fuhr (co-president) campaigned for Konstantina Skourti-Stathaki who had made her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

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2.Co-president's report (Christina Fuhr)

It was announced to the floor that the MCR would soon be acquiring a water fountain, white board and curtains. It was also announced that the MCR plans to hold a Bop on the 6th of February. The MCR was asked to contribute to Bop theme suggestions and also notified that a DJ will be needed for anybody interested.

New bar system will be introduced which incorporates a cash free regime. Items purchased from the bar will be charged to MCR member's battles, utilising a log book to keep track of member's purchases.

The MCR will also introduce a second more expensive wine to its bar stock providing members with a higher quality wine to the house wine already provided for guest nights.

2. Academic committee's report (Jake)

There will be two seminars this term:

- 1) Culture
- 2) Technology and impact on your field

If you would like to present as part of the graduate academic series members must submit a 50-100 words summary on what you would like to talk about.

Abstracts must be submitted this time next week, 2-3 weeks required for arranging a venue.

4.Co-president's report (Ben Britton)

Motion arose about giving money to charity. Ben explained that the MCR is ineligible to do so.

OUSU affiliation debate proposed for next term.s

It is £900 (7%) to affiliate which enables St. Catherine's MCR to have votes on council and entrance to fresher's fair. Discussion

Access to the MCR will be back to normal on the 27th of January.

5. Treasurer's report (Yuki Hanyu)

Budget review:

£3,400 spent which included £1,000 on alcohol.

Garden party budget of approximately £1,500.

International pot-luck reminder, Feb

6. Open meeting motions and results:

Motion 1: The MCR will purchase a replacement copy of Mario Kart (£35) and a secure lockable cabinet (up to £100) with a combination lock for storing Wii games and accessories.

Suggested by: Ben Britton

Seconded by: Yuki Hanyu

A lengthy discussion ensued with suggestions including a sign in/sign out system for a key kept for the cabinet in the lodge.

Motion put forward in two parts:

- 1) For the purchase of a lockable cabinet with the key kept in the lodge with a sign in/sign out system:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Result: Passed

- 2) For the purchase of a new Mario Kart Wii game (costing approximately £20)

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

Result: Passed

Motion 2: The MCR requests a new plasma television for the MCR. In the first instance, we request that College (via the student liaison committee) pay for the replacement television.

Should college refuse to support the MCR by improving our facilities, the MCR will be willing to pay up to £1,500 for a new television.

Suggested by: Mathias Rufino

Seconded by: Christina Fuhr

A lengthy discussion ensued which resulted on amending the motion to specify the television as being a flat screen HD television with a budget of £1,000.

Motion 2 as amended: The MCR requests a new flat screen HD television for the MCR. In the first instance, we request that College (via the student liaison committee) pay for the replacement television.

Should college refuse to support the MCR by improving our facilities, the MCR will be willing to pay up to £1,000 for a new television.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 12

Result: Passed

Motion 3: The MCR feels that the two green sofas are worn, stained and incompatible with the other sofas in the MCR. The MCR requests that college (via the student liaison committee) replace these with new sofas which reflect the general aesthetic of the MCR.

Suggested by: Mathias Rufino

Seconded by: Christina Fuhr

Christina explained the motion to the MCR No objections raised.

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Passed

Motion 4: The MCR notes the popularity of the upcoming Cambridge exchange dinner and that guest rooms in college are very expensive (£27 per person per night). In order to make this exchange possible and to encourage such events in future, the MCR will subsidise exchange guests at our college by paying half of their room charges, which would total £81 (6 guests) for the night.

Suggested by: Ben Britton

Seconded by: Christina Fuhr

A quick explanation given by Ben and put to the floor.

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Passed

7. Any other business motion

International pot-luck reminder. Scheduled for some time in February.

8. Meeting finished at 21:25