

MCR Meeting 18th August 2013

Present: Catherine Taylor (President), Karishma Patel (Social Secretary), Manuela Groß (Secretary),

Apologies: Katy Hedgethorpe (Treasurer), Maryam Serajiantehrani (Vice-President), Silja-Riin Voolma (Welfare)

1.) MCR committee hoodies:

The MCR committee will order hoodies for the committee members for the next academic year which should arrive before Fresher's week. Colours and designs were discussed and the hoodies will be ordered as soon as possible by Catherine. If affordable, the committee will also buy T-shirts in the same design, to be more flexible with weather.

2.) Fresher's arrivals:

Rosann (tutorial office) will collect the committee's mobile numbers and contact the committee members to welcome newly arrived Freshers at College and to show them around. However, many committee members will be out of Cambridge until mid of first week in October and only available after they come back. The committee will do their best to give a warm welcome to all new graduate students.

3.) Fresher's week schedule (3rd to 13th October):

A schedule for upcoming fresher's events planned by the MCR has been agreed upon and the finalised schedule will be sent to College by Catherine. The Fresher's planning meeting with College is on 19th September, and somebody from the MCR will attend (needs to be decided). Matriculation will be on 4th October and the MCR committee will be attending the matriculation dinner.

The MCR is planning a joint Fresher's event with other hill colleges (9th October, Churchill, Fitzwilliam, St. Edmunds) and Karishma will take care of contacting the colleges and organisation. No MCR events are planned on the evening of 12th October, but there is a possibility to organise going to a bop or a club night (Karishma).

4.) Summer formal feedback:

The event was very well received and the MCR heard lots of good feedback for the formal (good food, good fun).

Maybe we should organise a microphone for the next formal for saying grace and speeches, as it was very difficult to understand.

Some concerns were brought up about the bar: there was very little variety at the bar (beer & wine only) and the bar was not open for long enough as we finished late with the dinner.

Suggestions were made to keep the bar open for longer (midnight), and to offer a greater variety of drinks. It was suggested to open the JCR bar for selling liquors and run a bar in the walkway (beer & wine), to abide with the safety regulations (max. 100 people in the JCR bar).

The MCR is also looking into the possibility to organise a smaller formal hall with a couple of guest colleges during out of term time at the end of Michaelmas or beginning of Lent term (13th December was a favourite).