

Minutes of the MCR committee meeting, 16th October 2013

Present: Catherine Taylor (President), Katy Hedgethorpe (Treasurer), Manuela Groß (Secretary).

Apologies: Karishma Patel (Social Sec.), Silja-Riin Voolma (Welfare), Maryam Serajiantehrani (Vice President).

1.) Vice president (VP) position

Maryam (current VP) will be on intermission and away from Cambridge for Michaelmas term 2013. The committee is going to distribute the VP's duties among committee members until we have further notice if/when Maryam will be taking up her post again.

The committee will need to cover her duties during her absence which include:

- a) MCR private room bookings (will be covered by Secretary & Computing Officer),
- b) stocking general consumables etc. in MCR (will be covered by everybody)
- c) attend certain meetings in College (will be distributed among committee members)
- d) cover president's duties in case of her absence/unavailability.

As Catherine will be away from Cambridge from 29th October for 2 weeks, Katy was nominated to take over MCR President's duties and business for this period.

2.) Elections and Open Meeting

The elections for vacant positions in the MCR committee will be held on Monday, 28th October 2013 at 7.30 pm together with this term's MCR Open Meeting.

All members of the MCR are invited to attend and to stand for election for open positions.

Vacant positions for this year are:

- Computing Officer
- Green Officer
- Social Secretary (3 positions)
- General Member (2 positions)

Candidates standing for a position need to be nominated by 2 members of the MCR (1 nominator, 1 seconder) and pin a signed candidature sheet on the MCR board before Saturday, 26th October.

Catherine informed the MCR about the upcoming Open meeting and election procedures via e-mail. Manuela will collect notifications from people standing for election.

Karishma will be organising a social event next week and inform people about committee work as well.

3.) Winter Formal

The MCR is planning to hold a winter event for Grad students who will be staying after the end of full term this year.

The date for the event has been set for 12th December (Thursday). The committee wants to organise a themed Formal Hall in the Dome, however these plans might be subject to change, depending on catering pricing for the event.

Alternatives to Formal Hall would be an event in the MCR or organising a dinner in a restaurant. This will be discussed and arranged as soon as more information from catering is available.

4.) Ents for year 2013/14

College wants to know about planned MCR events for the academic year as soon as possible. Apart from a couple of fixed yearly events (BBQ etc.), the committee will try to plan events ahead for the year as soon as the new committee is elected. We hope to pass on the information to College about planned events after the first meeting of the new committee in November.

5.) College MCR Hoodies

Also this year the MCR is offering the possibility to buy Hoodies or T-shirts in this year's MCR colour, with embroidered College crest and writing on the left front side. Hoodies will cost 22 GBP, T-shirts 15 GBP. An e-mail with info has been sent out to the MCR by Manuela and orders will be collected by her.

The order will be placed early November so that they will arrive before the end of Michaelmas Term.