

# St Edmund's College Combination Room

## CR General Meeting 26/01/2020

4:00pm – CR



### 1. Introductions and welcome

- a. Officially the last CR general meeting of this executive year.

### 2. Matters arising

- a. Elections 2020 – consider if you are interested in any CR positions, information on responsibilities are available in the constitution. The Returning Officer to follow-up with the Eddie's community with further information.
- b. Election will be on Monday, 10 February 2020 with Hustings on 9 February 2020 in the evening. Nominations will open one week before and close two days before the election.

#### 1. Regular election: (until Lent 2021)

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Welfare Officers (2)
6. IT Officer
7. Bar Stewards (2)
8. Ents Officers (2)
9. Librarian
10. External Officer
11. Environmental Officer
12. LGBT Officer
13. Punt Admiral

#### 2. By-elections: (until Michaelmas 2020)

1. Families Officer
2. Ents (1)
3. BAME Officer
4. Charity Officer

### 3. Executive reports

#### a. President

1. Room bookings in College – there is a college policy that you get a 50% discount of College room rentals, for example a meeting in the Garden Room. It should be ratified in the Monday Council meeting that this will be free for students moving forward. Update to follow.

#### b. VP

1. Not present.

#### c. Treasurer

1. Thanks to all who filled in the gym survey (currently 100+ students), but diversity in the answers, we are looking for greater understanding of what the CR can advocate for.
  1. College looking to gather 80,000 to build a new gym.
  2. Reminder to respond to the survey as this will impact Eddie's students in the future
  3. Working to fix the floor, new treadmill to come.
  4. Looking to rearrange the format of the gym.
2. Finance Committee meeting to come – dates to be distributed in the next CR newsletter. All are invited to engage in this meeting.

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3. Proposal for a CR trip to Sicily this year, working with the Alumni Committee to raise \$\$\$.
  4. Raising money for the bar. The Bar Stewards provided a summary of bar needs. Council is keen on raising £££ (~8,000). Estate committee meeting next week will consider this.
- d. Welfare
1. Notification of Shaaroni stepping down as the welfare officer.
  2. Report on behalf of Women's Officer.
- e. Secretary
1. No updates.
- f. LGBTQ
1. Update from Matthew: history month LCBTQ this month. Motion going to council for the flag to fly the entire month. It was only two years ago that the flag was flown on one day. Last year it was flown for all days that LGBTQ+ events were hosted. To be communicated following the meeting.
  2. Planning events for the month, including movie nights and looking to coordinate with other Hill Colleges.
    1. NB: the Eddie's film society now has a film projector, can be used by the LGBTQ+.
- g. Music Officer
1. There is a new guitar (exciting!).
  2. More instruments coming our way.
  3. Redecorating has commenced and is ongoing.
  4. Thanks to Alexis for the music room care – it has never looked so good.
- h. Librarian
1. Not present.
- i. Bar Stewards
1. BOP on Saturday next week.
  2. New staff members coming in.
  3. Renovating the bar: painting, wine rack, replace computer, etc. (timeline not clear, this is being organized through the development officer).
    1. Renovations will hopefully start this summer.
  4. Question on decorations: how are they chosen? Sally looking to include women's blades.
  5. Recommendation for Bar Stewards and Women's Officer to coordinate on getting Eddie's women's blades put up in the bar.
- j. Environmental Officer
1. Meat free service: results from the poll, 200 responded with 70% in favour. Toby to speak to Joy about a trial period this week. There was a strong majority, there was a vocal but small minority – consider this is a pilot period and an opportunity to address other issues related to catering. Toby will also discuss this with Joy.
    1. Noting that the trial period has to be given the opportunity to succeed.

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2. It is important that students who are interested do attend these meals to show that it is relevant.
2. Question on recycle bins in student rooms: Jansuz is fine with extra recycle bins in rooms but has to be funded by the CR, but this would not be included in the cleaning actions, it will be up to students to address this.
  1. To follow-up on recycle in public bathrooms.
  2. The CR shouldn't have to pay for College improving its recycling.
  3. Noting also that recycle bins are available for students to take out their own recycle.
  4. To be raised in the Estates Meeting this week.
- k. Punt Admiral
  1. The St Edmund's College punts are drying out nicely and refurbishments have started to sand down, varnish and repair their hulls, gunwhales, and duckboards. Alex is expecting photographs.
  2. Alex has enquired about naming the unnamed punt Grace Lake which seemingly there is no problem other than confirming with college.
  3. Alex has started organising the licences and moorings to be paid for through the river cam conservancy and st john's domestic bursar. The punt's should be back on the river late march/early April.
  4. New poles shouldn't be a problem and should be suited to amateur punters.
  5. Video to come to demonstrate the proper and effective technique for punting.
  6. Alex has yet to find a suitable hat fit for an admiral.
- l. Women's Officer
  1. Putting together events for international women's day. Thinking to put up a sign to allow for ideas and feedback, will allow for an option via the newsletter.
- m. Finance Officers
  1. Note on the student trip: Building on the success of last year's trip to Seville, looking to organise a trip to Sicily. Funding to come from the Alumni Society. The tentative dates 25 – 29 March 2020 (same period as last year). Valentina provided an update of what the trip might look like.
    1. This was brought to the CR Extended Executive meeting in Michaelmas term, which resulted in a vote in favour of a domestic trip. Therefore, Othman has proposed that if no other proposals for a domestic trip that this vote will be brought back to the CR extended committee. This will be raised at the Finance Committee.
- n. Academic officer
  1. Not present.
- o. External Officer
  1. Not present.
- p. International Officer
  1. Not present.

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- q. IT Officer
  - 1. Not present.
- r. Sports Officer
  - 1. Ordering sanitary wipes for the gym.
  - 2. Bought a couple items.
  - 3. Motion for women's hour in the gym – one hour in the week and one hour in the weekend.
  - 4. The erg room is not currently functional, Sports Officer to speak with the Boat Club for the use of the room.

#### 4. AOB

- a. General Grievance – the second-floor kitchen continues to present problems, key access for the cupboards has still not materialised; tickets have been submitted in regard to the state of the kitchen.
  - 1. Students are encouraged to contact facilities directly, and to copy in the CR members.
- b. One year since students took action on the Noah Carl issue. There should be some thought on preserving the student work and protest material. Some concern about leaving the materials with the College. Suggestion to frame photos with and place them in CR place.
  - 1. Action item: for Sidd to follow-up on how we preserve these materials.
- c. CR needs to have a policy in how we organise and decorate our space. A working group is needed to coordinate this space.
  - 1. Please reach out to the CR to indicate interest.
- d. May Ball: the May Ball is happening, but needs student support! Launch Bop on 1 February 2020. There will be a theme reveal during the bop. We need to sell 500 tickets to break even.

**Next meeting:** 1 March 2020, 4:00pm in the CR