

MCR Committee Meeting 4/11/15 13.30-14.30

Attendees: Stuart Flegg (President), Vincent Chan (Treasurer), Hannah Piercy (Secretary), Henry Sawczyc (Fourth Year Rep), Abi Finch (Welfare), Courtney Caton (JCR President)

Action Points:

- Members of committee who weren't present, please look over the document from Stuart.
- Katie – please purchase squash.
- Everyone – think about the aims you have for your role.
- Fourth-years – make sure they are on the mailing list and know the door code. Katie and Henry to organise social soon.
- Consider issues with MCR arrivals and with mature students of MCR/JCR.

Document from Stuart:

- How should a meeting work? Agenda in advance, minutes soon after. Send apologies if can't attend. Be precise and purposeful – meetings shouldn't go on too long. Feel free to say you have nothing to report – much more useful! Chaired by VP.
- Meetings should be regular *if necessary*. Outcomes – make a decision, achieve something with the meeting.
- Hannah will keep register of who is attending the meeting so we can begin promptly. Minutes will be emailed out and uploaded to the website (potentially with a link posted on Facebook).
- Identify difference of operational issues (what we're doing) vs strategic (what people ought to do).
- Be aware of what is a small picture issue - something that isn't very important and shouldn't merit a long discussion. Executive decision making – make decisions outside of meetings where possible.
- Aims/vehicles – your aim is different to the vehicle (the method of achieving it). E.g. Henry's aim – more 4th year interaction. The vehicle is socials etc. Imp for identifying whether we've achieved our aims (which is what we're here for!) Note to everyone – think about what you want to get out of your role and how you will do it. Set concrete goals and evaluate whether you're achieving them.

Fourth Years:

- Need to make sure 4th years are on mailing list, and that they are all aware of the door code for the MCR. Involving fourth years – start social events in a room other than the MCR – the bar or the JCR (especially with bar crawls). Need to make the MCR room more accessible. Publicise what's in the MCR more – the fourth years live in Elvet so it's very accessible to them but they don't use it.
- Introductory social – 4th years could come earlier and meet first, or we could hold an event elsewhere that returns to the MCR.
- Discussed Christmas formal bookings – postgraduates and finalists have priority? 11th and 14th.

Welfare and Mature Students:

- Meeting to discuss welfare roles is pending. Ana and Abi – talk to JCR welfare representatives and become familiar with the welfare systems of the university as a whole.
- Arrival of MCR members – JCR members had to be responsible. Need more organisation and pack?
- Mature students JCR representative – can we merge MCR mature students with their mailing list?
Interaction of mature students who at the moment perhaps aren't interested in MCR events.

Other items:

- Considered merits of Facebook/email – need formal methods of contact to be primary for official roles.
- Discussed Kirk's squash consumption. Katie – please buy more lime/lemon juice and orangey-mangoey one (Stuart's words).
Keep receipts and write your name on them/ on something you've stapled it to.
- For anyone who's interested: dryers take 45 minutes.