

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting HT 2019 Week 6 (Monday 18th February)

Present: Brendan McGrath (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Sara Dube (*Librarian-Elect*), Olivia Leigh (*Standing Committee Representative*), Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*), Daniel Villar, Tyron Surmon, William Prescott, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, William Atkinson, Ryan Lee.

In attendance: Salome Melchior, Okorafor Ikeagwu, James Matthews.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Altair Brandon-Salmon sends his apologies as he has a class
- Brian Wong sends his apologies- he has a tutorial
- Phillip Counsell sends his apologies- he has teaching commitments
- Yee Kwan Law sends his apologies- he has interviews for an internship all afternoon

2. Membership

- New Members- there is only space for Junior Members currently, so the three attendees at the committee decided between them who was to stand on the Library Committee, and which two will go on to the waiting list for next term. It was decided that Okorafor Ikeagwu will be put on to the Committee as he has been on the waiting list for over a term.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

None.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

None.

5. Report back from Strategy Committee

- The Senior Librarian requested that Junior Officers and Library Committee representatives make sure that they attend the Strategy Committees each term.
- The wifi issues were reported on. The eduroam wifi is an ongoing issue which hopefully will have a fix soon. The specific Library Union wifi has some connectivity issues, but this should be brought up in Standing Committee as there is very little that the Library Committee can do about it itself.

6. Book Spend progress report

- The Librarian-in-Charge explained what the book spend progress report was and where it currently stood.

7. Suggestions Book

8. Members' Suggestions (£79)

- *Le Monde* will have a trial subscription for a year

- Of the twelve books on the list, four were accepted:
 - *Levick's Introduction to Cardiovascular Physiology*, 6th ed, 2018
 - *The Wall*, John Lanchester, 2018
 - *Under the Udala Trees*, Chinelo Okparanta, 2017
 - *Thirteen Monologues*, Jean Cocteau, 1996.

9. Book List HT Week 6:

- Economics (£200, Jonathan Sheinman)- passed with no objections
- Classics (£195, Connor Warden)- passed with no objections.

10. Book List HT Week 7: Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law), History (£270, Will Prescott)

11. Book List HT Week 8: Collection Development

- It was decided that some subjects that need improving upon are International History and African Literature, particularly Nigerian literature. Daniel Villar said that he would take £200 and Ryan Lee would take £100 to improve on these respectively as a trial to see if these would be popular areas for future booklists.

12. Withdrawals 2019HT6

- All but three texts were passed with no objection. The three to be reconsidered are:
 1. English rural society, Titow – statistics to be checked in all Oxford libraries
 2. Wellington: a pillar of state, Longford – is there a more recent Wellington history that could replace it? Also, is the other volume in the Union's possession- "Years of the Sword"
 3. The concise Oxford dictionary of English place names, Ekwall – is there a more recent edition to replace this instead of getting rid of it outright?
- Deferred withdrawals 2019HT5
 - All will be withdrawn, except for *The dual mandate in British tropical Africa*, by Lugard, and *Brief lives, and other selected writings*, by Aubrey.

13. Any Other Business

- Connor Warden said that he would be standing down as Strategy Committee representative as with his teaching commitments, he is unable to give the committee full and required attention.

14. Time and Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held in the MacMillan Room at 1415hrs on Monday 25th February. The meeting was brought to a close at 1445hrs.