



HUGHES HALL  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee  
Monday, 25 May 2020, 10:30am  
E-meeting

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:** A Entwistle-Thompson (President); H Zhou (Vice President); A Vasileva (Secretary); K Bartsch (Treasurer); Z Rehman (Social Secretary); R Hosking (Female and Non-binary Welfare Officer); N Gorringe (Equality and LGBT+ Officer); E Mensah (Sports and Societies Officer); J Navani (Accommodation Officer); M Tang (IT and Infrastructure Officer); O Kranse (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer)

**Absent:** B Low (Academic Affairs Officer); B Williams (Social Secretary)

### I. Introduction

#### I.A. Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

### II. Standing Actions

### III. Items

#### III.A. Developments from college

Ms A. Entwistle-Thompson informed the MCR committee members about the rent petition that was started by students. She also updated the committee members on what has been done so far, including waving the KFC fee and a £9 rent reduction a week. Ms Entwistle-Thompson briefly went over the response to the petition sent out by college. Ms A. Entwistle-Thompson told the MCR committee that a vote of no confidence has been proposed by a Hughes Hall student.

MCR members agreed that the president has been working very hard and doing a great job in ensuring students were supported during the lockdown, while continuing daily discussions with college.

Ms N Gorrige said that too much of the workload is falling on the MCR president and the other MCR officers need to take more responsibility for their roles. She also proposed that MCR members reintroduce themselves to the student body to ensure students are aware of who is responsible for what aspects.

***Actions:***

- MCR members need to add a short biography to MCR website in the next 24hrs. To be shared on the Facebook group.
- Alexandra to update us on the progress of the vote of no confidence.

**III.B. Plans for summer**

Ms Z Rehman updated the MCR officers on the positive feedback regarding virtual tea and coffee. Hughes hall students have thoroughly enjoyed this, although attendance has recently fallen due to upcoming exams.

The MCR officers discussed potential online social events that can be organized during summer, including an online Hughes garden party.

***Action:***

- A social calendar for summer, to be put in place by Ms Rehman and Mr B Williams.

**III.C. Plans for Michaelmas**

Ms Entwistle-Thompson proposed creating two plans for Freshers. Plan A includes organizing events as usual with all MCR members being as involved as possible. Plan B would involve Freshers events mainly being carried out online. Mr M Tang asked about the registration process and the involvement of the MCR officers during that period. This is to be decided closer to Michaelmas according to government and college policies on social distancing.

***Actions:***

- Begin creating a calendar with potential events for both plan A and plan B.
- Ms Rehman and Mr Williams to get in touch with the previous social secretaries for access to plans for freshers 2019.
- Due to current uncertainties, MCR officers are to direct any students to the FAQ section on the college website or upcoming Q&A zoom sessions with college staff regarding plans for next year.

**The next meeting will take place on 8 June 2020, at 10:30am, as an E-meeting.**