



MCR Committee, St. Catharine's College

Meeting held on **Sunday, April 24th, 2016**

MINUTES

Present

Michael Rivera (Co-President), Ravi Raninga (Co-President), David Wade (Treasurer), Charlotte Northrop (Welfare Officer), Helene Mobbs (Education Officer), James Elderfield (Computing Officer), Alex Scott (Green Officer), Erin Oerton (Social Secretary), Izzy Overall (Social Secretary), David Battersby (Formal Hall Officer)

Absence with apologies

Rachel Lai (Secretary), Joe Cooper (External Officer), Marcus Fantham (Food and Drink Officer)

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Michael Rivera and Ravi Raninga. The meeting was minuted by Michael Rivera.

124	<p><u>Report from Buildings and Services Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that the bike thefts at Barton Road are being addressed by the College in a number of ways: graduates are allowed to keep their valuable bikes inside the house behind locked doors, and a new bike shed will be installed in the backyard over the coming months • MR: there is an Environment Committee meeting on May 4 • MR: there is a Health and Safety meeting on May 18 	
125	<p><u>Suggestions for RR/MR's discussion points with College</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR and MR invited Committee to submit topics to discuss in a series of upcoming meetings, including the College Consultative Committee meeting, a meeting with the Graduate Tutors, and a larger meeting with them and the Senior Tutor and Graduate Administrator • Committee inquired when the meeting with the Graduate Tutors' meeting was exactly, as the invitation was also extended to everyone • DW suggested talking about rents • DB/IE/CN put forward the motion to readjust the roles of the Formal Hall Officer and External Officer, as the formal hall swaps with other Colleges may be too major a responsibility for the FHO alone 	MR RR DB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN suggested amending the Constitution to reflect these adjustments, after College get on board with the idea of this too, as well as to add the Education Officer's role to the Constitution <p>ACTION: MR/RR to e-mail Graduate Tutors to clarify date of meeting</p> <p>ACTION: MR/RR to talk to College about amending the Constitution to adjust the roles of External Officer and Formal Hall Officer, as well as add the Education Officer to the list of official roles that make up the MCR Committee</p> <p>ACTION: DB to send suggestions to RR/MR on what precise terms to adjust in terms of his role and the role of the External Officer</p>	
126	<p><u>Annual Election arrangements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR and MR plan to put out a call for manifestos in early May • CN encourages all Committee members to start talking to people about their interest in being part of the Committee, and especially vetting good candidates for the larger roles such as President, Treasurer and Formal Hall Officer • While there was some talk about moving the date of the Midsummer Dinner to accommodate all Committee members, DB and EO stated that it is near impossible to move it, as there is also an Acheson-Grey Alumni Sports Day and May Ball occurring in that week • EO asked for theme ideas for the Midsummer Dinner – ideas on the table were solstice theme, or Prohibition/jazz theme <p>ACTION: All Committee to begin talking to MCR members and scout out good candidates for all committee roles</p> <p>ACTION: RR/MR/RL to poll the Committee on when is best to hold an open meeting, to give MCR members a chance to ask questions of the Committee if they are interested in running in the election (during the week of Monday, May 23)</p> <p>ACTION: RR/MR/RL to poll the Committee on when is best to hold hustings between Monday, June 13 and Thursday, June 16</p> <p>ACTION: JC to set up the election to run immediately after Hustings finishes (for 72 hours of voting), so as to be ready to announce the next Committee before the Midsummer Dinner on Sunday, June 19</p> <p>ACTION: All committee to send Midsummer Dinner theme ideas to EO/IE</p> <p>ACTION: RR to look into getting a jazz band for a possible Prohibition theme</p> <p>ACTION: RR/MR to think about arranging the handover BBQ</p>	ALL RR MR RL JC

127	<p><u>Welfare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN asked the Committee for ideas on stress-relieving events we could hold this term • MR: pizza night • CN/AS: community gardening • RR: adult colouring books • HM: bubble wrap (university-wide event currently planned by the GU on May 13) • CN: arts/crafts, mindfulness, puppies <p>ACTION: CN to send out an e-mail with a reminder of services that might help graduates with stress management (to do with exams and deadline this term)</p> <p>ACTION: CN to continue liaising with Committee and other bodies to determine what stress relief events may be feasible</p>	CN
128	<p><u>Treasurer's report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW stated that any outstanding receipts have been sorted, and that the Q3 accounts have been sent to the College Accounts Office already 	
129	<p><u>Heritage Talks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Oliver and Jean Thomas still confirmed for May 13 and June 3 respectively • These will take place in the SCR (47 guests and the 1 speaker) • Inviting a certain number of Fellows to alleviate costs (Fellows will be charged directly through their dining rights) <p>ACTION: HM to liaise with DB, the two speakers and College to continue the plans for these</p>	HM
130	<p><u>Green Officer's report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS informed the Committee that the JCR and MCR have won the second consecutive lot of Ben & Jerry's ice-cream from the Student Switch-Off Campaign and asked for ideas on how to distribute it • Committee in agreement that we keep the ice-cream and do not do a joint event with the JCR • JE suggested that some expression of environmental awareness should be necessary for MCR members to get their ice-cream <p>ACTION: AS to organise an MCR event (perhaps another vegetarian dinner) for the purposes of celebrating this win</p>	AS

131	<p><u>Social secretaries' report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing much to report besides the plans for the Midsummer Dinner <p>ACTION: EO/IE to book photographer for Midsummer Dinner</p> <p>ACTION: EO/IE to think about organising some barbecues for when the weather gets warmer</p>	EO IE
132	<p><u>Formal Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB has booked 2 formals every month in July, August and September, to take place in the SCR with 48 people maximum (including the Fellow dining) • One of these summer formals will be a murder mystery night hopefully 	
133	<p><u>May Ball piano</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR asked to pass on a request from the College May Ball President – the Design team would like to store an upright piano in the lower bit of the MCR for several weeks, in preparation for an event at the May Ball • Committee agreed that there is space there but we should stipulate that we cannot vouch for its safety, particularly because it will get played by graduates perusing the common room • Committee aware that previous May Balls have used the MCR as a green room for the acts and equipment to be in during the May Ball, so that should be clarified with the May Ball Committee too • CN shared that two years ago, they had the lower bit of the MCR locked up, as our TV sound systems are expensive and should be protected <p>ACTION: MR to communicate these details to the May Ball Committee, with particular focus on the legal aspects of the agreement between them and the College with regards to protecting on-site buildings and property, including the MCR</p>	MR

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

Next open meeting (including questions with Committee) will be polled and communicated online.