

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting MT 2018 Week 7 (Monday 19th November)

Present: Genevieve Athis (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Brendan McGrath (*Librarian-Elect*), Maxim Parr-Reid (*Standing Committee Representative*), Ryan Lee, Altair Brandon-Salmon, Brian Wong, Yee Kwan Law, Daniel Villar, Amelia Harvey, John Whitehead, Phillip Counsell, Connor Warden, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*).

Attending: William Atkinson, Kitsu Egerton, Marcin Pisanski, Jonathan Sheinman.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Will Prescott sends his apologies as he is at the General Purposes Committee at University today

2. Membership

- New members
 1. William Atkinson has a history focus and used to look after the history library at school.
 2. Marcin Pisanski is a first year law student and prefers non-fiction books for reading. He wants to be more engaged with the Union and is doing so through the Library Committee he hopes.
 3. Jonathan Sheinman is a first year PPEist and wants to help run the library.
 4. Likewise with Kitsu Egerton, who also wants to be more involved with the running of the Union and of the library in particular.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Seven Junior Members are currently a part of the Library Committee, so the four attendees and Ryan Lee from last week fill up the slots to the twelve now allocated since the rule change.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

None.

5. Report back from Strategy Committee

6. Suggestions Book

The suggestion of adding to Asian history and politics beyond China whilst also updating the outdated texts and adding to the non-European literature was agreed by all to be a valid endeavour. Amelia Harvey added that she had already begun the expansion through her booklist last week but that she would add to this for collection development. Connor Warden said that he would write a list for Nineteenth Century Japanese history, and Daniel Villar volunteered to increase history, politics, and literature of Latin America. The Librarian-in-Charge allocated a £100 spend for each.

7. Members' Suggestions (£79)

- Books deferred from 2018MT6

Amelia Harvey wrote a review of each of the texts that she could find critical reviews for and recommended that the Committee buys:

Men Explain Things to Me, by Rebecca Solnit

Conversations with Friends, by Sally Rooney

Normal People, by Sally Rooney

Posh Boys, by Robert Verkaik

These were agreed upon and passed.

Al-Beruni's India, by Al-Beruni, was put on to the future reserves list.

Of the new suggestions added this week, *The Dawn Watch: Joseph Conrad*, by Maya Jasanoff, and *James II: King in Exile*, by John Callow, were both passed with no objections.

8. Book List MT Week 7:

- Classics (£195, Connor Warden), passed with no objection.
- History (£270, William Prescott), passed with no objection.
- Biochemistry (£225, Yee Kwan Law), passed with no objection.

9. Book List MT Week 8: Collection Development (£553)

- Debate books- Brian Wong said that he would look at the debate books from last week and add to the list. *Introduction to Public Forum and Congressional Debate*, by the National Forensic League (Hannan et al.) is available online and so doesn't need to be bought. The Librarian-in-Charge will email Brian with an allocated budget (£150).
- Reserve options from previous booklists
- Service books for theologians.

10. Book List HT Week 1: Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law), Travel (£250, William Atkinson), Geography & Geology (£225, Daniel Villar)

11. Books Spend Progress Report

12. Withdrawals 2018MT7

Three books were pulled to have their statistics checked, otherwise all were withdrawn with no objections. The three to be checked are:

Bourdieu: a critical reader

The Cambridge History of Political Thought, 1450-1700

Domesday book through nine centuries

- Deferred withdrawals from 2018MT6- these were withdrawn with no objections

13. Any Other Business

14. Time and Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the 26th November, MT2018 Week 8, in the Morris Room at 1415hrs.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1441hrs.