



HUGHES HALL  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee  
Thursday, 28 November 2019, 6pm  
Maletín Room

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:** A Entwistle-Thompson (President); C Kazamias (Vice President); PS Perillo (Secretary); PR Librizzi (Social Secretary); R Hosking (Female Welfare Officer); M Egle (Male Welfare Officer); J Deokiesingh (Equality Officer); A Gablier (Sports and Societies Officer); K Bartsch (Accommodation Officer); M Tang (IT and Infrastructure Officer); L Collas (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer)

**Apologies for Absence:** A Kölle (Treasurer); I Yu (Academic Affairs Officer); N van der Steen (Social Secretary)

### I. Introduction

#### Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

### II. Standing Actions

#### II.A. Sports and Societies Photo Session

Ms A Gablier updated the MCR Committee about the proposed photo session project for sports and societies. She reached out to Jet Photography for the rates. A deposit of £40 will need to be given to the photographer per session, which would be refunded in the event that there would be at least £140 worth of orders. The photographer will otherwise keep the deposit. It was suggested and agreed that the MCR Committee will dispense the deposit on behalf of all the Hughes Hall sports and societies that will participate in the photo session. The MCR Committee also agreed that the event will be undertaken in afternoon of the second weekend of Lent Term (25–26 January 2020), where participating Hughes Hall sports and societies will be given the opportunity to sign up to a specific slot.

## II.B. Amendment to the Hughes Hall Punt Club Membership Rules

Members of the MCR Committee will look at the draft that has been circulated by Mr M Tang by Sunday, 1 December 2019. The Committee has agreed that the draft will be adopted if no more comments are received by the deadline.

## **III. Standing Items**

### III.A. Hughes Hall May Ball

Ms A Entwistle-Thompson informed the Committee that there is already one applicant for the May Ball President position and that she will meet with the applicant tomorrow, 29 November 2019. The May Ball President/s will be announced in due course. The May Ball President/s would be at liberty to set up their own committee. Several students have already shown interest for very specific roles within the committee.

### III.B. LGBT+ Society Name Change

Ms Entwistle-Thompson informed the MCR Committee that she or Ms N Gorrige has received comments from two alumni and the Graduate Union President, indicating their disagreement in the renaming of the Hughes Hall LGBT+ Society. It was clarified that the move has been fully discussed through the proper channels, including the MCR Committee, relevant College administrators and the current Society members. It was also clarified that the MCR Committee and relevant officers did the best it could to reach out to Society members despite the absence of a specific directory or database. Ms Gorrige noted that the change has already been made, and assured the Committee that she is always open to discuss LGBT+-related matters to any Society member or student of Hughes Hall, and welcome them to the Society events. She has already sent an email to the Hughes Hall Student Body, informing everyone that she is open to any discussion and that can be reached directly.

### III.C. Christmas Charity Efforts

The MCR Committee discussed the upcoming charity concert. Meg Healy, who works with refugees in Calais, France, advised that they need donations, particularly men's clothing. Attendees of the charity concert will be encouraged to donate money or bring donations in kind. There will be a need to identify a space to keep donations in kind, which can be sorted out with Mr J Horwood, the College's Facilities Manager.

### III.D. Equality-Related Matters

#### III.D.1. Equality Officer Role

Mr J Deokiesingh informed the Committee that he will be away for fieldwork from 10 December 2019 and potentially until the end of February 2020. He advised that he will not be physically present but will continue his role and will be available via Slack.

### III.D.2. MCR BAME Officer Update

Philip: talk to students about it but see what the role will entail.

### III.D.3. Clarification on the MCR Constitution

Upon Mr Deokiesingh's inquiry, it was clarified that any changes to the MCR Constitution will be made at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March 2020. It was also noted that reference to the LGBT+ Society's Facebook group name will also be changed at the AGM, to which Ms Gorringe is amenable.

### III.D.4. Transgender Awareness Formal Review

Mr Deokiesingh inquired about the process of how a formal hall ticket that is free or newly available is being sold. He was informed that the student concerned usually sells free or available tickets informally.

### III.D.5. Creation of Events for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

Ms Gorringe proposed the creation of a group or at the very least, events for PWDs, which goes under the Equality Officer's role. Mr Egle also had suggestions and/or ideas regarding this proposal.

### III.D.6. Equality Subcommittee

Ms Gorringe informed the Committee that Ms C Bentley-Astor has just filled in the Disability Representative position on the MCR Equality Subcommittee.

### III.E. Acquisition of Rape Alarms

Ms Gorringe proposed the acquisition of rape alarms, which could be used as a defence alarm not only in situations of sexual assault but also in any situation where a student could be in danger. Upon inquiry about who to contact within the College, Ms Entwistle-Thompson suggested contacting Dr C Roughley, the College's Disability Equality Officer, regarding this matter.

### III.F. Sports and Societies Matters

#### III.F.1. Mature Colleges Ski Trip Offer (March 2020)

Ms Gablier informed the Committee that a former Oxbridge student has reached out regarding a mature colleges ski trip event that he would like to circulate among Hughes Hall students. The event will take place on 14–21 March 2020 and the package includes accommodation, food (three meals per day), equipment as well as lessons (beginner and advanced). This leaves transportation as the only major item that the student will need to

cover outside of the package. The approximate cost of the trip is £650, including flights. The former student mentioned that there are 20 more slots available that Hughes Hall students to take up. The participants will need to pay the deposit with the balance to be paid in January or February 2020. Ms Gablier noted that she will send an email to the Hughes Hall Student Body regarding this offer.

### III.F.2. New Societies

Ms Gablier informed the Committee that new societies have been formed and will be advertising events in the near future. This includes the Zumba Society, the Interdisciplinary Politics Society organised by Ms AA Høgfeldt, and the revival of the Film Society.

### III.G. IT and Infrastructure Matters

#### III.G.1. Development of Punt Booking Management Tool

It was agreed that Mr Tang will develop a punt booking management tool.

#### III.G.2. College Room Booking<sup>1</sup>

Mr Tang meet with College's Conference Team to discuss room booking. As a result of this meeting, Mr Tang reported that seminar rooms were added to the booking form. The supervision rooms were, however, removed from the same form. Mr Tang advised that any student who wishes to use a supervision room will need to contact the Conference Office directly. The new room booking form that Mr Tang designed received positive feedback from the Conference Team.

### III.H. Green and Ethical Affairs Matter: Carbon Policy

Ms L Collas announced to the Committee that the College's Environmental Policy, which is now called the Carbon Policy and which has a target of 2030, has been passed by the College Council in last week's meeting. Ms Entwistle-Thompson also updated the Committee that the College would like to tweak and improve some of the technicalities expressed in the Policy.

### III.I. Social and Entertainment Matters

#### III.I.1. Christmas BOP / RAG and DJ Costs

Ms PR Librizzi reminded the Committee of the upcoming BOP on 6 December 2019. She noted that such BOP is a collaboration with Racing and Giving Charity (RAG). Ms Librizzi sought suggestions on which expense the Committee could ask RAG to cover. Ms Entwistle-Thompson suggested that payment for the DJ (of £50) would be a

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<sup>1</sup> Room Booking Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbwRQu0yGTNKF1B-vi7EPZ3KOk4Y58lGa4c\\_nWGcv3ugJdWw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbwRQu0yGTNKF1B-vi7EPZ3KOk4Y58lGa4c_nWGcv3ugJdWw/viewform)

reasonable amount to request RAG to cover. Ms Librizzi also encouraged Committee members to promote that BOP and inform everyone that the BOP will have both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Finally, Mr C Kazamias and Mr K Bartsch have been tentatively requested to be the point persons for the after party at Fez Club.

#### III.I.2. Hot Cocoa Crawl

Ms Librizzi informed that Committee that the Hot Cocoa Crawl will include stops at Chocolat Chocolat, Fitzbillies and Hot Numbers, before heading back to Hughes Hall. She suggested clustering the participants into three students, which would be ideal in sharing the costs when ordering the drinks per venue.

#### III.I.3. Postponing the International Potluck to 7 December 2019

Ms Librizzi advised that the International Potluck event was originally scheduled on the same day as the Tea and Cakes event and the Hot Cocoa Crawl. It will therefore be moved to 7 December 2019 instead.

#### III.I.4. Pool Ladder Tournament

Mr N van der Steen is organising the Pool Ladder Tournament. The prizes for the tournament will include two tickets to the Hughes Hall formal hall or one free guaranteed ticket to one of the two formal hall swaps. Ms Entwistle-Thompson noted that a formal hall swap ticket appears to be a more ideal prize. Ms Collas and Ms Gablier also agreed. Ms Librizzi eventually suggested giving the option to the winning student, to which no objection was made.

#### III.I.5. Alumni Poetry Reading and Open Mic

The Alumni Poetry Reading and Open Mic event is provisionally scheduled on 11 December 2019 (post-term time) at 20:30. Ms Librizzi asked for suggestions on timings for the open mic part and for when the alumna would like to read her poems. A suggestion was made to give both poetry reading and open mic 10 minutes each, followed by a break, and then another 10 minutes for open mic and finally, 10 minutes for poetry reading.

#### III.I.6. Christmas Karaoke on 14 December 2019

The Christmas Karaoke is scheduled on 14 December 2019. Ms Entwistle-Thompson will also circulate a Google Form. Committee members are requested to sign up for dates for potential events for the Christmas break. Ms Gablier also noted that the Graduate Union has a schedule of events.

#### III.I.7. Promotion of MCR Social Events Calendar

Mr Tang noted that the social events calendar on the MCR webpage currently only lists Tea and Cakes, and the Christian society events. Mr Tang sought recommendations on how to maximise the use of the calendar, and encouraged everyone to use such tool to advertise their events.<sup>2</sup>

Mr Tang also noted that there is a need to review the process on how to accept requests to join the Hughes Hall Students' Facebook page. Ms Entwistle-Thompson will discuss this matter with the relevant staff in the College.

#### III.I.8. MCR Committee Bonding

Mr C Kazamias that the MCR Committee bonding activity will push through as planned tomorrow, 29 November 2019, at 19:30. It will begin with a games night at the Pfeiffer Room. Ms Goringe suggested a new board game to jumpstart the event.

**The Open Meeting on 8 December 2019 will be moved to January 2020. The next meeting will take place on 5 January 2020, at 5pm, at the Pfeiffer Room.**

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<sup>2</sup> Social Events Submissions:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu475BogMT62w4zRqcMPH\\_rIkhSABYtWnne1cmTeYdmAESoA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu475BogMT62w4zRqcMPH_rIkhSABYtWnne1cmTeYdmAESoA/viewform).