

1. Present: All MCR exec, David Slade (JCR President), Rachel Graham (JCR reps rep), Ng Teng Qin (Mature students rep)

Absent: none

2. Announcements

- Stash update
 - Rachael has told Moette that we want 'Grey College MCR' below the crest on our stash and will keep the process rolling

3. Agenda Items

- MCR DVD booking system
 - No one uses the website booking system
 - But there's not really any workable option to keep track of DVD borrowing
 - ◆ We're getting rid of the online booking system
- Postgraduate formal, 21st Feb
 - ◆ How to get mature students and 4th years interested?
 - the name is exclusionary- market it differently
 - a long name is fine for the subject of an email
 - "Old People Formal"
 - Open it up to guests?
 - JCR, their friends, possibly other MCR exec if we really need the numbers
 - "MCR, 4th Year, Mature Students, and Guests" Formal
 - Limit of 60-80 people
 - Normal pricing
- Inter-MCR formal
 - ◆ Date change to **not** 13th or 14th June
 - Kirk thinks Swift mentioned another possible date during early date planning?
 - Lily will bring it up at meeting on Monday
 - Idea Planning?

- drinks on the lawn!
 - will have to check with Nicola if we're licensed for that or can get a temporary license
 - Could get bunting kept up
- Marcus budget update
 - ◆ All of our spending is fine and on track
 - college still hasn't billed us for the last postcard formal somehow, so that's a thing that will happen eventually
 - Hatfield also hasn't charged us for the first boat party yet
 - But MCR members have paid for it, so the JCR is just holding that 60 quid for us
 - Can welfare have some budget for activities?
 - Yes, just consult with Marcus first
 - We don't need to 'set aside' money for summer purchases, we just take it out of the social activities budget
 - Can we get new chairs?! (to replace the two that keep breaking)
 - JCR has some of our money in trust, so we could take it out of that
 - New chairs would also come under room maintenance, so that would get paid for by the JCR anyway
 - New sofas highly unlikely, not really necessary anyway- only if the JCR was paying for it
 - New pillows would be nice tho
 - Potential reimbursement if college won't wash blankets for us for free

Potential events

- Chinese new year, 16th Feb
 - Last year we invited non-MCR members and they were not happy about the possibility of being charged
 - ◆ But we have plenty of decorations, so no need to charge
 - We can definitely invite JCR members, but where would we host it?

- MCR not big enough for so many people and college doesn't like us having a lot of food in there anyway
- high table is already booked for an SCR event
- in the JCR?
 - We'd have to check with Nicola
- Holgate?
 - We'd have to check if we can bring hot food in
- There's a Chinese new year event happening in Newcastle that the JCR was thinking of going to- we'll liaise
- MCR karaoke night
 - We can either rent equipment or go out to a bar that has karaoke
 - Could we reserve Grey bar?
 - another "Old People" event!
 - Suggest it to Nicola- more likely to happen if we ensure her that enough people will turn up (like all of the MCR)
 - ◆ When?
 - PGN is 10th Feb, but Barfest is 24th Feb
 - Better to first ask when people are free before deciding
- Day and Night Out in Newcastle
 - Dan's suggestion: Lane7
 - bowling alley with food, drinks, pool, mini golf, beer pong, karaoke
 - open 11 am to midnight
 - can get good deals if you go with a large group
 - not really super cheap though
 - There's another new bowling alley that's not too well known yet- does a game and a pint for 4 pound on Wednesdays
 - Better to wait- first week of easter holidays?
 - Maybe do a smaller thing now as a trial run for when people have more free time in the summer

- Mexican night
 - Abraham has volunteered to cook Mexican food for everyone and then suggests dancing out in town
 - We should probably talk to him for a date

4. Future Agenda

- ◆ Keep an eye out for upcoming events!
- ◆ Feel free to voice literally any suggestions you have for the MCR