



HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MCR Committee
Fri, 28 February 2021, 11am
E-meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: N Gorringe (President & Equality and LGBT+ Officer); H Zhou (Vice President); K Bartsch (Treasurer); A Vasileva (Secretary); B Low (Academic Affairs Officer); Z Rehman (Social Secretary); R Hosking (Female and Non-binary Welfare Officer); M Tang (IT and Infrastructure Officer);

Absent: B Williams (Social Secretary); C van Eijk (Male and Non-binary Welfare Officer); A Johnsen (Equality and BAME Officer); J Rawles (Equality & LGBTQ+ Officer); O Kranse (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer); J Navani (Accommodation Officer); E Mensah (Sports and Societies Officer);

I. Introduction

Declaration of Members' Interest

No declaration was received.

II. Standing Actions

III. Items

III.A. MCR Constitution proposed changes, AGM, committee elections

Ms N Gorringe summarized proposed changes to the constitution:

- A new one-year officer to represent 1-year students. They are to be elected in October and run until their graduation.
 - Mr K Bartsch expressed concerns that the College might not allow increase in MCR officer numbers.

- Ms Gorringe confirmed that the college does not seem to have a problem with this at the moment. She also said that as the student body has grown, it needs higher representation on the MCR Committee.
 - Some concerns regarding new students not yet understand the responsibility of such a role were expressed. As a result, the role might be undersubscribed or oversubscribed. It is the MCR committee's responsibility to make sure that the elected person is aware of their responsibility and welcomed.
- Vice president internal role – the internal vice president will work closely with the president and focus on communication outside of the committee. They will form a link between staff, student and seniors. They will promote organization of events and will be eligible to attend college committees. Both vice presidents would have the responsibility to take over the president role when required.
 - Addition of a liability clause - addition of a liability clause which removes liability from the MCR Committee for damage or loss of property in events not organized by the MCR Committee. The MCR Committee shall not be liable for bad behaviour of students at MCR-led events, explained and further discussed with examples.
 - Some committee members expressed concerns regarding safety in organizing events for students.

Mr K Bartsch proposed another change to the constitution too. The bank account is to have only 1 signatory instead of 4.

Mr M Tang also proposed some changes. He pointed out that the Accommodation and Infrastructure officers were missed out from the interim arrangements section.

Ms Gorringe suggested that the senior tutor needs to attend one MCR meeting once a term.

Quorum of 30 people needs to be reached at an AGM for the changes to pass.

Actions:

- MCR Officers to vote on changes by 5PM on 28th of February 2021.