

## **Murray Edwards MCR Open Meeting and Elections- 11/06/13**

### 1. Updates from the committee

#### **Maryam (VP)**

- This year the committee have had several accommodation meetings with College to discuss rent changes.
- The new College President is looking for goals for fundraising. The MCR have suggested more grad and couples accommodation, subsidies towards accommodation, and more financial support and bursaries for graduates.
- The graduate dining room can be booked by graduates as a study space. If there is sufficient demand from graduates, College may consider refurbishing the room. There is wifi available in the room, although it is not always reliable. The room can be booked by contacting [events@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk](mailto:events@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk).
- Lockers should be ready before the beginning of next term. It is likely that the porters will keep the keys to sign out when required; lockers will be ordered once this is confirmed.

#### **Janja (Treasurer)**

- This year the committee has spent £2,200 of its budget on wine for formal. Travel grants cost the MCR £2,000; we received applications for, and awarded, 22 grants.
- Various social events such as bops and MCR brunches were also paid for by the MCR.

#### **Katy and Catherine (Social Secs)**

- Katy organised the graduate symposium which took place at the beginning of Easter term.
- Two recent MCR brunches proved popular.
- Katy and Catherine have organised 14 formal swaps with other colleges this year.
- The summer formal last year was a huge success with 12 guest colleges attending.
- There have been two bops as well as all the freshers' events.
- An MCR trip to London was organised by Katy before Christmas.

#### **Irushinie (Green Officer)**

- An environmental action committee was set up by the JCR and MCR, which resulted in an environmental policy being created for the college.
- The MCR and JCR have swapped allotments. Our MCR allotment is now located behind Canning and Eliza.
- Canning and Eliza now has mixed recycling so that all types of recyclables can be put into any of the kitchen recycling bins.
- For the first two terms, food donations were collected from students for Jimmy's night shelter. From this term we will have a permanent collection points for donations to the British Heart Foundation.
- A candlelit formal was held in green week to raise awareness of energy wastage.

- The switch off campaign has been running all year across the University. This term Murray Edwards won and the prize is £250 towards the garden party.

#### **Hannah (Computer Officer)**

- The MCR website and facebook page are updated regularly with details of current events in the MCR and important information for grads. This includes details on formal hall pricing, Dome opening hours etc.; it also has a calendar of events.

#### **Hima (Welfare)**

- The C-Card scheme is underway and being coordinated with the JCR. This provides free condoms and sex advice to students. The JCR run registration and students who register can get free condoms from a number of pick-up sites.
- Hima has been involved with helping students with difficult academic or personal circumstances and helping them get the help they need from College and their departments. The University Counselling Service is also available for support.

#### 2. Graduate Tutors (Tehnuka)

- CUSU is looking into improving welfare provision across colleges. The College would like graduates to make more use of their graduate tutors, and encourage contact between graduates and their grad tutors at least once a term to check nothing is wrong and to build up a relationship so that students feel comfortable approaching tutors for help when needed.

#### 3. MCR Bookcase (Tehnuka)

- A bookcase has been purchased by the MCR to store books and board games. There are also more books, games and DVDs in the MCR cupboard.
- They are there for grads to enjoy, so please make use of them.
- Also, if there are any graduates leaving at the end of the term and want to leave some of their books they can be donated to the MCR.

#### 4. Attack alarms (Tehnuka)

- These can be purchased from the porters at a cost of £2.50.

#### 5. Upcoming Socials (Tehnuka)

- The MCR BBQ will be held on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.
- The summer formal will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### 6. Magazine subscriptions (Katy)

- The MCR is considering subscribing to magazines.
- Any ideas should be sent to the social secretary and Katy will look into arranging free trials to see how popular they are.

## **ELECTIONS**

All positions were uncontested so the following nominations were all elected.

Nominations:

President- Catherine Taylor

Vice president- Maryam Serajiantehrani

Treasurer- Katy Hedgethorpe

Secretary- Manuela Gross

Social Secretary- Karishma Patel

Welfare Officer- Silja-Riin Voolma

Other positions will remain vacant until filled by volunteers or the elections in Michaelmas. The remaining positions are:

Social Secretary x3

Green Officer

Computer officer

General member x2