



MCR Committee, St. Catharine's College

Meeting held on **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

## MINUTES

### **Present**

Michael Rivera (Co-President), Ravi Raninga (Co-President), David Wade (Treasurer), Charlotte Northop (Welfare Officer), Helene Mobbs (Education Officer), James Elderfield (Computing Officer), Izzy Everall (Social Secretary), David Battersby (Formal Hall Officer)

### **Absence with apologies**

Rachel Lai (Secretary), Erin Oerton (Social Secretary), Marcus Fantham (Food and Drink Officer)

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Michael Rivera. The Co-Presidents recorded the minutes.

38	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HM and EO asked to check minutes were accurate</li> <li>• EO had a few minor things to correct – RL worked on them and JE uploading them on the website shortly</li> <li>• MR successfully acquired Midsummer Dinner photos, but realised no matriculation photo for the 2014/15 incoming graduates – order already put in for later this week</li> <li>• Welcome Pack was finished and distributed shortly afterwards</li> <li>• MR/RR need to let next year's Committee know Welcome Pack ideally should be sent out a week or two earlier than we did</li> <li>• MR/RR to remind that Rosie needs to explicitly invite Freshers to their Matriculation Dinner instead of relying on Welcome Pack</li> <li>• MCR parents all allocated children, and to let DB know if they can attend by Oct 5</li> <li>• MR/RR to prepare survey or form to ask who wants a locker in College, stating their dimensions</li> <li>• all Freshers' events to be discussed at the next (non-open) meeting on Oct 1</li> </ul>	
----	---	--

39	<p><u>Inaugural Catz MCR Symposium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MR/RR announced the first MCR Symposium to take place on Saturday, February 27th, 2016, 9am-5pm</li> <li>• McGrath Centre – 100 to 150 attendees</li> <li>• three sessions – arts, sciences, humanities</li> <li>• posters, talks and a few keynote speakers</li> <li>• inquiring about catering, sponsorship</li> <li>• planning the call for abstracts/see if anyone wants to help with the organization</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR/RR to keep working on the organization of the Symposium</p>	MR RR
40	<p><u>Michaelmas term budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DW has budget reports from last year, however they do not include MCR subsidies for formals (this causing the biggest ‘non-reconciliation’)</li> <li>• Bursar not happy with MCR overspending every year, eating into the ‘contingency pot’</li> <li>• last year, subsidy kept the same, but price of formal increased</li> <li>• this year, perhaps price of formal stays the same, but reduce the subsidy?</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> DB and DW to meet with Simon and Catering soon and discuss the financial aspects of formal</p>	DB DW
41	<p><u>MCR Clothes Swap</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CN suggested some sort of clothes swap</li> <li>• beginning of term, after freshers’ events (especially the bop)</li> <li>• perhaps all excess clothes donate to charity?</li> <li>• incorporate this into a treats on Oct. 25 as well and have a charity box too</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> CN to put together this MCR clothes swap/charity event tied with treats</p>	CN
42	<p><u>Additions to the MCR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MR suggested getting a newspaper rack for £12</li> <li>• maybe another blade from Peter Wothers for the MCR</li> <li>• maybe some paintings or photographs, tied in with a photography competition?</li> <li>• MR has consulted with Maintenance and they are happy to install fittings</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR to continue investigating ways of sprucing up the MCR</p>	MR

43	<p><u>Review of College policies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RR and CN have arranged to see Paul Hartle soon about going through the College policies to make amendments to the sections on sexual harassment and/or bullying.</li> <li>• perhaps Ellie Chan and Natasha Watts may have insights on the recent policy's establishment</li> <li>• CUSU is somebody that may be approached too to see if current policies University-wide are satisfactory</li> <li>• JCR good to invite to get behind this too</li> <li>• important to find a specific person in College, a 'professional Welfare Officer' of sorts, who can be somebody to approach</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> RR and CN to meet with Paul Hartle, and run it by our former Co-Presidents, CUSU, the JCR and potentially other fellows/staff around College, and to give us an update in October's Open Meeting</p>	RR CN
44	<p><u>Airbeds at Russell Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rudolph Ng asked the Committee why there are no airbeds in Russell Street</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR/RR to assign a designated person to be 'in charge of' each graduate accommodation's airbed and its whereabouts</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR to purchase a new airbed (or cheaper alternative options)</p>	MR RR
45	<p><u>Christmas formal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB let us know that JCR booked their Christmas formal on an MCR Thursday</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> DB to e-mail Ella Purkiss and JCR Committee to try and make sure we do not have such situations arise once more</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> DB to confirm whether the MCR Christmas formal will fall on the 5th or 12th</p>	DB
46	<p><u>Feedback for formal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Presidents asked about the feedback system, now that summer formals are over</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> JE and DB to follow up with MF on how this is going</p>	JE DB MF
47	<p><u>College Consultative Committee Meeting</u></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> As the CCC meeting is approaching, ALL Committee to let MR/RR know of any larger issues we should bring up to the Dean, Bursar, <i>etc.</i></p>	ALL

48	<p><u>By-election</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fedir Kiskin asked when there will be a by-election</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR/RR to plan out the schedule for bi-election of Green and External Officer</p>	MR RR
49	<p><u>Sky subscription for TV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosie Brown asked about why there is no Sky subscription in the MCR</li> <li>CN said it is something that has been looked at in the past but for some reason has not been followed through</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> JE to see about the price of a Sky subscription with DW and see about installing Sky for the MCR if it's at a reasonable price</p>	JE DW
50	<p><u>Representatives for each graduate residence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosie Brown asked whether we have someone at each graduate residence that could be a go-to person in cases where maintenance might be necessary</li> <li>RR volunteered to be the representative for Russell Street</li> <li>CN volunteered to be a representative for South Green Lodge</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MR/RR to think about who should be representatives at each residence</p>	MR RR

There being no further items to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting to be held on **1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 6:00-7:00pm** at the Pantons Arms.