



HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee
Mon, 15 September 2020, 3pm
E-meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: N Gorringe (Temporary President & Equality and LGBT+ Officer); H Zhou (Vice President); K Bartsch (Treasurer); Z Rehman (Social Secretary); B Williams (Social Secretary); A Johnsen (Equality and BAME Officer); O Kranse (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer); Cris Van Eijk (MBN officer)

Absent: A Vasileva (Secretary); E Mensah (Sports and Societies Officer); R Hosking (Female and Non-binary Welfare Officer); B Low (Academic Affairs Officer); M Tang (IT and Infrastructure Officer)

I. Introduction

Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

II. Standing Actions

II.A Each member to submit a brief summary of their role to the MCR President before the next meeting. To give thought to the statement defining harassment and confidentiality before the meeting.

Action: In progress

II.B Welcome Pack – Ms N Gorringe to update.

- Ms Z Rehman and Mr C van Eijk suggesting including a description of items in welcome pack including a printed Freshers calendar.

- Ms Gorringer was in favour of printing a physical calendar. She has also uploaded plans for welcome packs to google drive.
- Ms Gorringer suggested including a baking kit. The cost of this would be quite high for each household and Mr van Eijk pointed out potential issues arising with specific dietary requirements. Ms Gorringer suggested including a statement that alternative ingredients can be sourced where needed.
- Mr van Eijk suggesting including a print out with information about important phone numbers, laundry cards, U-Pay, and other helpful 'how-to' things in the welcome packs.

Zainab: Pick up origami packs from porters' lodge.

Nikki: Pack and distribute welcome packs. Possibly Sunday for this. Have a collection point for welcome packs.

Action:

- Ms Rehaman to pick up origami paper for origami social from the Porters' lodge.
- Ms Gorringer to pack and distribute welcome packs.

II.C Student "Warden" Idea – Ms N Gorringer to update.

- Ms Gorringer suggested that previous MCR committee members might be available to help.
- Ms Rehman suggested organising events following the 6 people rule, where individuals from different households can meet together with proper safety/ social-distancing procedures – subject to approval from the college.
- Signups or random matching for in-person events. Fix official days when we bring people from different households together.
- Mr van Eijk suggested that we can host more than 6 people as long as they don't 'mingle'.
- MCR committee members to wear MCR masks to be easily identified.
- Mr B Williams highlighted the important of encouraging students to wear masks if there are multiple groups of 6 meeting at similar times and places.

Action:

- Inform students about rules and establish ways to match groups.
- Ms Gorringer to ask continuing students if they are interested in becoming student wardens.

II.D MCR Stash for Freshers Events – Mr K Barsch, Mr J Navani

Actions: Ongoing

III. Items

III.A. Freshers Calendar.

- Rethink “Garden Party”, “Pizza Night”, confirm calendar.
- Ms Gorringe said that the calendar has been finalized and can be pushed out ASAP.
- Pizza Night is not going to happen. Another event needs to fit in the gap.
- Organised walks in September (e.g. to Grantchester on the 14th). Groups of 5 + MCR members for friendship roulette.
- Mr van Eijk suggested blind dates. Suggested name: friendship roulette.
- Mr Williams: Multiple activities will happen on the same day so people would get a choice.
- Ms Rehman ask whether the would be able to provide drinks for Virtual drinks nights.
- Host more events at end of September and beginning of October, since most people will be exiting quarantine then.
- Post Google forms early. Include description of event. Include comments section for preferences in the form.

Action:

- Ms Gorringe will contact the college about the drinks (possibly picked up by students).
- Contact Dr Corrine Roughley about 6ppl rule.
- Forms for these activities (name, email, date, time).
- Mr O Kranse and Mr K Bartsch to organise the plant sale.

III.B. MCR Committee Member availability for Freshers events.

Discuss spreadsheet of events.

Action: Ongoing

III.C. Hughes Hall Student Discord Server.

Maintaining the conversation.

Mr van Eijk suggested publicizing the Discord group on Facebook.

Action:

- Discord group to be advertised on Facebook.

III.D. Hughes Hall Student Facebook group.

Answering questions.

Action: N/A

III.E. Accommodations Communication Issues.

Action:

- Ms Gorrige to raise issues of accommodation offers not reaching expected emails – resulting in the forfeit of accommodation.

III.F. Freshers Welfare Workshops.

- Mr van Eijk has asked college about briefing everyone on COVID safety rules.

Action:

- MCR Committee members to sign-up for workshops.