



**Trinity Hall MCR**

Open Committee Meeting  
7.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
MCR Blue Room

**1. Matters arising**

**i. Committee member reports**

**ii. Creation of a new Committee position: Ethnic Minorities Officer.**

**iii. Alternatives to the creation of an Ethnic Minorities officer.**

**2. Any other business**

**Present: Verity Smith (VS), Alice Roullière (AR), Aime Rankin (ARa), Holly Dayton (HD), Daniel Ott (DO), Jack Smith (JSm), Joseph Reid (JR), Jules O’Dwyer (JO), Oded Rimon (OR), Stephen Rainbird (SR), Emma Venter (EV), Ben Cooper (BC), Pippa Carter (PC), Sebastian Fica (SF), Lucy McDonald (LMc), Rhiannon Clapham (RC), Lucy Mackie (LM), Ashley Clark (AC), Josh Smeltzer (JS)**

**Apologies: Eduardo Corredera, Tony Seston, Melanie Jensen**

**1. Matters arising**

**i. Committee member reports**

Unfortunately quorum was not reached at this meeting, so no voting could take place.

VS met with the Master and the Senior Tutor. They discussed the recent vote on the pensions strike. Every college was given an individual vote rather than the University being given one vote. VS asked the Master what Trinity Hall had voted but the Master said that they didn’t participate in the survey. VS said that College had now paid the MCR all of the money it was owed and that Dean House would be renovated over a month in summer. VS also mentioned that the changes to the flag policy would be put forward at the governing body meeting the next day.

**ii. Creation of a new Committee position: Ethnic Minorities Officer.**

The survey for the creation of the new committee position received 20 responses, 12 of which considered themselves to be part of an ethnic minority. VS said she believed that the survey showed enough interest to create the position.

AR had spoken to the JCR and agreed that it would be good to have a non-white person on the Committee that people could approach.

**iii. Alternatives to the creation of an Ethnic Minorities officer.**

AR noted that the creation of this position had not been executed well in other Colleges and that we shouldn't consider it lightly. AR explained that BME is a British understanding of discrimination. The MCR has a much larger international membership than the JCR and although nobody had expressed interest in filling the role, AR believed it was a good idea. AR said that they could represent ethnic minorities, provide a welfare role, organise events, remind ents to be more inclusive (e.g. more non-alcoholic based events) and provide a political role to raise awareness of discrimination. AR proposed that if nobody stood for the position, that the international officer and welfare officers could takje on the various roles.

## **2. Any other business**

None.

Meeting concluded 19.21.

Respectively submitted by,  
Aime Rankin  
MCR Secretary