



Grey College MCR
Executive Committee Meeting
6/12/2012
Minutes

**Present: Alex Kelsall, Geraint Evans, Rachel Oakenfor, Xu Jing (Anna),
Kunal Kapoor, Adam Wang**

1. Apologies for Absence

- a. **Laura (Band performance)**
- b. **Jonny Crawford**

2. Minutes of meeting with Master about College Review:

College Review: External consultancy observing what it's like to be as a student at Grey. Provides a set of recommendations / enforcement for current good practices. Will take place in February. At some point, they will also like to meet w/ members of the MCR. As an MCR group, if there is anything we would like to say to the review panel, we should compile recommendations.

Suggestions for improvement:

Accommodation: College should help find accommodation for livers out. There is a website to help for housing, but it does not update fast enough. The DSU - should provide this sort of accommodation advice. Uni should be negotiating with the town to designate which are areas for student living.

Livers Out Involvement: Increase Livers out involvement. Not as much of a problem for more of the central college. ie, if you are in St. Chads, for example, you are no more than a 10-15 min walk.

Centralising post-grad community: Role of post-grad tutor, ie Laura, has been *supremely beneficial* for creating bridges amongst post grad. Induction events have been very important. Post-grad freshers' week has received many positive remarks. This is the 1st yr the post grads had a freshers' week. Last yr was 1st year we had post-grad formals.

Events that work well: Food-based events.

Master: Is there a Part of academic program we should be getting that we are not getting in our department?

Business Angels Scheme: This is w/ alumni who have gone on to do different careers. They are happy for student's to contact them for advice and for students to get in touch. We could use something like this, for example final PhD students helping younger PhD students, masters studentsshelping undergrads etc..... STUDY ANGELS!

Masters: Need for how to manage time in preparation for dissertation? (phd or masters).

Teaching opportunities: Allow PhD students to teach, even if unpaid. For example, let them do general seminars - like how to do dissertations, etc. Not about money, but more for experience.

Drop in Sessions: Creating a Drop in sessions amongst students: Provides a platform where students can give advice on how to write an essay for students in the same subject. Help to build bonds amongst postgrads and undergrads. Less of a stressful experience.

Master: Anything the college could provide for students that dept doesn't?

For int'l students: especially those who arrive earlier, there could be a meeting/ talk where with students who have finished their course but are still in town can talk about what will happen in each term and what to expect.

Master: What we can do for students who are coming to Grey and are doing the precessional?

Leaver's dinner: We can have an early session/meeting/event where outgoing students can tell each other what it's like. A leaver's dinner?

Suggestions for Social Purposes:

Christmas Formal: Many postgrads are only here for one year. Would it be feasible for them to have priority for the xmas formal registration, as this is their only chance to attend it.

Live music recital night at Grey. W/ food and drink.

Burns Night: Get more seats. Really really fun. Caleigh afterwards. This is one the int'l students might want to go to as it is very traditional.

Master: Library Suggestions?

Working opportunities: Allow post grad the opportunity to work. Same for Grey Bar

Other suggestions:

Intercollegiate MCR events: Have them start in Michaelmas term. Especially during non-term times. An inter-college events calendar has now been created. This has been emailed to MCR President. DSU interested in uniting post grad amongst different colleges, especially outside of term time.

Post grad formal ball: Inter-collegiate. Have it in the castle.

Int'l food festivals: For students outside of term time

Beer festival in the DSU: In September. Brilliant event, but not well advertised. Good one to get pros grads involved.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting / Matters arising

- Changing payment for formals: have someone in there on the night. This will be a change implemented beginning next term.

4. Chairman's Business

Date of next meeting: Beginning of next term.

5. President's Business

Bank statement: Roughly 3000 in account. Outstanding checks to be paid by end of term.

Renewing subscriptions?: Economist. Nat'l Geographic. Sunday Times. New Scientist. Will proceed unless there are any objections. Are there any Objections?

Redecoration: Deadline passed. When we come back in new year, we will spend one weekend in IKEA, go look, and purchase.

MCR Heating: Pete and his team are going in to measure the heating. **Make sure to keep the heating on.**

Inter MCR Formal: Will pick a date in our 1st meeting back. We will have one right after Easter holiday. Cocktails, live music, etc.

Christmas party: 8:00, Thursday, 13 Dec 2012. Will need numbers for Christmas party by Monday. Lot of diverse Christmas foods. Christmas Music. Christmas tree is up. Will have Crackers. Drinks. Non-alcoholic alternatives. Christmas decorations in the MCR. Board Games. Any volunteers for cooking?

Thank you gift for Arethi: Flowers delivered to Arethi.

Christmas Meal: on Christmas day. 11 students going to Xmas lunch in castle. Some going to London, some to Edinburgh, some to York, Manchester, etc. Anna – to arrange an event where students who are staying and not going to the Xmas castle formal can have a get-together.

Sunday, the 20th of January: Alex invited to MCR president's luncheon w/ the Vice Chancellor.

Lockers: Alex to find out about the lockers to lock the food for the MCR kitchen.

6. Treasurer's Business

- None aside from already listed.

7. Social Secretary's Business

After-Party, Christmas Formal: Port & cheese & tea after-party in MCR on both Monday and Tuesday after Formal.

8. Website Editor's Business

a. Change of the booking systems to be done online.

b. Laura has been in touch with previous students who now work for companies, if they want their contact information still on the site.

- c. Need to update meeting minutes to the website and update the profiles, but still waiting for password from ITS.
- d. Geraint: forward profile to website editors ASAP.

9. Any Other Business

- **If using MCR kitchen, clean up after yourselves. Do not leave it for someone else to clean it.** Also, stop eating food outside of events and keeping it away from others to use. **Otherwise, kitchen will be locked.**
- Inflatable mattress for rent from MCR: Yes, Unanimous vote.
- Lost receipt form for Laura for receipt she lost for post grad seminar. Been signed off. She has been reimbursed in full.
- All reimbursement to be done before end of term.

Meeting adjourned.