

# Worcester College MCR

## Motion Received for Annual General Meeting to be held Sunday 5th Week

### Constitutional Amendment:

#### Article 1 - Membership

##### **Substitute for paragraph [1] the following:**

"The following are members of the MCR:

- a) Students of the College who are:
  - i) Reading for a higher degree;
  - ii) Reading for a second BA;
  - iii) Fourth Year Undergraduates of the College eligible for the status of Bachelor of Arts by virtue of the results of Part I examinations
  
- b) Persons in the following categories who advise the Committee in writing of their wish to join the MCR:
  - i) Junior Research Fellows of the College;
  - ii) Visiting Graduates at the College;
  - iii) A graduate or graduand of the College holding elective OUSU or JCR office;
  - iv) By agreement between the Committee and College, persons of status comparable with the preceding categories"

##### **Paragraph [2]:**

Add at end:

"They shall pay termly membership subscriptions at the current rate"

#### Article III - Committee

##### **Paragraph [1]:**

Delete from line 2 "at least"; insert after "following" the word "voting".

##### **Delete from paragraph [4]:**

All from and including "The Secretary shall Act..." in line 5 to end.

##### **Paragraph [5]:**

Delete "The Social Secretary" and insert:

"The post of Social Secretary may be held by two persons jointly. The Social Secretary or Secretaries..."

Add at end:

"The division of responsibility between joint Social Secretaries shall be agreed between them or as directed by the Committee. Each joint Social Secretary shall be a voting

member of the Committee"

**Paragraph [11]:**

Add at end:

"The Committee may appoint members of the MCR to ad hoc functional non-voting posts"

Article IV - Elections

**Delete all and insert:**

"[1] All MCR office-holders shall take office immediately after the end of Hilary term (unless elected in a by-election, when office shall commence immediately) and shall hold office for no longer than 1 calendar year unless re-elected.

[2] Elections to MCR office shall be held annually in the 4th week of Hilary Term. A vacancy in any office arising during the year shall be filled by holding a by-election. If the post of Social Secretary is held by one person, the Committee may decide to appoint a joint Social Secretary in which case a by-election shall be held for the second holder.

[3] The following rules apply to annual elections; they apply to by-elections with such modifications as are required:

a) Returning Officer

The Secretary shall act as Returning Officer unless he/she is an intending candidate, in which case another members of the Committee shall act. If all the members of the Committee are intending candidates, the Committee shall appoint another member of the MCR to act.

b) Voting

Voting will take place by secret ballot in 4th week of Hilary Term on a day (which will normally be on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting) and at times fixed by the Returning Officer. The ballot will be supervised by the Returning Officer and/or MCR members he/she appoints.

c) Nominations and Notice

The Returning Officer shall give at least 14 days' notice of the ballot date and times to all voting members of the MCR. Nominations (accompanied by a manifesto if the candidate wishes) shall be made in writing to the Returning Officer, supported by the signatures of the candidate, a proposer and seconder, at least 7 days before the ballot date. If two candidates wish to serve jointly as Social Secretaries, both their nominations shall state their willingness to serve jointly (referred to in this Article as "Joint Nominations"). The Returning Officer shall within 24 hours of the close of nominations display in the MCR room (and elsewhere at his/her discretion):

- i) A list of candidates, their proposers and seconders;
- ii) Each manifesto received; and
- iii) A list of members eligible to vote.

Any dispute as to a person's eligibility to stand or vote shall be determined by the Returning Officer whose decision shall be final.

d) Hustings

The Returning Officer shall arrange hustings to take place between the close of nominations and the ballot date.

e) Results

If there is one nomination for a post (or Joint Nominations for Social Secretary) there will be no ballot. If there is no nomination for a post, it will remain vacant until the Returning Officer receives a nomination (or Joint Nominations for Social Secretary) whereupon the person(s) nominated shall be elected.

For each office, each member may cast a vote for one candidate, and the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the result will be determined by the Returning Officer's casting vote. The Returning Officer shall have a casting but not an ordinary vote and shall supervise the count. In this paragraph, "candidate" includes a reference to a pair of Joint Nominees for Social Secretary.

The Returning Officer shall publish the results of an election within 24 hours of the close of ballot."

Article V: General Meetings

**Add at end of paragraph [2]:**

"when the usual rules of debate will apply."

**Add new paragraph [7]:**

"The Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting to be held in 4th or 5th Week of Hilary Term. The preceding paragraphs of this Article apply to the Annual General Meeting except that the meeting will transact the formal business usually associated with an Annual General Meeting and the usual rules of debate apply to that business; however, after the business of the AGM is complete the proceedings may continue as a General Meeting."

**Proposed by the Committee**

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