

Draft minutes

Of the 2nd Hilary MURC meeting, 21 February 2019

Those present were:

- Marianne Cain (Diversity and Inclusion rep)
- George Cooper (Outreach rep, Balliol rep)
- Chris Fitzpatrick (President, St Peter's rep)
- Matthew Goh (Maths & Stats rep, Questionnaire rep, Queen's rep)
- Edward Hart (Secretary, Corpus rep)
- Matthew Hillman (Treasurer)
- Rachel Laing
- Kirsten Land
- Christopher McGarry (IT officer, Merton rep)
- Jesse Pajwani (Art rep, New rep)
- Beth Thomas
- Jess Toudic (Hertford rep)

Apologies received:

- Tao Jiang
- Paolo Marimon

All action points are in **bold**.

1 Previous minutes and matters arising

Matthew G. requested some amendments to the minuted version of his report from Statistics Teaching Committee. In particular, that MURC had no objection to the Stats Department clarifying that they have the same application process as the Maths Department. **Edward agreed to amend minutes for approval at the next meeting.**

The amended minutes of the 2nd Michaelmas meeting were approved.

2 President's report from JCCU

- The Department is planning to change the name of the Introduction to Manifolds short option, as we suggested.
- The Department is aware of problems with Part B and Part C classes. Part C classes will go back to their usual format (no more 45-minute workshops).
- Regarding the viewing of scripts of students who fail Prelims, whether a tutor can view scripts on behalf of a student is for colleges to decide (because it is a teaching matter).
- The Department is happy to add Maths & Philosophy students to Minerva; they just need Colleges to tell them who to add.
- The Department is planning in its own informal-ish guide to maths options. This means there will be no need for MURC to make its own informal guide. It was pointed

out it would be difficult to maintain, anyway. However, a student view would still be useful. **It was agreed to suggest to JCCU that the Department try to get quotes from students about the modules they'd taken**, say, via the end-of-year survey.

3 Elections

- George Cooper stood to be President. Elected unanimously.
- Chris F. stood to be Treasurer. Elected unanimously.
- Chris McG. stood to be IT Officer. Elected unanimously.
- Beth stood to be Outreach Rep. She explained she had a wealth of outreach experience, from Department events to college events, and is President of the Mirzakhani Society. Elected unanimously.
- Matthew G. stood to be Questionnaire Rep. Elected unanimously.
- Matthew G. stood to be Maths & Stats Rep. He explained he wanted to stay on to make the most of his growing knowledge of the Stats Department, but would stand down at the end of year to allow someone new to take over. Rachel expressed interest in the role. Elected unanimously.
- Rachel stood to be 1st Year Rep. Elected unanimously.
- Chris McG. stood to be Secretary. He explained he was standing to prevent MURC being so flagrantly unconstitutional as to not have a secretary. There was discussion about the level of editing of meeting minutes. Elected: 4 in favour, 0 against, 1 RON, 3 abstain.
- Chris F. stood to be Diversity & Inclusion Rep. Elected unanimously.

4 Any other business

4.1 Bios and photos for website

Chris F. again reminded committee members to send a photo and a short bio covering their maths interests to Chris F. or to Chris McG.

5 Items to take to JCCU

The next JCCU meeting will be after the next MURC meeting. These points are included here for convenience.

- **Suggest that the Department try to get quotes from students about the modules they'd taken for the Department's guide to options.**