

St Catherine's College Executive Committee

Open Meeting

Sunday, 12th October 2014

Members Present: 45

Executive Committee Present: Carla, Emma, Francesco, Jan, John, Pete, Stephanie.

Meeting Aims:

1. Minutes from Open Meeting 1st June 2014

1.1. Matters arising from minutes – None.

2. Approval of Associate Members:

2.1. Catharina Melzer – Erasmus Student from Germany staying in Catz until mid-November carrying out an internship at the Department of Biochemistry. Would like to become member of MCR for opportunity to get to know other students and to get involved in college.

2.1.1. Membership approved.

2.2. Pierre Gorisse – Student from France studying Comparative Law, with a focus on public law. Would like opportunity to become part of the MCR.

2.2.1. Membership approved.

2.3. Prune Decoux – French student from Bordeaux who is here is Oxford carrying out doctoral research. Applying for associate membership as would like to get involved with college life.

2.3.1 Membership Approved.

3. Election of Regular Officers:

3.1. OUSU Graduate Committee Officer

3.1.1. Candidates:

- Alice Wang - From New Zealand and undertaking an MPhil in Developmental Economics. Was quite involved in student advocacy in Auckland being one of two individuals that between them represented 44,000 students. Would be a privilege to be the new OUSU Graduate Committee Officer.

- Aedan Pillai – From Malaysia and undertaking an MPhil in International Relations. Involved in student governance in High School. Main emphasis on taking what happens in OUSU back to college and making people more aware and engaged.

3.1.2. Questions:

• Linda Geaves– Is there anything in particular that you would like to promote in OUSU, for example like last year when there was a focus on abolishing the minimum financial guarantee. Is there anything specific like that that you would bring to the table?

- Alice – Very supportive of making things easier for people in getting things sorted. Large part of role will be learning and understanding in first couple of weeks as Oxford system could be different from how things would work in previous university.

- Aedan – Echoes Alice. Need to figure out what OUSU is doing and trying to understand how students can benefit from it.

- Pete Forsyth – There is a general Ambivalence towards OUSU in Oxford. People don't really care about it. What do you think about this?

- Alice – Ambivalence is largely because people aren't informed and people don't know why it is relevant. Need to know what aspects of it Catz can have an impact; which avenues would be the best way forward. Communication key; need to decipher old school system.

- Aedan – Imperative that we know what OUSU is doing for us to ensure everyone is informed so when something is going on that people know about it. Critical that person in that role can do this.

3.1.3 – Result of vote: Alice 27 votes; Aedan 12 votes. Alice deemed elected.

3.2 LGBTQ Officer

3.2.1 – Candidate:

- Selali Fiamanya– Fourth year student; would bring sense of continuity. As LGBTQ rep would make sure to liaise with JCR, other MCRs, organize crew dates and engage with university on broader issues. Queer fest at Wadham great event and would make sure MCR members were well-informed about this and try to get good ticket deals. More broadly, would open up the role through having events such as film nights either in MCR or in JCR film theatre and have a semi-formal discussion group.

3.2.2 – Questions: None

3.2.3 – Result of Vote – Majority vote in favour; deemed elected.

3.3 Sports & Leisure Officer

3.3.1 – Candidate:

- Julian Malisano – Australian student who has just started his DPhil. Sees sport a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other. Have events both here in MCR and with the JCR and other colleges MCR's. Examples could be competitions, Ping-Pong and darts (Suggestion from the floor of croquet by Linda). The picnic in the park was cool so could organize more events such as Frisbee and Viking chess, or in the summer a paintball day. Would listen to what people want to do. Would also hold TV sports nights with beers and pizza.

3.3.2 – Questions: None

3.3.3 – Result of Vote – Majority vote in favour; deemed elected.

3.4 Environmental Officer

3.4.1 - Candidate

- William Beuckelaers – First year DPhil student already in environmental sector. Thinks there are a lot of good things we could do with small adaptations such as small recycling bin and battery recycling.

3.4.2 – Questions:

- Nauman Syed – Any plans for taking on sustainability issues at wider level in college
- William: Start with MCR and see how things go.

3.4.3 – Result of vote – Majority vote in favour; deemed elected

3.5 Merchandise and Gadget Officer

3.5.1 – Candidates:

- Fleur Stolker– First year MSc student. Hates public speaking but likes designing!
- Jennifer Byram – put forward by Katharine Biddle. Did art at undergrad. Really interested in the area and collaboration. Having a design competition would be awesome.

3.5.2 Questions/Comments (made before Jennifer was put forward):

- Becky Martin – What sort of merchandise do you want?
- Fleur - Need to do research before she decides.
- Linda Geaves – Should do things like hoodies – could have hoody competition. Linda currently wearing a hoody from a previous year that was the result of a design competition.
- Serkan Birgel – Should design Catz USB sticks to hang off key chain.

3.5.3 – Result of Vote: Jennifer 21 Votes; Fleur 18 votes. Jennifer Deemed Elected.

3.6 4th Year Undergraduate Representative:

- No candidate put forth.

4. AOB

4.1. Bar Training:

- Emma Osborn - If you would like bar training to allow you to serve at the MCR bar, please go to bar directly after the meeting.

4.2 Ghost Tour:

- John Kenny – There have been some cancellations for tonight's ghost tour. If you would like to take up any of these spots, please go talk to Wojtek.