



Grey College MCR

Executive Committee Meeting

22/1/2014

Minutes

In attendance: Charlotte Walsh, Jia Liu (Alice), Katy Sherratt, Christie Kin-Cleaves, Craig Fisher, James Collinson and Noah Schwartz.

1. President's Business

- JCR Affiliation – a few years ago, charity laws changed which meant that the JCR's had to change how they ran. Ours became an independent charity, instead of being owned by the University. The MCRs have been forgotten in this process, we should have done a similar thing but did not. Now is the time to do it. There are 3 options – independent charity (not viable – you need over 100,000 pounds per annum), affiliate with JCR or become a DSO. We chose to affiliate with the JCR, but negotiate a few catches with them. We don't want to be run like the JCR. James, Charlotte and Craig had a secret shadow cabinet meeting and came up with a bullet list of demands. (*Exec members read over notes from President Craig*). This is a preliminary list of things that we want to bring to the table when we negotiate. It will be sent out to all members of the MCR, who are instructed to provide feedback.
- Social events – There were some really good events last term. But we've noticed that there are two sets of events, so we want to try to do some more joint things to get everyone involved. We should brainstorm ideas. Noah raised the idea of an Easter Egg Hunt, this could be done as a treasure hunt. If we do this just after term is finished there won't be undergrads around, and we will have time to think of great clues.
- Social Secretaries – Further coordination between the social secretaries is needed. A flood of formals is coming up, and we need peek coordination.
- Turn-around times – These need to be a bit faster. We need a faster turn-around for formal booking. Information will be sent out ASAP, and booking should be a 24hr-warning period before it goes live. For example the Butler formal was sent in last minute and caused stress. When the President sends an email send him one back ASAP, even if you are simply answering in the affirmative.
- Misc. (this is a short one) – We are still game for Rugby shirt stash. Our preference is maroon and white quartered, or blue and white quartered. If

not then the navy blue one, with our positions on the back (e.g. Treasurer), with Grey College MCR Exec written below the crest.

- Graduation T-Shirts: we should have t-shirts with a list of the whole MCR on the back. We should talk to the JCR about where they get Grey Day shirts from. Possibility of running a competition to design the t-shirt? We could even have an event where we all vote on it.
- +1's at formal: if there are only a few places at a formal, priority should be to MCR members. +1's should be added after. If it's a larger number than its okay to have +1's right away. **Greater than 12, +1's can be booked on** (unanimous vote).
- Craig will email his profile to Christie so that he can update the MCR Website Profiles.
- There are two new heaters in the MCR, and we have a storage room now. Go MCR Exec!!!

2. Treasurer's Business

- Balance in excess of £6000, some £300 more than same time last year. This should give us some flexibility to make improvements to the MCR. Suggestions?
- MCR covered by college TV license (according to Karen Blundell) so can use that money elsewhere.
- Chinese New Year Plans – Needs to be looked into. The possibility of Manchester was raised.
- Certain individuals still have not paid for 4th year membership or for Xmas formal. Debt collection discussed briefly.

3. Research Business

- Date for the PG Research Seminar (tentatively) Thursday 27th February. This will be moved as it is the same day as the potential inter-MCR formal. Grey is going to host an inter-MCR formal.

4. Social Sec. Business

Note – this is a joint motion from the Social Secretary and the Secretary (the Honourable Noah Schwartz)

- College to student communication difficulties – case study, the mold issue. The college hasn't taken the necessary steps to prevent mold, and they are trying to saddle the students with the blame. Students with moldy rooms should send an email to Charlotte, and attach any emails that they have sent to the University.

5. Any other Business

- The possibility of dissertation or writing workshops was raised.
- The possibility of an MCR BBQ was raised