

## Minutes for the MCR Exec Meeting, 21/1/16

Present: President SF, VP SG, Secretary HP, Treasurer VC, WE MK, Social Sec KB, Social Sec RP, Welfare AF and AC, 4<sup>th</sup> year rep HS, PT CF plus extras!

Action Points:

MK to order a new sound system, freeview box and enquire about repairing the TV signal.

VC to email FACSO about TV licensing.

KB and RP to send email about Newcastle payment and compile an events list for this term.

SF to send email about cleaning.

Welfare meeting – AF, AC and CF to liaise about meeting with JCR welfare officers.

All officers are to read through the constitution before the next meeting so a discussion about roles and any necessary revisions can take place.

### 1. Apologies

JCR President Courtney Caton sent her apologies in advance.

### 2. Announcements

### 3. Reports of Officers

### 4. Agenda Items

#### 1) Purchasing a new sound system and related items

The committee voted for the purchase of a new sound system unanimously.

TV Licensing was also discussed and it was agreed VC will email the JCR FACSO to check this.

MK will also be purchasing a new freeview box and enquiring about repairing the TV signal.

#### 2) New netbook

MCR laptop was discussed and the committee decided we do not need to keep a laptop in the MCR – if people would like to use laptops in the room, for watching videos etc, then they are welcome to bring their own.

#### 3) Social Activities

##### i. Payment for Newcastle Trip

Paypal will be used or people can directly pay JCR – an email will be sent.

##### ii. Other events

Social Secs to prepare events calendar for this term, including events that are not held in the college room.

Chinese New Year 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, Valentine's Day 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, Pancake Day, Pub

Events, St Patrick's Day were all discussed as potential social events.

iii. Shopping List for MCR items was prepared.

4) Proposal for a welfare board in the MCR  
AF and AC to produce a welfare board with contact details and information about support for welfare.

5) Discussion of opportunities or difficulties with roles and tasks at present:

VC and SG have raised concerns that their roles are not necessary. VC's role is mainly covered by the JCR FACSO, the VP essentially supports the P. It was agreed we will consider the roles over the course of the year but also in relation to previous years. A discussion of the MCR's aims (as a community and the role of the common room) will take place, reflecting upon the role of the MCR now we have combined with the JCR.

HS raised the point that the MCR aims to provide a community for the 4<sup>th</sup> years, but it is an option and if they do not wish to take up the option that is fine – everyone is always welcome at every event but integration is not the primary aim and if the 4<sup>th</sup> years feel their needs are covered by the JCR that is fine. Socials have been organised and the room is being used as a facility, which we hope will continue. The transitional nature of the JCR/MCR relationship was also raised and the difference depending on the group each year.

6) Discussion of the Constitution

Action-Point: It was agreed that everyone will read through their role in the constitution in order to discuss whether changes need to be made at the next meeting.

It was suggested that we include the Postgraduate Tutor in the Constitution. It was proposed that the Treasurer and VP roles could be merged in order.

5. Any other business

HP raised a question about the cleaning of the MCR. SF will discuss the cleaning of the MCR with Ann.

Discussion of more DVDs was raised.