



**MCR General Meeting  
Monday 4 May 2009**

**Agenda**

1. President's Welcome
2. Report on progress of past MCR motions
  - a. Lincoln Gym (see note 1)
  - b. Library seats
  - c. College website
3. Treasurer's report
4. Nominations to reps positions
  - a. Green Rep: Lionel Nichols
  - b. Food Rep: Margherita Coccia
  - c. Academic Rep: No nomination so far
  - d. Social committee: Jian Dong and Ashley Napier
5. Shared expenses with the JCR
  - a. Vac Proj donation (see note 2)
  - b. Croquet set (see note 3)
  - c. Ball donation (see note 4)
  - d. Digital recorder for the Lady Abraham Common Room (see note 5)
6. Proposition from the Committee: purchase of a Wii for the MCR (details to be announced at the meeting)
7. Update from the bursar's office: introduction of flexibility in kitchen charge for next year (note 6)
8. Update on the new MCR project (note 7)
9. Any other business

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Note 1: College Gym

**College gym due to close and actual space to be reused for archive storage space after extensive modifications (budget already secured).**

**Corporate membership of the University's Iffley Rd facility, allowing any college member to use the Pulse gym and Swimming Pool (budget already secured)**

Note 2: Vac Proj donation

**The MCR traditionally participates to VacProj for £1500 p.y. Tom Ford, the VacProj fundraiser, will explain what VacProj really is and answer question. Our participation as well as the amount is opened to discussion.**

Note 3: Purchase of a croquet set with the JCR

**JCR proposes to buy a new croquet set to replace the one in Grove Quad, which is in a poor condition, and has only one mallet left. They looked into the sets on the market and suggest buying a Jacques Oxford Set for £425. As this set is used by MCR members too from times to times, including for the planned Croquet tournament, the JCR ask us to participate for ¼ of the price (£107).**

Note 4: Ball donation

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> of May = Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week**

**Theme: Venetian Carnival**

**For the last ball, the MCR donated £1500. This year, the Ball committee asks for the same amount, although the JCR participation is slightly increased.**

**Tickets should be £75 non dining and £110 for dining.**

Note 5: Digital recorder for the Lady Abraham Common Room

**The JCR wishes to buy a PVR for the LACR. As it is a shared common room, they ask the MCR to pay for half of the price (£180); £90 would be charged to the MCR.**

Note 6: Update from the bursar's office: introduction of flexibility in kitchen charge for next year

**On previous discussions between both JCR and MCR and the Bursar, including the discussion that took place on 17<sup>th</sup> of February, the college will take the step to move towards having a flexible kitchen charge. This means that the charge paid upfront at the beginning of term can be used for breakfast, lunch and dinners (not special dinners, not in Deep Hall, not on Saturday evening, unclear about Sunday brunch). It will be possible to use it over 10 weeks, as 0<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> weeks will be included at the request of the MCR. However, the kitchen charge will be increased from £47.40 to £71 per student and per term [a similar increase of £23.6 is applied to both in-college terms (JCR) and out-of-college terms (MCR and few JCR)]. Guests meals cannot be deduced from the charge, contrary to MCR Associate Members meals.**

**This matter is not open for vote, but the opinion of the MCR will be discussed at the next College Finances Committee.**

Note 7: Update on the new MCR project

**\*\* Please get a look at the architectural PowerPoint presentation – the same that the rector showed us last term – which has been uploaded on the MCR computer. Click on the relevant icon on the desktop. \*\***

The MCR has to vote whether we want to remain in our current set of rooms, or if college and architects should continue planning the proposed space as an MCR, with possibility for the MCR to refuse to move when more detailed plans are available. The MCR will be involved in further development steps.

Here follows a quick sum up of some positive and negative aspects of the project identified by the committee:

**Positive aspects:**

- Larger space (from 55 m<sup>2</sup> to 70 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Wheel-chair access-
- Possibility to use the adjacent Lower Lecture Room (which will be entirely refurbished and extended) as it will be linked to the proposed MCR by a door.
- Possibility to shape the design, choose the furniture, etc. according to the wish of the committee which will be in place at the time of decisions.
- Nice view on the Rector's gardens.

**Negative aspects:**

- Furthest away from entrance of College and not feeling part of college.
- Proximity to Rector's house and gardens (intrusions, noise, etc).
- The LLR and Oakshott rooms will still be used for lectures, exams, concerts, etc, when obviously no noise will be tolerated in the planed MCR.
- Glass wall planed towards the corridor.
- If the library was to have an extension one day, it would most probably be in this building. Again, noise from the planed MCR would be problematic. This might seem a long time ahead, but the MCR would no doubt remain there for many decades.
- Our current MCR is located in the same staircase than DeepHall and the Hall, Buttery and other dining rooms.

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