

# NEW COLLEGE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM CONSTITUTION

Trinity Term 2018

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Middle Common Room was established by resolution of the Warden and Tutors at their meeting on Wednesday, 6 March 1963.

1.2 This constitution was adopted in 1963 and contains constitutional amendments up to Trinity Term 2017.

1.3 This constitution shall be reviewed and approved by the Governing Body of the College at intervals of five years. It was last approved in Trinity term 2017.

## 2. Interpretation

2.1 "The College" shall mean New College, Oxford.

2.2 "SCR" shall mean the Senior Common Room of the College; "MCR" shall mean the Middle Common Room of the College; "JCR" shall mean the Junior Common Room of the College; and "GB" shall mean the Governing Body of the College.

2.3 When the Constitution stipulates that something is to be "posted to the MCR noticeboard", this requirement will be satisfied if the information is effectively distributed to the majority of MCR members by whatever means is ordinarily utilised by the Committee for communications with the MCR in its entirety. As of 2017, this means the official New College email list.

2.4 "The Committee" shall mean the MCR Committee, consisting of the President and other members, as defined in section 4.

2.5 "The Rew Nooner Spoom" shall mean the Common Room in the Weston Sports Pavilion.

2.6 "The roll" shall refer to the MCR membership list maintained by the Secretary as specified in section 9.

2.7 "Voting member" is a Full Member of the MCR as defined in section 3. A voting member is entitled to vote at a General Meeting (GM).

3.2.1 Any student of the College who is in the fourth year of a four-

but not limited to, the rights to vote and hold office. (Information on the facilities available will be given to all junior members by the College before the beginning of the academic year.)



5.1.1 The Executive Committee shall ordinarily serve for a period of one year after election, commencing on Saturday of Ninth Week in Hilary term and ending on Saturday of Eighth Week in Hilary Term the following year. Other non-executive positions may be elected at any time during the year and shall serve for no more than one year after their election date.

5.1.2 Candidates for election to the Committee must intend to serve the full term of the office. The Candidate must agree to this condition when submitting his or her nomination.

5.1.3 In the event of the resignation or removal of a Committee member, a by-election shall be held within three weeks (excluding days which are in vacation) under the conditions applicable to other Committee elections save those relating to date.

5.1.4 In the event of the resignation of a Committee member, that member must continue to carry out the responsibilities of their office until such time as a successor is elected under the terms of 5.1.5

5.1.5 If the resigning member is unable to continue to carry out the responsibilities of their office in the interim period, the President (or in his or her absence, the Vice-President) shall be empowered to confer the responsibilities of that member on another member of the MCR. If no member agrees to assume those responsibilities, the President (or in his or her absence, the Vice-President) shall assume those responsibilities.

5.1.6 In the event of the removal of a Committee member, the President (or in his or her absence, the Vice-President) shall be empowered to confer the responsibilities of that member on another member of the MCR. If no member agrees to assume those responsibilities, the President (or in his or her absence, the Vice-President) shall assume those responsibilities.

5.1.7 In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the Committee is empowered to confer the responsibilities of the absent T/Ft0 G(P)-4(resi0 6o)-6(n)3(f5(v)f1 0 0 1.32 8Cq0.00)-4(e)9(m)-4(b)3(er, )-2

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5.3.1 At least 14 days prior to an election, the Secretary shall notify all Full Members listed on the roll of the upcoming nomination and election process and post notification on the MCR noticeboard.

5.3.2 Any election not so publicised shall be considered invalid.

#### 5.4 Nominations

5.4.1 Nominations for candidates for all MCR Committee offices shall be proposed and seconded by any Full Member of the MCR who is not a current member of the Committee.

5.4.2 The President-elect shall not propose or second a nomination for the election of the Committee.

5.4.3 Nominations for President shall be received from Thursday of Third Week in Hilary term until Saturday of Third Week.

5.4.4 Nominations for Executive Committee members (other than the President) shall be received from Thursday of Fourth Week in Hilary term until Saturday of Fourth Week.

5.4.5 The Committee, with the approval of the Dean, has the power to reasonably alter the timetable in section 5.4. Any such alteration shall not render the election void.

5.4.6 In the event that no nominations are received for a Committee position, the MCR President is empowered to appoint any Full MCR member, notwithstanding 5.2.3, to hold the position at his or her discretion, subject to the approval of the Dean of the College.

5.4.7 If the President intends to exercise the power of appointment as set out in 5.4.6, he or she must give notice to the MCR that no nominations have been received for the position no less than 7 days prior to appointing an officer.

5.4.8 An appointed officer will hold their position until the next regularly scheduled MCR Committee election.

#### 5.5 Hustings

5.5.1 The Committee shall hold hustings for candidates for all Committee positions.

5.5.2 Voting members present at hustings, other than the candidates, shall be entitled to a









past year and a copy shall be sent to the Dean for report to the GB in accordance with the Code of Practice governing the relationship between College and the JCR and MCR.

8.6.6 The current list of these affiliations, including subscriptions, shall be submitted to voting members for approval at the AGM.

8.6.7 The question of continued affiliation to an organisation may be resolved at any other time by secret ballot of voting members, provided a request is made by at least 10 percent of the voting members of the MCR.

8.6.8 If it is decided at a GM to embark on a new affiliation, then the name of the organisation and the details of any fee, donation or subscription shall be posted on the MCR noticeboard and a copy sent to the Dean for report to the GB in accordance with the Code of Practice.

## 9. Roll