

1. Present: All MCR Exec, David Slade (JCR president), Ben Firth (FACSO), Ng Teng Qin (mature students)  
Absent: Rachel Graham (Reps rep)
2. Announcements
  - Slade will give Joshua English his stash
  - Welfare update
    - nobody has really come to drop-ins, which isn't a bad thing
    - They want to do more chill events during exam seasons
      - coffee mornings, informal “drop-in” hangout times
4. Agenda Items
  - Mailing list for all non-MCR 4th year and mature students
    - The list exists- Teng has access to it
      - ◆ Slade will look into getting access for MCR president, VP, and social secs
  - Supporting letter to the strikers?
    - This could be problematic because it might not represent everyone’s feelings about it, so ‘the MCR’ or Grey college shouldn't send it
      - ◆ The MCR will not, but individuals can if they want
  - Inter-MCR formal
    - themes
      - we shouldn't do another-other Harry Potter formal
      - Mid-Summer Night’s Dream theme
        - the faery aspect wouldn't copy Jobo’s ‘Enchanted Garden’ theme
        - plus we could include other Shakespeare references
    - we have £1600 budget to make £1000 back on tickets
      - ticket pricing as usual
    - How to make people pay?
      - Event durham, DSU system
      - people get annoyed if you try to go through the JCRs and wristbands could be super inconvenient
        - ◆ We should ask Trev’s how they did it- they went through the DSU
    - ◆ College needs numbers a week in advance
      - We could open booking two weeks in advance, sort it in the next few days
    - A band for after dinner
      - free dinner as payment is cheaper generally, we’re fine with it
        - there will be enough seats for that

- Northern Lights flash mob- Jeff will perform for food
- Drinks on the lawn?
  - Slade thinks probably no
  - but it's close enough to Grey Day and Phoenix Ball that the license would still in effect
  - The bunting would get in the way of the survivor's photo, so they take it down then- we'd have to put it back up if we wanted it (which is fine)
- Menu
  - definitely camembert starter and cheesecake dessert
  - Main?
    - no steak- consider what food is okay to sit
    - duck!- might be a bit more expensive
      - ◆ We'll ask Brian (the head chef) for a price estimate
- Definitely wait until next term to set up a Facebook page
- We have 10 tables, 160 people
  - no JCR members or 4th members, but guests are fine
  - Seating numbers by college
    - Event durham, DSU, and a google doc could do that
    - We can make it a free for all later if we don't sell out
- There will be people to help set up on the day of
  - Marcus can print things
- ◆ Another separate brainstorming meeting to come
- New Furniture
  - Furniture replacement would come out of the MCR budget
    - We do have that big chunk that was in reserve for non-routine expenditure
  - We need at least 3 estimates for the university to buy things
  - Ikea delivers since we won't want to carry them back
    - but we could be reimbursed for fuel
  - Bean bags are a fire hazard?
    - Send Ben an email with what we want and he'll check
  - Not furniture, but Lily wants more wine glasses
    - Why not, just let Marcus know what we want
- Crafternoon
  - T-shirt pillowcases, other knitting/sewing workshops/origami and paper crafts
  - We can borrow sewing machines

- Neville's cross has one
- who knows how to use them?
  - We could let the people who own them come and teach us
  - it's not that hard tho
- We should have it during term time, the JCR can come if they want
- We should totes invite Stanley
- Karaoke night
  - Nicola has not responded to if the MCR could do a karaoke night during break- some days might be possible
  - but during term time would def be better
    - during term time, or directly after
    - some time in the first 3 weeks of June
      - HANNAH'S BDAY
- ◆ St. Patrick's day event this Saturday
  - Afternoon MCR hangout- games and football
  - Then later: ? bar crawl, NCL outing
- ◆ PI DAY WEDNESDAY
  - everyone bring dessert pies and stay for a film
- Newcastle night out next week
  - the social secs will sort it
- ◆ New MCR sign on the windows- Rhi will fix it