

Minutes for the MCR Ordinary General Meeting (OGM)

Wed 14/June/2017

Grey MCR 19:40 – 20:10

Present at the meeting were:

President (MK), Vice President (SG), Welfare Officer (HG), Soc Sec (CB), Postgrad Tutor (ML), Jay Wright, Abi Finch, Dan Lastra, Toby, Ana Costea, Craig Fisher, Abraham Alvarez, Lily Hulatt, Maria Fanou, Hannah Piercy

Joined halfway through: Brad Berwin, Petula Wong

1. Apologies for Absence

Secretary (RM) could not attend; deputized Welfare Officer (HG) to take minutes

2. Issue at hand: DSO vs. Part of JCR

How many people read document? A few hands raised. MK explains merits and downsides of independence of MCR from JCR. (Summarizing the document.)

Jay: What does JCR want us to do/think?

MK: Members don't care. Dave Jones (President) and Alex Davies (FACSO) are keen for us to stay for various reasons. If MCR were to become independent from MCR members could still join JCR but then members would have to pay two fees separately.

Jay: How much easier/more difficult is access to events going to be?

MK: When MCR was independent from JCR, tables at Formals used to be reserved for MCR. If MCR were independent from JCR, MCR would probably get a certain number of seats allocated at each Formal; seats would have to be booked through separate booking system, which would mean that in some cases you compete with less people for a seat, in others you don't. MCR formals and MCR-SCR formals wouldn't change. It couldn't be guaranteed that MCR would get seats at all Formals, it would be a matter of negotiations.

SG: Any issues with joining JCR other than Exec, committees, Formals?

MK: No. But the line between college and JCR events is sometimes somewhat blurry, e.g. Barfest, because it is run by Bar but info is sent out through JCR Mailing list.

Jay: How much more work would it be for MCR exec?

MK: Secretary would have to sort out emails; social secs have to negotiate formals; Treasurer would have to write report for college council; in summary some more work for President, VP, social secs, Secretary, much more work for Treasurer.

Craig Fisher: The way it is, JCR is responsible for Phoenix Room, so any maintenance (eg Projector bulb) is covered by JCR.

MK: Two thirds of JCR/MCR fees are to cover President and FACSO's salary.

Craig: Not being a part of the JCR means more work for Exec (as it was a few years ago when Craig was president), Handovers are more difficult, things get done less and/or more poorly because it's much more work. JCR has more manpower to do things, such as Freshers week,

welcoming new students at beginning at new year.

Jay: MK just said that Exec often relies on returning PhDs, but independence means more work for Exec and PHDs do not have a lot of time on their hands. It would be discouraging to them if they had to do more work on top of PhD.

Voting will open at 10pm tonight.

3. Announcements

- MCR-SCR wine and cheese tasting next Thursday
- Hallingford Hall trip
 - ➔ See emails for all of that

* Premeeting discussion on the absolute ridiculousness and childish behaviour of British politicians has been not reported as it lies outside of the scope of this document.

Initials stand for:

CB: Camilla Bole, HG: Helen Gienger, MC: Mike Cheung, MK: Matthew Kirk, MM: Martin Moxon, MMA: Maciej Matuszewski, RM: Renju Mathew, SG: Sarah Gray