



Grey College MCR
Executive Committee Meeting
21/1/2013
Minutes

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

1. Apologies for Absence

a. Jonny Crawford (Maths Conference)

2. Minutes of the last Meeting / Matters arising

- Lockers in MCR kitchen
- Website updates

3. Chairman's Business

None.

4. President's Business

PostGrad Research Seminars/Talks: 7th February, 21st February, 9th of May. Other college Postgrads will be invited to talks.

Furniture: Items purchased from Ikea. List has gone to Karen and Pete in College office.. They are looking into it. Total was about 450 pounds.

Inflatable Mattress: Alex will purchase one son. Cost is approximately £26. Will be available for rent from MCR.

Heating: Radiator on far side might need mending. If they are going to make changes, will need some time to justify costs, etc. We will be getting blankets, and Ikea trip for throws, etc to compensate for lack of warmth in the interim.

Survey: Was supposed to be sent to Pres. Comm before being sent out from DSU for approval. We thought the survey was inadequate. Did not ask what college one was from, or what type of student/course one was. So, the demographic accumulation was poor. Annoyed that the DSU did it the way they did without proper input from students. At end of year, we will do another one aimed at goals for the upcoming year.

Renewing subscriptions: Economist and Sunday Times will be renewed. If anyone is interested in renewing other subscriptions, please voice your desire.

Sunday, the 20th of January: Alex had dinner w/ Vice Chancellor. Discussed better engagement of Erasmus students. Discussed practices amongst various college's MCR so we can all incorporate good ideas. Discussed academic support and how colleges provide academic support for postgrads as well as undergrads.

Vice Chancellor to have dinner in Grey: 12th of February. Vice Chancellor to have dinner w/ postgrads. He is a Grey College Alum.

Lockers in MCR kitchen: Geraint has keys for the lockers. Will be used for food/drinks for MCR events.

5. Treasurer's Business

- Outstanding checks are in.
- Need to set up online banking to get consistent statements. Alex received statement from December, but currently not relevant.
- From now on, checks **need** to be paid within 2 weeks of receipt.
- From a formals point of view going forward, the list needs to have the name, living in/out, and copy needs to go to Alex (President) as well.

6. Social Secretary's Business

- Formals:
 - o **Butler Formal:** 13 attending. £12 cost. Geraint will be collecting money on the night. All students meet at MCR before formal to pay money to Geraint and head to formal together.
 - o **Burns Night Formal:** Rachel to there from 6:30 to 7 to collect money before the Formal.
 - o **Castle Formal:** 8 places. 25 people have expressed interest. Potential chance for a couple more seats. *Potential.*
 - **In the future – you are not allowed to send an email expressing reservation for more than 1 person. 1 person/email. You cannot email/text before the email is**

sent. If you do not send in the email correct the first time, it does not count.

Information must be correct.

- **Collingwood Formal:** 1920's themed. Otherwise, go Black Tie.
 - 18 places.
 - If you are going to Castle, please be considerate, and allow those the chance to go to Collingwood Formal.
- **SportsPerson's Formal:**
 - 4 People have signed up so far.
- **Barfest:** 9th February. Beer Festival in College w/ Live Music. Wine Tasting throughout the day. In the evening there are cocktails. MCR not allowed to have any event on this day.
- **Chinese New Year Celebration:** 8th of February. New Year is actually on 10th February. However, because of BarFest, will be celebrated on 8th of February. Last year, all the Chinese students made traditional Chinese food and there was Karaoke and drinks, etc. MCR could pay for food.
 - **Anna's Plan:** 1st part – Food and introductions of each course with special meaning. 2nd part- Kung Fu. 3rd part- Adam sings his famous song. 4th part – Karaoke/Games, etc.
- **Valentine's Day Formal:** 13th of February. Book in Same Sex pairs. Seating chart put up later. Then, you can pay to move other people around the hall. We could do such transitions and changes within the MCR? Further discussion to ensue. All the money is for charity.
- **Grey PostGrad Formal:** 1st of May. Do we want this to be only Grey or InterCollegiate? We need a theme as well. [Ideas?](#)
- Paying for Formals: Maybe it's easier for the MCR, going forward, to pay like the JCR does. Livers out can call the mobile number that's provided. And the Livers in can go pay in the Finance office. This would save the college from having to send checks. Would make things logistically easier.
- Social Secretary's to send dates of events to Website Editors so they can put it on the Website.
- Continue to add events to the list of events we have scheduled. Can keep track of all social events and use as a template for future years/share with other colleges.

7. Website Editor's Business

Laura: Booking system online on MCR website looks doubtful.

- a. Instead, put everyone's names in mailing list who regularly comes ...greymcr2012-2013... and communicate via this route.
- b. Laura learned how to create changes on database in order to update pages on the website
- c. Adam and Laura to meet up to discuss further
- d. We have check or cash only into MCR... we should keep separate from college.
- e. SCR (Dave) currently looking into a booking system.

8. Any Other Business

- a. Laura owed £6.10 for balloons and flowers for Aarethi.
- b. **Make COLLEGE VIDEO!:** Can show to others to promote grey MCR. Video can be used to convince incoming postgrads to choose Grey College.
- c. MCR Stash
- d. MCR Photo: we did not have it at the beginning of the year b/c of matriculation. But we will arrange this.

Meeting adjourned.