MCR Committee Meeting Minutes

3 November 2016

Intro

* Any issues with our specific committee email addresses, let Antonia know
  + Send your committee-related emails to [postgraduates@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduates@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk)
  + When emailing the graduate community, use your committee email address
    - By adding your committee email to your Hermes account, you can send email from the committee address
* General members:
  + Can have specific email addresses and roles; that is up to you!
* Your pigeonhole should be labeled with your committee position; if there is no updated label, please check with the porters
* When Antonia sends emails that ask for your response, PLEASE respond (even with a “I am too busy, I can’t, etc.”)

Upcoming Socials/Other MCR Events

* Antonia will be emailing a list of the events currently scheduled
* Movie Nights
  + Can use a projector for movie night
* Fri. 11th November: Informal St. Edmunds Swap
* Tues. 15th Emmanuel Swap \*incoming
* Potential LGBT+ during Week 6
* Wed. 22nd November: Mixed Formal with the Fellows
  + Sitting by subject
* Potential Green Event in Week 7
* Fri. 25th November: End-of-Term Winter Party
  + What is the budget for this event? Ask Olympia about reimbursements
* Sat. 26th November: Emmanuel Swap \*outgoing
* Sun. 27th November: Christmas Event with Nicola
  + Secret Santa/Snowflake organized by social secs
* 29th/30th November: Christmas Formals
* 2nd/8th December: President’s Mince Pies
* Possible Christmas Swaps with other colleges?
* Last week of November is looking very crowded; would be good to hold events more spread out through the term
* Christmas Decorations
  + Volunteers needed: Amarpreet
  + We have loads of decorations in the MCR
* Can have port and cheese after formals
  + Will definitely be doing that for the mixed formals
* Thinking about events for early next term
  + Cambridge-Oxford Swap
    - Subsidized transport/accommodations

Green Officer

* The vegetarian offering is not always the best at Formals, how can we improve the options?
* Possible meat-free formal

Committee Website

* How do we get information to the grads without inundating with emails?
* We will be made admins of the Medwards Graduate Facebook pages
* Can have a page for Committee News
  + We can put meeting minutes on this tab
* The website will be scrutinized by incoming students—we should make it look great!
* For things happening with our various committee positions, please email Lisa with your info
* Events Calendar on the website needs improvement, so that people actually consult it
  + Needs to be in a very obvious place
  + We also need to tell people that the website exists and it would be good to check it

Friday Weekly Bulletin

* Please send emails regarding upcoming events and opportunities to Genevieve by midnight on Thursday, so she can send out the Friday

Update on Formal Hall Ticketing

* We only always have our fixed number of spaces (72)
  + This includes group bookings, grads living out of college, etc.
* Antonia will ask about getting more spaces, but it is unlikely
* According to the survey, most people were inclined to leave Super Halls for graduates only (no guests/group bookings)
  + 20 spaces for group bookings seems excessive

Next MCR Open Meeting

* Thurs. 24th November
  + We have had a change in constitution which needs to be shared
  + Additionally, might be a good place to discuss the bop themes
  + Anything that needs to be discussed for this event, please let Antonia know
  + Bursar might be free to come and discuss costs/high rent/etc.
  + Could offer food to get more people to attend

Sweatshirt Orders 2016-2017

* Potential design competition within the college
  + Can do a poll on design and color
* Sweatshirt companies/embroidery businesses nearby that are economical and do great work
  + Will look into other companies/other companies we have worked with in the past

MCR Budget

* £1200 for the year for misc. social events
* Is fundraising allowed for these events?
* Everyone on the committee should be able to look into the budget

Cambridge University Student Union (CUSU) Affiliation/Disaffiliation

* Affiliation Fee scheme for the year has been changed (£500/year)
* Do we want to continue being affiliated?
  + Unanimous vote for the change

Committee Photo!