



Minutes of MCR General Meeting

1st March 2010, 8:15pm

Purpose of Meeting:	General Discussion
Chair:	Xavier Droux (President)
Scribe:	Glenn Wilkinson (Secretary)

Topics Discussed:

1. President's Welcome

- Xavier welcomed everyone to the last meeting which he would preside over.

2. Progress of Past Motions

a. OUSU Disaffiliation

Xavier noted that a response to our disaffiliation letter to OUSU took a long time to come, and came in the form of an email. He also noted that it was addressed to him personally, and not to the MCR. The email suggested that all the problems that we highlighted either have, or will, be fixed.

b. Coffee Machine

This motion was discussed in motion 6, below.

c. Constitution and standing orders modifications

Xavier noted that the modifications will most likely be approved the following Wednesday by the governing body, and will be uploaded to the website thereafter.

d. college website

The new college website is more interactive and functional than before. Xavier noted that everyone must feel free to email Ashley with suggestions on content, e.g. photos.

3. Treasurer's Report

- George noted the following transactions on our MCR accounts:

Bank Account Statement on 2010-03-01	5201.43
Estimated Charity Fund on 2010-03-01	2558.38

Estimates of Major MCR Transactions:

News Delivery	-171.50
Lincoln College Ball Contribution	-750.00
Whiskey Tasting	-77.46
Drinks Purchased	-1345.93
Emily Carr Spending	-536.06
Emily Carr Entrance Fee	478.01
Cocktail Equipment	-132.02
Cocktail Workshop	-24.15
Paintball	-87.36

Estimates of Charity Fund Transactions:

Casino Night	202.13
Games Night	0.00

- George noted that he had arranged forms for the new committee members to fill out in order to hand over signing powers of the MCR bank account.

4. MCR Election Results

- Xavier reminded us of the results of the recent elections, and noted that he was very happy with the turnout of people.

5. Charities Motions

- Latoya gave a summary of previous charity meetings, and then invited people from proposed charity motions to explain their causes:

A. Motion 1: Jacari - £293.75

Anne-Sylvie gave an overview of the project. A unanimous vote meant that the motion passed.

B. Motion 2: VacProj - £1,200.00

Thomas Hale of the JCR gave an overview of VacProj. He noted that the MCR could choose which area of vacproj the money would go to, e.g. zoo trips.

Amy Baxter queried how the £1,200 amount was arrived at, and if they had considered splitting volunteer staff funding with other funding. James noted that this had not been looked into as of yet. A vote with 17 for and 1 against resulted in the motion being passed.

C. Motion 3: Archeleon - £130

Kostas Papafitsoros explained the details of the Archeleon project. A vote with 17 for and 1 abstention resulted in the motion being passed.

D. Motion 4: Oliwer - £300

Justyna Zaborowska explained the details of her project. Xavier noted that the therapist would be paid directly, so as to maintain transparency. Justyna noted that the MCR would receive feedback in the form of a report from the therapist.

E. Motion 5: PPACSN - £625

Natasha Phiri explained the details of the project. She noted that the need to get a basic classroom up and running was quite immediate. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Motion 6: To not buy the coffee machine

- Xavier noted that it may be wise to add the expense of a coffee machine into the budget for the kitchen refurbishment, thereby nullifying the motion from the previous general meeting at which it was decided to buy a coffee machine. The motion passed with 20 in favour and one abstention.

7. Motion 7: Casino Equipment

- Latoya noted that RAG equipment for casino nights was poor. She suggested that the committee investigate buying equipment for the MCR. She also noted that the equipment could be rented out to other colleges. The motion was passed with 19 in favour of, and 1 against.

8. Other Business

- Xavier noted that he had received an email from the bursar, asking him to get feedback on what MCR students would think about having regular dinners in college on Saturday evenings. George had concerns that this would increase the kitchen charges, and that special Saturday evening dinners (e.g. Torpids dinner) would be affected. Xavier will email the bursar to tell him there is some interest, but more details would be required before making a decision
- Xavier noted that there are no rules in the constitution on who can propose motions for MCR general meetings, and it is open to the interpretation of the current committee.