

How to File a Motion

St Antony's College

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Filing a motion is easy, and all St Antony's College members are entitled to do it! There are three public forum meetings per term. We will let you know when the meeting will take place a week in advance and post the agenda 48 hours in advance. You need to submit your motion to the GCR Secretary (for the calendar year 2011 this is Rouven - Gcr-secretary@sant.ox.ac.uk) at least seventy-two hours before the meeting, signed by both proposer and seconder. This will give us as a GCR Committee enough time to publicize your motion to the student body.

In order for there to be quorum in a meeting, a minimum of ten per cent of Junior members in residence have to be present. During the meeting, all college members in attendance have the right to vote as well as to propose amendments. The motion passes with a simple majority.

You can find a sample motion below. While it does not have to be so long, make sure to provide all the necessary details, especially prices + VAT, etc.

To sum up...

- 1. All St Antony's College members can file a motion.**
- 2. Make sure your motion includes all necessary details, especially prices + VAT, etc.**
- 2. You need to submit your motion to the Secretary at least 72 hours before the meeting.**
- 3. Be prepared to defend your motion at a public meeting.**
- 4. If a simple majority votes YES to your motion, it passes!**

Sample Motion

This GCR notes:

- That the old television, a gift to the CCR, was very old and in a state of disrepair;
- That the college offered to fund 50% of the purchase of a new television, with the requirements that it cost less than £1000 total, be large, high definition and LCD/LED;
- That after an extensive search, the best value TV that could be found meeting these requirements was the 47" LG TV currently in the CCR, for a price of £699.90;
- That the college and GCR Exec also agreed that it be a good idea to purchase a 5 year warranty for a price of £69.99;
- That the GCR Treasurer, with the approval of the GCR President, purchased the above TV and warranty from Richer Sounds in Oxford using funds from the GCR account.

This GCR further notes:

- That if this motion is not approved, The GCR President and Treasurer who approved the purchase, will have to reimburse the GCR and take the television from the CCR;
- That Calum doesn't watch TV;
- That Michael watches a lot of TV, but the 47" television is too big for his room and having it there would be detrimental to his studies.

This GCR believes:

- That as well as providing returning CCR users with a Christmas present, purchasing the TV in December allowed the GCR and the college to avoid the 2.5% VAT rise which occurred before 2010;
- That incorrect disposal of old electronic equipment such as televisions can have a negative impact on the environment.

This GCR resolves:

- To retroactively mandate the use of the sum of £384.95 from the GCR main account to fund 50% of the purchase of the new television and its warranty for use in the CCR;
- To mandate the GCR Environmental Officer to dispose of the old television as he sees fit.

Proposed: Michael McLeay

Seconded: Calum Nicholson