

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 14 March, 2011, 18:00 in MCR

Present: Sophie, Tom, Dan, Chris, Mélodie, Aaron, John

Apologies: Blaine, Niamh, Owen

Agenda:

1. Next year's rents
2. New software for college computers
3. College centre building project – consequences for the MCR, bar, May Ball
4. MCR finance report by the treasurer
5. Graduate events organised by 'MCR Events'
6. St Patrick's Day formal and bop
7. Midsummer Dinner
8. BBQ for South Green Lodge residents

1. Next year's rents

- The senior bursar has proposed raising rents by 7% for the next year. The JCR will be countering this recommended increase with a proposal for 5.5%. As there are no upgrades to graduate residences for this year, the MCR will suggest that the same increase may not be justified.
- South Green Lodge residents will pay an additional £10 for the use of washers/dryers. Additionally, there is some discussion about charging residents in newer Russell Street accommodations at a higher rate in future years.
- TOM will ask the senior bursar in their next meeting what is to be done with the additional revenue. It was noted that changes in rent will be felt keenly by both those students not on funding, and those who will not see an increase in their funding over the same period.

2. New software for college computers

- As the college is reviewing the software it currently offers in the computer labs, any suggestions for additional programs should be forwarded to SOPHIE.
- The A3 printer will not be replaced, due to lack of usage.

3. College centre building project

- In the event that the college building project proceeds (to be decided on Friday, 18 March), the college has proposed that the MCR function as a joint MCR-JCR-bar space. The committee expressed support for the plan – however, concern was expressed about open access to the room during the day.

- With the closure of chapel court and the use of main court during construction, the college has proposed postponing the St Catharine's College May Ball from 2012 to 2013, and holding a smaller June event in its place. The committee expressed support for this plan.

4. MCR finance report by the treasurer

- The Burns Night formal did not earn money for the committee this year. With the request for tablecloths, ticket prices could have been raised by £1.
- Formals have created a £104 surplus.

5. Graduate events organised by 'MCR Events'

- Event organisers previously employed by the GU have created their own events group separate from both unions. CUSU and the GU will continue to manage their own events.
- The committee agreed to promote events by both organisations through email notices in order to ensure that Catz MCR members have the greatest possible selection of events.

6. St Patrick's Day formal and bop

- This event will take place this weekend. Pre-dinner drinks will take place in the Ramsden Room. Dress code is black-tie.
- The committee will meet to decorate at 15:00, and to prepare pre-dinner drinks at 18:00.

7. Midsummer Dinner

- Midsummer Dinner has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 26 June. The hall and bar have been booked for these days, as well as the Ramsden Room for pre-dinner drinks and the SCR for post-dinner drinks.
- The committee was asked to brainstorm ideas for entertainment, themes, and setup in preparation for the next meeting.

8. BBQ for South Green Lodge residents

- South Green Lodge residents have requested financial assistance from the MCR committee in purchasing a new BBQ.
- The committee recommended that residents provide a quote, and the MCR will write a cheque to assist with the purchase.

The meeting closed at 19:00.

These notes were taken by the secretary.