

Downing MCR Committee Meeting 2017-10-11

- Freshers' Week
 - Went well. Good job all.
 - Lots of freshers' engaged. Good retention rate.
 - Recommendations for next year?
 - Rethink punting. Either punting on the backs or walk to Grantchester -- NOT punt to Grantchester.
 - Chase up Wendy again about orders. We need more lager as well now. Action: Dido.
- Bar
 - Following up from Bar & Amenities committee concerns. Special thanks to Dido for sorting this out.
 - **Cleaning:** We have proper College cleaning liquids now: dishwasher and spray. COSHH training required for at least one committee member (currently Tom): very clear instructions so long as you read them.
 - **Licensing:** We are falling into line on the licensing. Physical changes to the bar
 - Display license behind the bar.
 - Have allergies lists.
 - Display ABVs.
 - **Any alcohol served must have allergies list and tariff + quantities + ABV.**
 - **Training:**
 - Currently being rethought by Phil and Wendy as the course they wanted us to do has been deleted by the council. Bar Officers & Senior Committee to do this.
 - Currently read document supplied by Wendy.
 - Other volunteers to continue 45m training by Wendy -- make sure to return documents. **Must return signed document.**
 - Potentially pooling volunteers from across the MCR (cf. Susans' desire to pay committee.
 - **Finance:**
 - Senior Bursar and DCAC Senior Treasurer have some interest in changing certain bar aspects (e.g. cash bar, flow of money to accounts) -- TBC Parsa.
 - Loss of cash box means that we struggle to run events like Burns' Night -- mobile till? Chase this up.
 - Also consideration of paying people behind the bar.
 - Concerns include: will push the bar into inaffordability.

- Drastically limits pool of people: UKRC can't work more than 6 hours a week. Visa (internationals) can't work at all, or with great difficulty.
 - **Amenities update:** Dido looking into replacing the Coffee machine. We currently 'rent' the machine (for free) if we buy the supplies from the company. Interest in getting a new machine, possibly an easier one. Shelf is too low to have certain models. Tomorrow lunchtime, with Geoff, we're meeting sales rep to look at potential replacement models on hopefully the same deal. Possibility more limited range (coffee, espresso, hot chocolate). Upgraded coffee grounds (they're not very nice!).
 - **Food in the MCR:**
 - Related to Sushmitas' desire to get take-away food for Diwali. Dido chases up with Geoff on strict conditions on serving in the MCR. Any foods we can definitely serve? 'Lowest maintenance' foods (that should be OK but not hard and fast): cold food, vegetarian, no prep. We can go to the market and buy loads of cheese no problem apparently -- strange standards? Two reasons: both a safety thing and a giving-College-money thing.
 - Then Dido went to Phil: Largely only external companies when they're larger than what can be provided by College (e.g. May Ball, Tribal BBQ). When they can be served by College, they should be. No clear committee meeting that these concerns can be brought too, but the resolution would ultimately be with Geoff. Dido to meet Geoff and Phil next week: get some guidance for size, type, and supplier and food.
 - Phil understands the situation and we're going to come to an agreement at some point. Potential for an approved suppliers list of some sort? Go through certain checks. Allergen list on the table, etc.
 - On the whole, tea and cake is almost definitely fine, w/ cold snacks. Will have to think more about medium-sized events!
- Treasury
 - Big-ticket purchases: Some ideas of that:
 - new speakers (with amp that can support two sets of speakers -- second set for 'general room'),
 - BT sports,
 - Nintendo Switch + Mario Kart 8.
 - Subsidised hoodies (last done Michaelmas 2015)
 - New speakers: old amenities officer did have a five-year plan for upgrading but we lost track. Could we continue this?
 - Updating the office.
 - College to put Rob Beardwell as a signatory on the MCR HSBC account.
 - Locker situation: Andreas in contact with College and locker company. Probably subsidised by College. Aesthetics to look into how it will fit into the room.
 - Also to look into getting furniture for the MCR Office.

- Rest of Term
 - 22nd October
 - Escape Rooms
 - Diwali
 - 26th October
 - Fellows' Semi-Autobiographical Talk
 - 27th October
 - Halloween Formal
 - 4th Nov
 - Send out Initial email about hustings etc.
 - 13th November
 - Lincoln Swap
 - Swaps??? -- chase up this with Johnny
 - Sunday 26th November -- Hustings
 - Thurs 30th November -- Christmas Dinner
- AOB
 - Gender-neutral toilets in library came up in GPC meeting: Tom to update Christine separately.
 - Seminar Night: Was going to be the date somewhere between the 9th--11th November. But disrupted for Wednesdays with Masters' interviews and dinners. Still chasing up. It's going to happen but might be.
 - Rowing Dinner Bar: Saturday 4th November. They would have to sort out a PBF with formal arrangements with College. Tom expresses reservations after a similar thing the previous year. Paid in front. Deposit. Approved through College. Some sort of intermediary.