



HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee
Wed, 30 September 2020, 3pm
E-meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: N Gorringe (President & Equality and LGBT+ Officer); H Zhou (Vice President); A Vasileva (Secretary); K Bartsch (Treasurer); Z Rehman (Social Secretary); B Williams (Social Secretary); E Mensah (Sports and Societies Officer); M Tang (IT and Infrastructure Officer); O Kranse (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer)

Absent: B Low (Academic Affairs Officer); R Hosking (Female and Non-binary Welfare Officer); C van Eijk (Male and Non-binary Welfare Officer); A Johnsen (Equality and BAME Officer); J Navani (Accommodation Officer);

I. Introduction

Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

II. Standing Actions

III. Items

III.A. Reflection on Freshers events already hosted; virtual welcome drinks/ tea and cake, friendship roulette.

Mr B Williams and Ms Z Rehman reported that the friendship roulettes have been going very well. They have lasted for several hours and students have enjoyed them. They have so far started with a walk around the Botanical gardens, followed by having a drink at a café/pub. The virtual drinks and tea and cake events have also been enjoyed by students.

Actions:

- N/A

III.B. Planning of future Freshers events; registration days, virtual events etc.

Mr Williams reported that 20 societies have signed up to the Freshers fair on Saturday. He explained that it will take place on zoom in three different 40-minute blocks. A poster with zoom links for all societies is to be advertised over the next few days. Planning for the virtual craft night is going well.

Actions:

- Ms Gorrige to send a message on Discord and find out if there are any students who are good at origami and willing to give a workshop.
- Supplies for the virtual craft night to be made available in an easily accessible area in college.

III.C. Welfare talks, status update.

Ms Gorrige reported that the MCR will be doing the welfare talks alongside college. This is to get the point across that College and MCR have the same values and priorities as each other.

Actions:

- Further update to be received from Mr C van Eijk in the next meeting.

III.D. Plant sale.

Mr K Bartsch has created a google form with all plants that can be purchased. The form is only going to be accessible to people with cam email addresses to ensure that only students can purchase plants. All plants are expected to arrive on the 9th of October and the form will be released the day before.

Actions:

- A few MCR members to help out Mr Bartsch with testing out the google form before the plant sale begins.

III.E. Ideas for Michaelmas term events.

Mr Williams and Ms Rehman proposed ideas for events for Michaelmas term.

Music night – to be held on Friday or Saturday night with a cap on the number of people. Ms Rehman is going to create a group with people who are interested in playing music at the event. Ms Gorrige highlighted the importance of compensating skilled students who are going to play music in the events.

Board game night – to take place in the marquee. People will be able to sign up as a group and receive a board game to play. The equipment will need to be quarantined in order to be safe to use.

Actions:

- Pay rate for music nights to be determined depending on the level of the player.

- A protocol for safely using and quarantining games is to be created.

The next meeting will take place on 16 October 2020, at 5 pm, as an E-meeting.