



Downing MCR Open Meeting Minutes 3pm Sunday 26th November 2017

The President welcomes people to hustings.

1 | Minutes from the Previous Open Meeting (President)

Nobody raises any concerns about the records of the previous minutes.

2 | Committee Reports (Committee)

The current committee summarise their roles to the new MCR members.

- Treasurer, Parsa Akbari
- Welfare & Education, Josh Newman and Mariann Kovacs
- Bar, Sports, & Amenities: Matt O'Hara
- Equal Opportunities: Christine Hircheberger
- Vice-President: Tom Chudley
- President: Andreas Bedorf

3 | Emergency Motion (Katie Mato)

Katie Mato: Proposes that there should be a third Social Secretary. Katie argues that a third social secretary can help to assist further in running MCR events.

Motion passes by show of hands.

4 | Any Other Business Raised by MCR Members (President)

No matters raised.

5 | 2018 Committee Elections

5.1 | Hustings (President)

Junior Committee Members

- Communications Officer:
 - Natalie Haslam
- Environment Officer
 - Robert Kunzmann
- International Officer
 - Harry Cranston (absent: written statement read)

- Equal Opps
 - Katie Mato
- Welfare & Education
 - Michael Albergo
 - Ella Brown
- Bar, Sports, & Amenities
 - Ben Norbury
 - Elliott Shaw
 - Charlotte Imianowski
- Social Secretaries
 - Conor Simpson
 - Julia Hotz
 - Tom Bennett

Executive Committee

- Treasurer
 - Parsa Akbari
- Vice-President
 - Hassan Imran
- President
 - Alex Cole and Bridget Fryer (joint ticket)
 - Andreas Bedorf

5.2 | CUSU and GU Reaffiliation Background (Vice President)

- The Vice President explains the reaffiliation vote to the Cambridge University Students Union (CUSU) and Graduate Union (GU).
- The MCR is currently a member (paid by College on behalf of the MCR) of both CUSU and GU. Constitutionally, we have to vote to continue our affiliation every year.
- Individual students will continue to be represented by CUSU and GU, and remain members, regardless of the affiliation of the MCR. So it could be argued that if the student body vote to leave, they can continue to benefit from these services whilst saving the MCR money.
- However, through CUSU, we gain services such as Sky TV, free sexual health supplies, and training for officers (e.g. equal opps). Through GU, we gain graduate representation to higher University committees.
- We are represented on both unions by the Vice President.
- Previously there has been some controversy about the operation and management of the GU, which some older members of the MCR might remember. Some MCRs across Cambridge did vote to leave as a result. The current Vice President can confirm that these problems are no longer present in the committee, and things are running smoothly.