

Murray Edwards MCR Meeting -13th of May 2013

Present: Tehnuka Ilanko (Co-President), Maryam Serajiantehrani (VP), Janja Soldo (Treasurer), Hannah Haberkern (Computer Officer), Katharine Moore (Secretary), Catherine Taylor (Social), Katy Hedgethorn (Social), Nishtha Lamba (Social), Irushinie Wedage (Green Officer), Jelena Illic (General).

Apologies: Itxaso Barriuso (General), Annie Yue Zeng (Social), Hima Balachandran (Welfare).

1. Change of committee and upcoming elections. (Tehnuka)

- Stacey-Jo has stepped down as co-president. Tehnuka can still be contacted at mcr-president@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.
- It was agreed that the second Tuesday of June (11th) would be the best date for electing the next MCR committee.
- All positions will be vacant for potential applicants.
- The committee has been encouraged to talk to potential applicants to give them an idea of what it is like to be a part of the MCR committee.
- Tehnuka will send out an email to the graduate students to inform them of the dates of the elections and how to apply.

2. CUSU updates (Tehnuka)

- A proposed change in the structure of College Fees has been developed through discussions by the Bursars' Committee.
- There are no student representatives on this committee.
- CUSU resolved to condemn this process in Lent term. The issue is now with a University committee, which does take student input.

3. GU update (Tehnuka)

- Last Friday, the GU president was voted out of office by the GU council with a vote of no confidence.
- Appointment of a new trustee board to follow.

4. Bookshelf and magazines for MCR (Katy)

- A suggestion was made by Judith to display the books currently stored in the MCR cupboard for member of the MCR to borrow.
- The idea was well received and it was decided that a small bookcase could be purchased from gumtree or freecycle by Katy.
- Jelena (film rep) suggested buying new DVDs for the MCR which would appeal to a large proportion of the MCR. A budget of £30 was agreed.

- Katy suggested having magazine subscriptions for the MCR. It was decided that student input would be useful in choosing magazines; Katy will make up a list of possibilities which could be put to students through a poll and at the open meeting.
- Also, currently stored in the MCR cupboard are pictures of past MCR committees. It was thought that it would be a good idea to display these photos in Canning and Eliza.
- Tehnuka to ask Itxaso (art rep) about arrangements to hang the photos.

5. MCR Brunch -19/5/13 (Katy)

- Katy is organising an informal brunch for members of the MCR on Sunday the 19th of May.
- An email will be sent out to see approximately how many people will want to attend before ordering the food.

6. MCR BBQ- 23rd of June (Katy)

- The MCR BBQ will be held on the 23rd of June will both the outgoing and incoming MCR committees jointly organising the event.
- There is a possibility of further BBQs with guest colleges later in the summer.

7. Storage space (Janja)

- Suggestion that some stationary for MCR committee business could be stored in the MCR cupboard or drawers- low cost items only e.g. envelopes, sellotape, etc.
- Idea well received. Committee leaving can donate excess stationery, pens, pencils, etc.
- Janja to organise a box of stationery.

8. Printing (Maryam)

- Whilst on the MCR committee it is sometimes necessary to print a large number of documents relating to MCR business.
- It would be convenient if these pages did not come from individual printing credits but rather from a joint MCR printing budget.
- Hannah will contact the computer office to see if an MCR account can be set up with a set amount of MCR money which 3 or 4 people can access.
- Other suggestions for the computing office include sending the MCR a termly bill for printing costs incurred from MCR business.

9. Fundraising

- The new college president would like ideas for improving the college with money raised from fundraising and potential donors. E.g .refurbishment of certain areas of college, student grants etc.
- These ideas will be used to present to potential donors.

- Any proposals to be sent to Maryam.

10. AOB

- 60th anniversary of College is next year. Upcoming meeting on the 30th of May to discuss organisation of anniversary events. Any committee members wishing to attend can let Tehnuka know.
- Catering meeting (Maryam)- It was agreed that out of term time, grads will be able to eat with staff in the dome during kitchen closure. The agreed terms are: half an hour for dinner each day over Christmas, and summer lunch and dinner in the dome.
- Any committee members who have attended a College meeting and not sent in a summary of points relevant to the MCR to do so ahead of next meeting.

Next meeting: 27th of May TBC.