



**Grey College MCR
Ordinary General Meeting
08/03/2015
Minutes**

Exec in attendance: Andrew Plygawko (**AP**, President), Daniel-Thorpe (**BDT**, Vice-President), Craig Fisher (**CF**, Secretary), Mathilde Lair de Gourmont (**MLdG**, Social Secretary), Matthew Kirk (**MK**, Web Editor). Additionally, James Crickmore (**JCr**, Outgoing Student Union Rep.) and Matthew Gibson (**MG**, Incoming Student Union Rep.) were in attendance.

Apologies received from Yanxin Xie (**YX**, Treasurer), Becky Williamson (**BW**, 4th Year Rep.), James Collinson (**JC**, Postgraduate Tutor).

AP - Two agenda items; Social Secretary hust and discussion with Student Union reps.

Social Secretary Hust

AP - One nomination for vacant position; Fanchea Daly (**FD**). **FD** is invited to speak.

FD - Am a psychology Masters student, am social, confident, work well with Mathilde (current social secretary), previous organisation experience as Communications Director and Debates Secretary of the University's Literary and Debating Society during my undergrad degree. Thinking of organising pizza nights, movie nights, want to be more inclusive to 4th years and livers out. Want to ask people what they want.

AP - If you had to organise an alcohol free event what would it be?

FD - Eurovision night - could get in food from various countries, have dressing up.

MLdG - How do you feel about admin?

FD - Fine with it.

AP/BDT - Elections open up later today, will circulate **FD**'s manifesto.

Student Union discussion

AP - JCr is Grey College's current representative to the Student Union, **MG** has been recently elected to take over this position when **JCr**'s term has ended. The college's representative has a vote in the Union's assembly.

JCr - Wanted to talk to MCR to let people know what the job is about.

AP - What does the Union do? What are its current goals?

JCr - One of the main jobs is to run campaigns, to join individual college's voices together for a united voice. Examples of campaigns include the fixed fees debate, accommodation fees etc.

AP - What are they doing with accommodation fees?

MLdG - Why are they so high?

JCr gives breakdown of costs including, for example, 'non staff costs'.

JCr - University should provide accommodation at cost price. There has been little consultation with the Union over this issue. Accommodation prices are significantly higher than some other Universities (e.g. Newcastle).

MLdG - Tuition fees are £9k now, on top of accommodation fees.

JCr - Students can get a full loan for tuition fees but not always for all the maintenance fees, therefore this is an important issue.

JCr - Assembly meets two or three times a term and votes on these issues. The MCR is now on the JCR mailing list and so will receive emails from the Union Rep. We want to get peoples' views on these issues before we vote.

JCr to MG - Anything to add?

MG - Not really, the role should be similar next year.