

St. Catherine's MCR Open Meeting, 02.05. 2010

Call to order: 20:15

Executive Committee Present: Christoph Haase, Theresa Kevorkian , Christina Fuhr, Martin Westerberg, Hugh Taylor, Ruth Schuldiner, Pete Myall

Total MCR members: 15

1. Meatless Mondays

Christoph reported that meatless Mondays have been introduced now.

2. MCR Study Room

Christoph mentioned that an email will be sent round on Monday informing MCR students about the room that can be used as MCR study room. He further informed the present students that he wants to ask College to provide the MCR with one room in College that shall function as our designated graduate study room on a constant basis and about his request to College to extend the hours of the graduate study room and out of term use.

3. Newspapers and Magazines in the MCR

Theresa mentioned that the Economist has gone missing from the MCR a few times and asked that members should not remove MCR owned magazines and newspapers from the MCR.

Theresa also informed the MCR that the newspapers are not read in the MCR and suggested to remove the newspapers during the week.

Christina suggested ordering an additional magazine if the weekly newspapers are removed as magazines are read by students in the MCR.

Thus, the following motion was established and passed by the MCR:

Motion 1:

“The MCR will cancel the standing order for the newspapers during the week but keep the weekend newspapers and the magazines. It will also add another magazine. The MCR will be consulted as to which additional magazine shall be ordered.”

Suggested by: Theresa Kevorkian

Seconded by: Christoph Haase

For: 15

Against: --
Abstain: --
Result: Passed

4. Existing Motions

Motion 2:

That Sebastian Liebau and Ettore Barbieri become MCR Associate Members.

Sebastian Liebau:

"Dear members of the St. Catherine's College MCR,
Having been at Oxford for almost two years now, I feel that perhaps I have not made as much of the social opportunities as I might have done. I have been advised by everyone I have spoken to that St. Catherine's has the most active and friendly MCR, with people from all backgrounds studying a broad range of disciplines. This is an important issue for me, as I have felt restricted at Corpus, studying Clinical Medicine whilst almost everyone else studies the arts. I think the St. Catherine's MCR community would be a great fit for me, and would like to get involved in any way possible.
Thank you for your consideration,
Sebastian"

Ettore Barbieri:

"Dear Members of St Catherine's College MCR,

I'm writing to you because I would like to become an associate member of your college. Let me firstly introduce myself. I'm currently a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Oxford, in the Impact Engineering Team of the Solid Mechanics Group of the Department of Engineering Science.

I did my PhD in Bath (Mechanical Engineering), where my research was focused on novel computational techniques used in solid mechanics. Previously, I worked for one year as a research assistant at the University of Naples "Federico II", in Italy, where in 2006 I graduated in Aerospace Engineering. I moved to Oxford recently, but I already love the city and the atmosphere. Nevertheless, I'm convinced that to fully appreciate the magic of this city, one should enjoy life inside a college. At the same time, having moved to Oxford recently, I feel the need to socialize and make new friends, possibly affine to my personality. I am friendly, nice and open-minded, exactly like St. Catherine's college. That's why I chose St Catherine's college and why

I hope you will choose me as well. I know that that St Catherine's college is one of the liveliest and young colleges in Oxford and I very much agree on the college's mission of pursuing academic excellence and creative thinking. I then consider St Catherine as an ideal and stimulating environment that will best suits both my academic and social aspirations. Moreover, I hope to keep practising my favourite sport, football, and

hopefully play for the college's team.
Thank you very much for your attention,
Yours sincerely,

Ettore Barbieri”

Suggested by: Christina Fuhr
Seconded by: Christoph Haase

For: 15
Against: --
Abstain: --
Result: Passed

5. Any other business motion

Christoph reminded the present MCR members of the upcoming Hippie Bop.

7. Meeting finished at 20:45