

# ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Ainsworth Graduate Center Top Floor

Committee Members Present:

Co-President: Felice Wallner

Co-President: Jeremy Sontchi

Secretary: Laurence Peinturier

Treasurer: Maximilian Langefeld

Social Secretary: Michael Hinz

Social Secretary: Vaibhav Mahajan

Catz House Rep: Katy Degtiareva

Assistant Bar Manager: Hannah Geddes

LGBTQIA+ Welfare Rep: Sunny Pydugadu

Academic Officer: Joanna Kramer

Minutes Taken by Laurence Peinturier

## A. MINUTES

### 1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup> 2023: <https://mcr.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Open-Meeting-March-5-2023.pdf>

Minutes approved.

## **2. Updates from the MCR Committee**

### **1. Trinity Termcard**

- Jeremy: Please refer to email sent out by Co-Presidents with the trinity termcard. This term events will include karaoke nights, May the 4<sup>th</sup> (be with you) Graduate student dinner (followed by casino/star wars themed event in the MCR) and many other events!
- Felice: Graduate student dinner: you can still sign up until tomorrow (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Jeremy: We will also have the garden party at the end of term, date to be confirmed yet, but it will most probably be end of week 8/week 9. Hopefully it will be outside!
- Felice: Any additional update on the trinity termcard will be announced in the weekly bulletins or by our social secretaries.

### **2. Catz House Common Room**

- Felice: We have been waiting for this for a long time! Bit of context: Catz house had no common space. College turned 2-3 single rooms into a big space, open for all Catz house residents (and only Catz house residents since it requires key card access which non-Catz House student do not have).
- Jeremy: We had an inauguration pizza party a week ago, put up decorations, etc. We will also get more boards games and the MCR TV will be moved to Catz House, since we will be receiving the new MCR TV shortly!

### **3. Outdoor and Indoor Study Space**

- Felice: Trinity term will be for exams and thesis writing for most master students. The MCR is not a quiet space. However, we want to open up the ground floor of the building as a new study space so that people can go down there if the upstairs floor is full and too loud. And we might also install an outdoor study space with just a few tables and a small gazebo (2-4 people capacity).
- Jeremy: We are meeting with College next week. It will probably be ready for the last half of term.
- Felice: Also it might depend on conferences as well.

- Hannah: We received an email about extending quiet hours. Any specific times in mind?
- Jeremy: We didn't want to put any specific time. College rule is 11 pm to 8 am. We are expecting the Dean to send out a more detailed email with specific regulations from College for exam season. We didn't want to put any specifications that might contradict the Dean's rules.
- Felice: Also, fyi, if someone is violating the hours, just go to porter's lodge and report them.

### **3. Approval of Associate and Honorary MCR Members**

The MCR has the option of giving membership to Alumni, Visiting students and spouses of current students. Applicants must contact the Secretary for this. Associate and Honorary Members must be approved by the MCR in an Open Meeting. Four applications need to be approved:

- Diana Tlalmis Guzman – Partner of MCR member - TT23
- Alexander Julian – Partner of MCR member - TT23
- Maksim Okunev – Partner of MCR member - TT23
- Valentin (Jakob) Bacher – Recognized visiting student - TT23

**Associate/Honorary memberships approval called to vote: passed with a majority (25 for, 1 abstain)**

### **B. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Felice: About the gym motion that was passed in Michaelmas term: we still haven't heard back. We pass the motions to the student liaison meetings; we have one coming soon, we will follow up again on this matter.

Meeting adjourned 7:27 pm