

# Meeting Minutes 18-02-17

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**Chair:** Anna

**Attendees:** Anna, Paula, Valentina, Neil, Hannah, Christoph, Parker, Yuning, Charles, Nicholas, James

**Absences from:** Rob

Key: **Tasks** – specific tasks designated to one or more committee members

**Events** – events designated to one or more committee members

## 1 Vote Hannah in

Hannah was voted in as an Ents Officer.

## 2 Coffee Machine

Charles presented some options: decided that we don't need milk frothers (hassle to clean) and that we should prioritize robustness and ease of cleaning. Also decided to get a separate grinder (electronic or manual). Current best option: De'Longhi Magnifica Bean to Cup.

**Task – Charles:** Look for better options and/or just buy a machine.

## 3 Updates on Recent Meetings

**Charles- Steward's Meeting:** Mainly about financial performance of catering: fewer students going to hall and they are making a loss on this but balancing out with conferences. They are looking into more flexible options such as converting bar to a café? They want us to think of ideas and find out what people want.

**Task – General:** Include Hall into polls/forums on catering etc. to find out what people want.

**Paula- Gardens Meeting:** College are fighting the bugs (beetles?) at the moment. It's going well- no new plans.

**Valentina- Library Meeting:** Plan for the new Library and Auditorium- main issues are soundproofing. Ground floor of current library is going to be the auditorium, upstairs will be library. Meeting with architect will take place in June.

**Yuning- High Table Meeting:** Main issue is that fellows are not signing up to dine. Next year, 2 graduate tutors will invite 2 second year PhD students each (total of 4) so that these formals can be less frequent.

**Anna- Breakfast Meeting:** MCR Brunch: the MCR pay for some things and we get a reserved area for brunch. Decided that we should order pastries and fruit and ask if we can have it in the Old SCR. Other options are High Table, New SCR. Discussed reviving MCR Breakfast but decided against it due to poor attendance in the past (especially compared to college brunch).

**Parker- Grad Union Meeting:** The Uni are looking to restructure the postgrad open day and obligating the grad council to run it but this is unlikely to happen. There is a campaign for the uni to adopt the he for she campaign for gender equality. Parker thinks it's worth staying affiliated.

**Parker- Accommodation Meeting:** Ballot will be in late July, Parker won't be here for it. The main question is where to place returning 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrads. First into Cripps (unless they can't afford it ie if they have access to hardship funds) and then can ballot for other first year Grad places. Boat club captain used to be pre-allocated a special room but this has been stopped.

## 4 MCR Dinner

Catering are happy for us to do more with our MCR Dinners and are open to trying new ideas. For example, music in the SCR, decorate Hall etc. If we want to hire a band in Hall or SCR we need to do it early to can get council permission.

Decided on the next themes for MCR Dinners: 11<sup>th</sup> March: Great Gatsby, 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Pyjama Party, 20<sup>th</sup> May: Keble Swap and Harry Potter Theme. Other themes that were discussed: Italian, Dress your Past.

**Task- Yuning & Anna:** Speak to Isa about Quidditch Swaps, and think about a Quidditch Match against Keble.

Discussed getting a Jazz Band for Great Gatsby Dinner, and got a quote from The Handlers for £300 an hour but not enough time to get council permission. Decided that the band should play during drinks in the SCR, and background music can play during the dinner, along with a projector with the Great Gatsby playing.

**Task- Anna:** Speak to college to see if we can get a band approved before the Dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Task- Valentina & Neil:** In charge of hiring a Jazz Band if we can get permission.

**Task- Parker:** Look into getting a projector set up in Hall.

Sound equipment: We have mics and speakers- someone should buy mic stands and music stands.

**Task- James:** Buy microphone stands, music stands and more lights for bops.

### 4.1 Bop attendance

Discussed how to get people to go to bops and decided on free beer/cider per person until 9:30, or until the designated crates run out.

## 5 Updates on Upcoming Events

**Parker- 3 minute thesis:** Last year not more than 8-10 participants so we're planning for similar numbers this year.

**Parker- WIP talks:** Someone with a UK bank account needs to buy the cheese and fruit.

**Task- Christoph:** Bake bread for the WIP Talks.

**Task- Nicholas:** Buy cheese, crackers and fruit for WIP Talks.

**Task- Hannah:** Look into pre-sliced cheese from waitrose or somewhere compared to standard supermarket cheese.

**Yuning- Infographics Workshop:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 12:30 until maybe 14:30.

**Task- Yuning & Parker:** Make a poster to advertise the infographics workshop.

**Yuning- Wikipedia Edit-a-thon:** Newnham are hosting a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon (working with Wikipedia) to address the gender bias on Wikipedia.

**Task- Yuning:** Advertise Edit-a-thon and get people to sign up.

**Anna- Alumni Lunch:** – Not enough people have signed up: it is a networking opportunity with Alumni, and an opportunity to present something like a poster.

**Task- Anna:** Find out which alumni are coming to the lunch.

**Task- Everyone:** Promote the event and get people interested.

## 6 Ideas for Events

**Neil- Bollywood Night:** on Thursday next week. Decided on getting a food delivery in the MCR and a film. Rough budget based on Friday drinks would be more than £60, but obviously depends on attendance.

**Hannah & Christoph- Pancake Day:** 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, make pancakes in the MCR.

**Hannah: Selwyn/Selwyn Swap:** People from Selwyn go for dinner with fines/drinking games.

**Nicholas- Movie Night:** Either let people vote for films or put on international films.

**Charles- Robinson Party Swap:** Swap in Michaelmas term. Party night on 11<sup>th</sup> March- wine and cheese and bop in fancy dress but it is the same night as our MCR Dinner. We should do more non-standard swaps. Decided that if we organize a good dinner with fun activities/decorations we should invite more than one swap (and get bop attendance up).

**MCR Trip** – Committee is keen to do it again, we will start organizing at a future meeting.

**Alumni & JCR Events Ideas:** Bake-off, comedy evening, music evening ie open mic. Decided that a joint wine tasting might be a good idea.

**Task- Anna:** Talk to relevant people to see if they would be interested in a Wine Tasting.

## **7 MCR Common Room Officer**

Need to persuade someone to be common room officer. Without MCR Breakfast, there is no regular tidying/clearing out of the food/drink on the MCR.

**Task- Hannah:** Keep an eye on the MCR and clear out or restock food and drink.

## **8 Charity**

In the past the MCR has not supported charities, but we can decide otherwise. Newnham MCR are interested in setting up a Master's Scholarship for a refugee, and want to know if Selwyn MCR would be interested in joining in. Discussed several ideas for raising money for charity but first big decision is to start supporting charity in the first place- need to discuss at Open Meeting.

## **9 Open Meeting**

Can remind people that the MCR provide £10 off bike lights/helmets, one free punt hire a day, and half the exam fee for languages if you pass.

## **10 Welfare Emergency Contact Card**

College have requested that we distribute Welfare Emergency Contact Cards with details of the relevant roles in both College and Uni, but apparently everyone already has them.

## **11 AOB**