



Grey College MCR

Document A: Motion to update Standing Orders to better represent the status quo with regards to non-postgraduate membership

The MCR notes:

1. The language relating to non-postgraduate members in the Standing Orders is confusing, and incomplete with regards to mature students
2. That mature students have been allowed to join the MCR for many years

The MCR believes:

1. Less confusing wording would be beneficial for understanding the intended running of the MCR
2. Mature students should explicitly be mentioned in the Standing Orders

The MCR resolves to make the following changes:

1. Change the word “honorary” to “associate” in 3.5, 3.6, 4.1.6, 6.1.3
2. Add “and mature” between “Fourth year” and “undergraduate”
3. Add “and mature” between “Fourth year” and “membership” in 3.5.1



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Document B: Motion to update the Standing Orders to allow mature students to hold all Executive Committee positions

The MCR notes:

1. That currently mature students have been restricted to the non-Executive positions.
2. That in the past it was intended to allow mature students to run for all Executive Committee positions.

The MCR believes:

1. MCR members benefit from more people running for the Executive Committee.
2. Mature students could provide greater continuity to the Executive Committee, particularly in the full Executive positions.

The MCR resolves to make the following changes:

1. Change 4.1.6 to read “All associate members may speak at meetings, but may only stand for positions as indicated in point 6.1”
2. Add “and mature undergraduate” between “Postgraduate” and “members” in 6.1.1
3. Add “and mature undergraduates” after “Postgraduate” in 6.1.2
4. Add “notwithstanding 6.1.1 and 6.1.2” to the end of 6.1.3



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Document C: Motion to update the Standing Orders to reflect current HLM usage and the new Phoenix Award

The MCR notes:

1. The current information relating to Honorary Life Memberships of the MCR does not accurately reflect the current usage
2. That the inaugural Phoenix Awards were given out this year by the outgoing president.

The MCR believes:

1. That the Standing Orders should accurately reflect current practice
2. That being included in the Standing Orders increases the legitimacy of Phoenix Awards and ensures the practice continues.

The MCR resolves to make the following changes:

1. Change 3.8 to read “Honorary Life Memberships (HLMs) may be awarded by the President, subject to approval by the Vice President, at events throughout the year (including, but not limited to, Winter Graduation, MCR PGN, the Summer OGM), to members who have made an outstanding contribution to the life and running of the MCR”.
2. Add clause 3.9, reading “Phoenix Awards may be awarded by the President to members who have made a significant contribution to the MCR during the year”

President

Lily Hulatt:

I would like to stand for MCR President because the MCR has given me great friendships and a sense of a loyal community to learn from and grow with. I want to build on this by developing a program with the Exec, members and JCR's input so everyone can engage with and enjoy their Grey experience as much as I have.

Vice President

Rhiannon Gittins:

Hi my name is Rhiannon, I am now starting my 4th year at Grey as a masters student. I would really like to get more involved the MCR community. I believe that I would be a good support to the new president. I was president of Grey Zumba society for two years and I have experience of how Grey systems work.

Treasurer

Marcus Lancashire:

My name is Marcus and I am running for MCR treasurer to contribute to the community that has been the best part of my last 3 years at Grey and I could use my previous experience as board games society treasurer to help in this role.

Secretary

Rachael McGlensey:

I'm interested in being MCR secretary primarily because I want give back. The Grey MCR people were incredibly welcoming and friendly when I first arrived here, and it's inspired me to get involved and help keep this place and that open atmosphere going. The secretary's main job is to take minutes and keep records, and I believe I'm well-qualified for this position: I've worked with archives and museums, where a major aspect of your job is to record everything you do. I also have four years worth of undergrad note-taking under my belt, so minutes should be no trouble.

Social Secretary

Hannah DGLISH:

As a North East local, I have a good knowledge of the region and am also passionate about helping people experience it. As social secretary, I would arrange visits and events that celebrate the vibrant culture of the area, as well as a wide range of events that reflect the interests and diversity of the MCR.

Daniel Kinch:

Heya! I'm Dan, and I'm running for social secretary on a platform of dedication, experience, and (most importantly) transparency.

I've already shown my dedication to the MCR's social life by creating WhatsApp and Snapchat groups for those interested, as well as through the many late-night conversations, movie days, and nights out I've had with MCR friends. This community is my favourite group of people at Durham, and I want to help everyone make as many fond memories with it as possible.

I'm well-accustomed to taking initiative on social plans with my friends, from a wilderness retreat this past September to a concert this coming February. I've coordinated transportation for some plans, secured lodging for others, and made spreadsheets for basically all of them. In a nutshell, social logistics are my jam.

I have a few event ideas based on my own interests, but as social secretary, my priority will be to plan events based on what the MCR community at large is interested in. Toward this end, I'll create a Google form through which any MCR member can submit social plan ideas; my fellow social sec and I will then regularly circulate the best suggestions to the MCR via email, after which everyone can vote on which events we ultimately do. I'll also make a form for suggestions of DVDs to add to the MCR's collection.

Welfare Officer

Ellen Taylor:

Everybody finds university difficult at times – some more than others. It is incredibly important to have support systems in place to help individuals when they need it most. Volunteering with charities (Mind, BEAT) has given me experience in befriending individuals who struggle with their mental health, and has provided me with training on how to be an active listener. I have also held multiple positions of responsibility during my undergraduate degree (such as being a Programme Representative, Chair of Creative Writing Society, and a Trustee of York St John Students' Union) as well as part-time jobs (lifeguard, bar supervisor) that have helped me to develop skills of organisation, punctuality and reliability. I am a good communicator, and am very approachable. Because I understand the importance of this role and the benefit it can produce, I would be dedicated to my duties within the role. As welfare officer, I would like to arrange 'stress relief' activities (such as yoga) around examination periods, and would promote external charities/organisations that would be beneficial to student populations.

Jeffrey Gougis:

My name is Jeffrey Gougis and I would love to be your welfare chair. I think welfare is extremely important in the stressful university environment. As an undergraduate, I worked as a Resident Advisor, diversity/ sexual assault workshop facilitator, and College and Fraternity mentor. Through these and other positions, I have had a breath of experience and training in helping support other students dealing with academic pressure, social issues and mental health. Moreover, as an International student, I understand the struggles of dealing with culture shock and adapting to a new environment as I have learned to overcome this in the past myself. Beyond all the resume type stuff, I am good listener and would do my best to make sure that everyone has the best year possible. Plus, if you select me, aromatherapy (get pumped for lavender), music therapy (singing/listening to your choice songs) and stress ball making will be on the slate.

4th Year Representative

Bethany Brewer:

I am a fourth year History and French student, and have really enjoyed being a part of the MCR since coming back to Durham. I would like to make sure that other fourth years feel that they are fully part of the MCR community, are informed about all that is happening and can get involved. I am organised and reliable, and have previous experience sitting on the university football exec. I am approachable and ready to listen to any MCR-related issues fourth years may have and raise these with the exec. I will aim to make sure that all fourth years and mature students feel welcome in the MCR community, as I realise that at the moment many are a bit unsure about what the MCR has to offer.