

Minutes
St. Anne's MCR Committee Meeting
Monday 4th May 2009

Present – Karen Heath, Rhianedd Jewell, Denis Lapitski, Alexandra Janos, Sacha Nandlall, Christina Mayer, Cara Morgan, Aziz Mithani

Apologies – Alice Dub, Michael Youdell, Christian Michel, Rumbidzai Maweni.

1. Graduate Questionnaire

The President presented a draft of the graduate questionnaire. It was **agreed** that:

- A hard copy of the survey would be distributed at the Wine Tasting on Thursday 14th May (*Mike*)
- An online version would also be made available (*Karen*)

2. Money Matters

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President provided an update on the state of the MCR accounts. It was **noted** that:

- Residents of Robert Saunders House currently pay a compulsory facilities levy of £3 per term, but residents of Eleanor Plumer House do not. The committee **agreed** to introduce the same levy for both houses. This would begin in Michaelmas Term 2009. (*Karen*)
- There are no College funds available to support MCR sporting activities or Blues players. The Committee discussed the possibility of setting aside £500 per year for MCR members to apply for sports grants. In the absence of the Sports Officer it was **agreed** that the matter be held over until the next meeting. In the interim, the President would talk to the JCR President about their processes. (*Christian/Karen*)
- Glasses were required for drinks receptions, especially before and after Exchange Dinners. It was **agreed** that £200 would be made available for the purchase. The glasses would be stored and cleaned by College. (*Denis/Alex*)

3. Facilities

In the absence of the Environmental Officer, the President updated on facilities. It was **agreed** that:

- The MCR would work with College to redecorate and refurnish the two common room areas in Robert Saunders House over the summer period. (*Karen/Denis*)
- The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the TV room into a work room area with IT facilities and printing. The TV would move upstairs, but to make more room, either the table tennis or pool table would be removed. A Wii would be bought instead. The President would discuss costs, timings and procedure with the Bursar. An update would be provided at the next meeting. (*Karen*)
- A variety of magazines would be bought for Robert Saunders House, including the Economist. This would begin in Michaelmas Term 2009. A budget of £200 was provided. (*Karen/Alice*)

4. Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs Officer briefed the Committee about academic events. It was **noted** that:

- The advertising campaign for STAAR, St. Anne's Academic Review, was going well, with a number of submissions received, and more promised. Enquires to the Editor, Daria Luchinskaya.
- The academic term card would be circulated to the MCR by email and uploaded onto the website. (*Sina/Sacha*)
- Volunteers were also sought to assist with the running of the Discussion Groups next year. An email would be sent to the MCR asking for help. (*Sina/Rhi*)
- A Speakers' Dinner would be arranged to say thank you to Discussion Group guests in Michaelmas Term 2009. (*Sina/Karen*)

- A lunchtime event with the Careers Office was planned for Michaelmas Term 2009
(*Sina*)

5. IT

The IT Officer spoke about the MCR website. It was **agreed** that:

- A re-write would take place over the summer. (*Rbi/ Sacha*)
- Dining hall menus would be uploaded. (*Sacha*)
- A Google calendar containing MCR social and academic events would also be useful.
(*Sacha*)

6. Charities

The Charity Officer updated on plans for the Race for Life and Charity BBQ on Saturday 6th June. It was **agreed** that:

- Tickets would be sold at £10 each (to include a donation of £2 per head to Cancer Research UK).
- The event would be advertised on the College screens and posters on notice boards.
(*Cara*)
- Arrangements would be made to borrow the JCR beaver suit. (*Karen*)

7. MCR Trip

The International Officer spoke about plans for the MCR Trip on Saturday 23rd May. It was **agreed** that:

- The cost of transport and activities for the day would be investigated. (*Ligia*)
- Suggestions for destinations included: Bicester Village; Blenheim Palace; Warwick Castle; Thorpe Park; Windsor Palace; Buckingham Palace; Bath; Stratford-Upon-Avon.

8. Any Other Business

The following notices were announced:

- Plans for the Library of the Future Discussion Meeting with the Vice Principal on **Wednesday 13th May at 4.45pm, Seminar Room 5, 48 Woodstock Road**
- Freshers' Week Planning with the Senior Tutor on **Wednesday 27th May at 3pm, room tbc**