

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting MT 2018 Week 6 (Monday 12th November)

Present: Genevieve Athis (*Librarian*), Laura Johnson (*Deputy Librarian*), Brendon McGrath (*Librarian-Elect*), Maxim Parr-Reid (*Standing Committee Representative*), William Prescott, Amelia Harvey, John Whitehead, Phillip Counsell, Connor Warden, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*).

Attending: Ryan Lee.

1. Apologies and Absences

- The Librarian-in-Charge sends his apologies as he is at a conference
- Brian Wong is very ill and sends his apologies
- Yee Kwan Law sends his apologies
- Daniel Villar and Altair Brandon-Salmon send their apologies- they are both in lectures

2. Membership

- New members: Ryan Lee would like to be involved in the library. He is studying English at Pembroke and has already begun using the library for his studies and for studying in and would like to be of use while he is with us in his capacity as a Visiting Student.

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 reported that fundraising for the Union had begun and had already brought about some donations. The library should have a good case for a portion of the amount raised.

The rule change for the junior and senior members has gone through committee successfully.

6. Suggestions Book

The suggestion from the previous week about a 3D model of the Union has been taken to Access Committee by the Librarian.

7. Members' Suggestions (£79)

We Should all be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *Al Muqaddimah* by Ibn Khaldun (original language edition), and *An Oxford College at War: Corpus Christi College, 1914-1918* by Alex Bostrum were all passed with no objection. *Al-Beruni's India* by Al-Beruni will be checked to see if there is a cheaper copy. The remainder of the suggestions are to be deferred until their academic merit can be determined. Amelia Harvey will be checking this while the librarians check

the usage statistics of these works in other libraries. The donation of *Meet You in Atlantic City*, by James Pettifer was accepted.

8. Book List MT Week 6:

- Modern Lang. & Lit. (£240, Amelia Harvey), passed with no objection
- English (£265, Librarian-in-Charge), passed with no objection
- Engineering & materials (£225, Yee Kwan Law), passed with no objection.

9. Book List MT Week 7: Classics (£195, Connor Warden), History (£270, William Prescott), Biochemistry (£225, Yee Kwan Law)

10. Book List MT Week 8: Collection Development

- Debating books- the committee is happy to spend money on debating books as they are a relevant collection to the Union
- Other suggestions were to check the reserves from previous booklists from the term, or ones that were deferred
- Connor Warden and Phillip Counsell suggested a variety of service texts from different theological denominations for comparative study, such as missals, liturgies, etc. Also, a sociology of religion list as an interdisciplinary subject, although as sociology will be covered early on in the next term, this can be brought up then.

11. Books Spend Progress Report

- The Deputy Librarian went through the summary of the book spend to date and what the projection looks like for the Collection Development budget.

12. Withdrawals 2018MT6

- One book is on loan, so it will no longer be withdrawn
- *A Shorter Summa* by Thomas Aquinas is deferred until next week when the library can check to see if it has the full text of the *Summa*. If it does, then the shorter version can be withdrawn
- John Whitehead put four books aside for their statistics to be checked for next week before they were withdrawn as he felt that they were important works. If they hold no merit to the users of the library, then they can be withdrawn.

13. Any Other Business

None.

14. Time and Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the 19th November, MT2018 Week 7, in the Morris Room at 1415hrs.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1444hrs.