

Minutes

2nd MURC Meeting of Michaelmas Term 2020

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1 Attendance

Name	Office(s)
Rodrigo Marlasca Aparicio	President
Heidi Fang	Treasurer
Amirul Adil	Secretary
Rachel Laing	Questionnaire Rep Maths and Stats Rep
Beth Thomas	Outreach Rep
Ryan Salter	IT Officer Fourth Year Rep
Thomas Feerick	
Catherine Downie	
Siddiq Islam	
Daniel Gagliardi	

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ratified with no objections

3 Election of College Representatives

Thomas Feerick has been elected as Christ Church College Representative.

Siddiq Islam has been elected as Oriel College Representative.

Catherine Downie has been elected as Exeter College Representative.

4 Election of Executive Committee

Thomas Feerick has been elected as Freshers Representative.

The position of Maths and Computer Science Representative received no candidates and remains vacant.

5 Maths Institute's Handling During The COVID-19 Pandemic

Some independent third year students met with the Maths Department about how they could have been better in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. They also created a questionnaire for students regarding this issue. The Department is willing to make improvements to benefit students during their studies.

Students in second year should have been given confirmation about how exams will be affected. The Department have also opened a student hub line where students can send in their complaints about their course.

6 Any Other Business

6.1 Communication Between The Department and Colleges

Thomas Feerick has raised the issue that the colleges and the Department should communicate more about the scheduling of lectures. This way, students would be given a good amount of time to watch lectures and complete problem sheets before their tutorials.

6.2 Exam Reports

The reports for last year's exams have yet to be released. This may be due to how the pandemic has affected exams.

Questions should be structured in mind of the exams being open book. Students should be given an exam that better test their skills and understanding of the subject. This would prevent the scaling of marks being heavily affected.

6.3 Virtual Pigeon-holes

The third and fourth year students have been having some problems with the virtual pigeon-holes. The current system has been made to align with privacy laws. This meant that student's work were deleted after a period of time. However, some students who submitted work early had their work deleted before the TAs could view them.

6.4 Public Availability of Canvas Resources

The Department has stated that they have plans to make Prelims content public like in previous years.