MURC Agenda – MT AGM 2015

Matters Arising:

• Minutes of Previous Meeting

Will approve them next time (sorry everyone)

General Business

We need seven people to be quorate.

• Executive Committee Elections

Secretary - Ste Rose (Unanimous-Haenguen)

Treasurer – Charlie Hutchings (Unanimous)

It Officer - Liam Stigant (Unanimous)

Outreach Rep – James Lau (Unanimous)

Publicity and careers rep – Brigitte Stenhouse (unanimous)

Questionnaire rep – Tim Osgood For (15) against (1) Elected

D&I – Naomi Vides (Unanimous)

Maths and Comp Sci – Utsa Popat (Unanimous)

Maths & Phil – Nick Williams

Maths & Stats – Alex Homer

As maths and stats rep he has ensured that stats questionnaires actually get discussed and not abandoned, also pushed for optimisation to be abandoned as a first year course. (Unanimous)

First Year Rep – Henrique Aguiar

Not sure what he will do in this position, but he will listen to first year students and act on their desires. (Unanimous)

Arts Rep – Nick Williams

Wants to put up good art in the MI. They discuss exhibitions to be held, budget, the sculpture in the foyer. (Unanimous)

• College Rep Elections

Keble Rep – Lin (Unanimous-haenguen)

Worcester Rep – Sam (Unanimous-haenguen)

• Constitutional Changes – Approved if two thirds majority

Alex: Major changes is to clarify electoral procedures, and to introduce the option of RON and abstention. Change in how people become college reps – uncontested positions are automatically filled, however the chair will read a list at the beginning of the meeting allowing MURC members to make an objection. College reps must be members of MURC and members of the respective college In the case of an objection or a contested position an election will take place. If a college rep misses two consecutive meetings and doesn't give apologies in the next meeting a motion of no confidence will take place. Added arts rep to the constitution.

Considering changing from first past the post to runoff voting, in case of times when no one gets a majority. (Currently ties are broken by the chair getting casting vote). Evie: Is this necessary? Won't it confuse matters? You can change your vote partway through. Alex: that is a good thing about runoff voting...

Removing colleges electing college rep.

Bookstall – price is negotiated between treasurer and seller using rrp/2 as guideline, and selling the book on at a price inflated by £2. After five years the treasurer should offer it to charity (changed from disposed of any other way).

Haengeun – We don't actually keep track of when we buy and sell books. How will this work practically? Alex: Added keep an inventory of the bookstall to constitution.

Alex - Changed membership of MURC from people who are eligible AND apply for membership, to OR.

Constitutional Changes - (Unanimous)

Standing Orders - (Unanimous)

• Reports from Departmental Committees

JCCU Report – Naomi: Earl is against problem sheet solutions. However some tutors seem to be coming around to the idea.

Flow chart idea was rejected as it was too much work and it's too complicated. Said list at the end of Part A syllabus is sufficient.

Tentatively agreed that a list would be compiled detailing what major changes to courses have taken place, and where material in a course came from if it was taken from a different course.

• Gender boxes on Lecture questionnaires

Naomi: Dyson is against putting a gender box on lecture questionnaires. Has agreed to add it to first and second years in Hilary Term. Opposition to third and fourth years because anonymity is at risk due to small class sizes. The system works by the tutor collecting them and reading through them, doesn't think that online questionnaires will be utilised.

• Women undergraduates under performing

Trying to get all undergrads on the d&I rep page in order to send out surveys and get good results – why do women under perform and why do they drop out in third and fourth year? Is there a difference between tutorials and classes? Want to identify practical things to change. Tim would like to send out surveys in MT regarding exams and any issues that arose.

AOB

More frequent shorter meetings – yay or nay? Will see how affective removing constitutional things has and how much more we can achieve. Need to be more active on MURC exec page.