

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

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I hope to bring the knowledge and experience of seven years at Trinity Hall to the role of Secretary, as well as expertise gained working on the 2015/16 Committee. With Christof Angermuller I served as Computing Officer, where we ran the MCR website, mailing lists, Garden Party ticketing, Hall seating plans and many other tasks. In addition we were instrumental in setting up a number of initiatives for the MCR Committee, such as a centralised archive of handover notes for the whole Committee, and online budgeting to improve the Treasurer's financial oversight of MCR funds. As Secretary, I would continue with such work to improve the effectiveness of the Committee.

I believe the Secretary's role is to ensure the smooth running of the MCR Committee, so I do not have exciting, undeliverable headline policies. In addition to the Secretary's current work keeping the MCR informed about the workings of the Committee, I plan the following:

- A single archive of MCR documents and position statements, accessible to all on the MCR website. This would include documents like the Committee's response to the proposed College rent rise of 10 % in 2015, details of its discuss with CUSU over the issue, etc. Currently these documents are circulated by email; I believe that keeping them easily accessible in a single location will improve the MCR's knowledge of the Committee's work and be invaluable to future Committees looking to, for example, discuss rent with College.
- MCR Committee minutes would be uploaded to individual web pages as well as being circulated to the MCR mailing list (an approach currently used by the JCR). This will crucially make them searchable by Google, meaning future Committees (and members of the MCR) will have a much easier task locating information from previous years.