



HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee
Sunday, 16 February 2020, 5pm
Maletín Room

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: A Entwistle-Thompson (President); C Kazamias (Vice President); PS Perillo (Secretary); A Kölle (Treasurer); I Yu (Academic Affairs Officer); PR Librizzi (Social Secretary); N van der Steen (Social Secretary); R Hosking (Female Welfare Officer); M Egle (Male Welfare Officer); N Gorringe (LGBT+ 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)

I. Introduction

Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

II. Standing Items

II.A. Black, Asia and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Officer Position on the MCR Committee

Ms A Entwistle-Thompson discussed the ongoing matter of reintroducing the title, BAME Officer on the MCR Committee. She noted that the College is not inclined to increase the cap on the composition of the Committee to more than 15. There is therefore a need to reshuffle the positions or rename the existing positions if the Committee were to decide on reintroducing the BAME Officer title on the Committee. It has been discussed in previous meetings that the Equality Officer, with the assistance of the Welfare and Equality Subcommittee, is the primary representative of BAME students on the Committee.

After extensive discussion and options considered, the Committee has decided to rename the LGBT+ Welfare Officer and the Equality Officer to (1) Equality and LGBTQ+ Officer and (2) Equality and BAME Officer. This decision received twelve (12)

affirmative votes. One (1) member voted to retain the current composition of the MCR Committee; one (1) member voted to retain the current composition with the additional requirement that members of the relevant subcommittee will be given the right to attend MCR Committee meetings and vote on relevant matters; and one (1) member's vote was rendered nullified and thus uncountable for providing multiple options rather than only one (1), as instructed. It was clarified that both positions will represent students on equality-related issues, with one officer responsible for the LGBTQ+ students' matters and one for the BAME students' matters. The rest of the equality-related matters will be divided by both equality officers amongst themselves, as they see fit. The current officers occupying the positions being revised will discuss and propose how best to divide the responsibilities and the representations amongst themselves. It was further clarified that the Equality Officers will assist the Welfare Officers with the weekly tea and cake event.

II.B. MCR Elections and the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Ms Entwistle-Thompson reminded the Committee about the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 1 March 2020, which will be held at 5pm at the Pfeiffer Room. She invited members of the Committee to consider rerunning for a Committee position. She also advised the Committee to encourage their Hughesian friends to consider running for a Committee position and to attend the Hustings.

II.C. Upcoming Events with Participants from Non-Members of the College

Ms A Gablier informed the Committee of a request from the Porters to please inform them when events are being organised in College where external students are likely to attend.

Action:

The IT and Infrastructure Officer will copy the Porters in emails when approving room bookings.

II.D. Sports and Societies Photos

Ms Gablier informed the Committee that one photograph for each society will be chosen and will be displayed at the MCR Clubroom. The President and the Sports and Societies Officer will select the format and choice of photos, but everyone is welcome to give their feedback.

Regarding the MCR Committee group photograph, the members were advised to place their orders within the day. The MCR will order a mounted and framed version of the MCR committee photograph and will start the tradition of having such photograph on the wall of the MCR Clubroom. A framed matriculation photograph will also be put up on the wall, as usual.

II.E. Academic Affairs: Course or Subject-Specific Events

Ms Gablier made a request for the Academic Affairs Officer to organise more course or subject-specific socials at the College. Other course- or programme-specific events, such as a summer events for PhD students and social events similar to the ones organised by the Academic Office were also suggested. Ms I Yu is happy to organise such events and tap on the Academic Affairs Subcommittee for assistance.

II.F. LGBTQ+ History Month/Week Update

Ms N Gorringe reported about certain LGBTQ+-related events, including the recently concluded LGBTQ+ Month Mega Mixer and the LGBTQ+ Panel Talk.

The Mega Mixer was organised with other graduate colleges. Each college paid into a bar tab. The event received a total of £600 from different colleges and subsidies from the Graduate Union (GU). The event was successful, with about 60 people attending from various colleges. The guests moved to Fez to continue the social event.

Ms Gorringe participated in the recent Hughes Hall Interdisciplinary Politics Society event (Red Wine and Politics: Speaking Truth to Power, 10 Minutes at a Time). Mr C van Eijk talked about laws relating to LGBTQ+ community.

Ms Gorringe was pleased to report that the LGBTQ+ Panel Talk was very successful. Speakers included a transgender non-binary speaker and activist, a CEO of a local LGBTQ+ youth charity, and a representative from the Royal Navy's Compass LGBTQ+ Network. She reminded everyone about the upcoming LGBTQ+ Formal Hall, which will be happening on Tuesday, 18 February 2020. Assistance is needed at around 4pm to decorate the venue. She noted that the toilets at Fenner's Building will be made gender neutral for such evening, and a gay male choir will be performing during the pre-drinks event.

II.G. Social and Entertainment Matters

II.G.1. Sip and Paint Event

The Sip and Paint Event will be held on Thursday, 20 February 2020. Ms Gorringe and Mr N van der Steen will organise the event.

II.G.2. Linacre Visit (28 February 2020)

The President and the Social Secretaries will juggle hosting duties during the Linacre College Visit. They welcome suggestions of places to take the guests to. The Committee members are also invited to tag along if they are available.

II.G.3. Live Music Night (28 February 2020)

Ms PR Librizzi advised the Committee that an event will be held on 28 February 2020. It would serve not only as a live music night but also as a May Ball launch. Licence

extension and live music are still to be confirmed and finalised. Ms Librizzi is awaiting response from the College regarding the licence extension. And Mr van der Steen is confirming the band for the live music.

II.G.4. Last Week of Term Event

Ms Librizzi welcomes ideas for events that could be organised for the last week of Lent Term.