

Draft Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE

5th Week Michaelmas Term 2018

Friday 9th November

The Macmillan Room, 13:00

Present: **The Access Officer** (Brian Wong, *Wolfson College*), **The Access Officer** (Kirsten Stewart, *Trinity College*), **The Disabilities Officer** (Rebecca Wright, *Keble College*), **The Disabilities Officer** (Anotina Heng, *Christ Church College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Rebecca Collins, *Balliol College*), **The LGBTQIA+ Officer** (Dominic Gray, *New College*), **The Elected Member** (Daniil Ukhorskiy, *Brasenose College*), **The Elected Member** (Naren Koratamaddi, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Brookes Officer** (Olly Woodhouse, *Oxford Brookes University*), **The Elected Member** (Joseph Grehan-Bradley, *Christ Church College*), **The President-Elect** (Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Librarian** (Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church College*)

Apologies: **The Graduate Officer** (Thomas Crook, *Wolfson College*), **The Women's Officer** (Minal Haq, *Christ Church College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Anisha Faruk, *The Queen's College*), **The Elected Member and Secretary** (Sara Dube, *St. Hugh's College*), **The President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Bursar**, **The International Officer** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*)

Absent:

Late:

Access Committee opens at 13:11

Absences

The Elected Member (Daniil Ukhorskiy, *Brasenose College*) was absent in the previous meeting due to not being in the United Kingdom. Absence excused *nem. com.*

The LGBTQIA+ Officer (Dominic Gray, *New College*) was absent in the previous meeting due to debilitating infectious disease. Absence excused *nem. com.*

The Elected Member (Naren Koratamaddi, *St. Hugh's College*) was absent in the previous meeting due to an immovable academic commitment. Absence excused *nem. com.*

Ratification of Minutes

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart moves to ratify the minutes of the previous meeting, 4th Week Michaelmas 2018. Seconded by The Access Officer Brian Wong.

Motion passes nem. com.

Business of The President

No business.

Business of The Access Chairs

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart notes that the only item written on the agenda is the election guide.

The Access Officer Brian Wong says that The Past Access Officers Alex Yeandle and Caroline Earle have emailed the election guide that was written up under their tenure as Access Officers. Says that the guide will be shared with the committee via a shared google doc for editing with the aim of implementing it in Hilary term 2019. Notes that the guide will have to be updated to include the ban of slates.

The Access Officer Brian Wong notes that the committee looks unusually quiet.

The Elected Member Naren Koratamaddi suggests that this is due to 5th week blues.

The Access Officer Brian Wong suggests we put the election guide on hold for now – the committee agrees.

Business of The Disabilities Officer

The Disabilities Officer and The Ethnic Minorities Officer notify the committee of an event they are organising. A Boardgame night – on the 13th of November. It would be a joint event between Disabilities and Ethnic Minorities Officers. Perhaps held in Macmillan room, but hoping to hold it in a ground floor room for access reasons.

The Ethnic Minorities Officer asks the committee if they have any access to boardgames. Says that they tried to rent boardgames from Thirsty Meeples but the necessary £100 budget was rejected by The Bursar.

Genevieve Athis suggests that the organising representatives get in touch with the Oxford University Board Game Society.

The Ethnic Minorities Officer says that they did get in touch with the society but apparently they don't have any board games of their own, all are owned by members.

The Standing Committee Delegate Rebecca Collins suggests bringing it up at the Consultative Committee, in case any present there have boardgames they would be willing to lend to the event. The Committee concurs.

Business of The Ethnic Minorities Officer

The Ethnic Minorities Officer asks the committee what the budget for the refreshments for the aforementioned event should be.

The Access Officer Brian Wong mentions that they will be happy to assist.

Genevieve Athis mentions that the Officers organising the event should ask The Bursar what budget is acceptable and go from there.

Business of the LGBTQIA+ Officer

No business.

Business of the Women's Officer

No business

Business of the Graduate Officer

No business.

Business of The International Officer

No business.

Business of the Brookes Officer

The Brookes Officer Olly Woodhouse says that they haven't heard back yet from Standing Committee about extending lifetime membership to students of Oxford Brookes.

Genevieve Athis mentions that it's being delayed but is moving.

Business of The Standing Committee Delegates

The Standing Committee Delegate Rebecca Collins informs the committee that the proposition to install a Socioeconomic Member on the Access Committee passed at Standing Committee the previous night.

The Standing Committee Delegate Rebecca Collins suggests that the committee discuss raising the allowance for expenditure for those working for the union during vacations.

The Oxford Brookes Officer Olly Woodhouse notes that the 'shared housing' option for vacation work is not really feasible, as students working in the vac who don't know many other union members would be unlikely to want to share rooms with one another.

The Standing Committee Delegate Rebecca Collins suggests that there is a more formalised system of requesting expenditure cover, the committee agrees.

Business of The Elected Member

The Access Officer Brian Wong says that we have one vacancy on the committee for an elected member. Notes that Jim Brennan is interested and present. Gives Jim Brennan 2 minutes to tell the committee why they should be elected onto the committee.

Jim Brennan is then asked to leave the room by The Access Officer Brian Wong.

Passes *nem. com.*

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart asks if all the elected member positions are now filled.

The Access Officer Brian Wong replies that yes, they are.

Changes to Composition of the Committee

Jim Brennan is elected onto the Access Committee *nem. com.*

Any other business

The LGBTQIA+ Officer Dominic Gray asks about progress of the access survey.

The Access Officer Brian Wong says it's coming.

The Access Officer Brian Wong sets the date for the next meeting of the Access Committee at 13:00 on Friday 16th November 2018 in the President's Office.

The Access Officer Brian Wong closes the meeting at 13:39

Signed,

Naren Koratamaddi

Elected Member

St. Hugh's College