

## Oxford Union Society Library Committee

### Minutes for Meeting HT 2019 Week 3 (Monday 28th January)

**Present:** Brendan McGrath (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Sara Dube (*Librarian-Elect*), Olivia Leigh (*Standing Committee Representative*), Laura Johnson (*Deputy Librarian*), Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Amelia Harvey, William Atkinson, Kitsu Egerton, Marcin Pisanski, Jonathan Sheinman, Ryan Lee, Daniel Villar, Tyron Surmon, Phillip Counsell, William Prescott, Connor Warden, John Whitehead.

**Attending:** Genevieve Athis and Miriam Feldman.

#### 1. Apologies and Absences

Brian Wong had sent his apologies.

Phillip Counsell had sent his apologies for the previous week's meeting prior to its start but the email had not arrived until afterwards.

Sean Power was absent.

Yee Kwan Law and Brendan McGrath made a motion to pass their absences from last week's meeting as with good reason. The motions were approved.

#### 2. Membership

There were no membership changes this week.

#### 3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

#### 4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

There were no matters arising from Standing Committee.

#### 5. Suggestions Book

There were no new suggestions this week.

#### 6. Members' Suggestions (£79)

The following Members' Suggestions were approved for purchase:

- *Henry James: the imagination of genius, a biography*, by Fred Kaplan. Hopkins University Press, 1999.
- *Plants of the Gods: their sacred healing and hallucinogenic powers*, by Richard Schultes. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Healing Arts Press, 1996.
- *In our time: celebrating twenty years of essential conversations*, by Melvyn Bragg. Simon & Schuster, 2018.

The following deferred members' suggestions were approved for purchase:

- *This is going to hurt: secret diaries of a junior doctor*, by Adam Kay. Picador, 2018.
- *John Masefield: a life*, by Constance Babington Smith. Sutton Publishing, 2008.

One copy of the following donation was approved:

- *The path to power: in search of the Zimbabwean dream*, vol. 2, by Arthur G. O. Mutambara. Sapre Books, 2019.

**7. Book List HT Week 3: Business and Management (£225, Jonathan Sheinman), Psychology (£225, Daniel Villar), Fiction & Recreation (£250, Altair Brandon-Salmon)**

The lists were passed.

Jonathan Sheinman focussed on key textbooks, classic texts and popular titles for the Business and Management list. Daniel Villar focussed on course books and popular texts for the Psychology list. Altair Brandon-Salmon focussed on recently acclaimed novels, popular non-fiction and classic French and Italian texts.

**8. Book List HT Week 4: Chemistry (£225, Daniel Villar), Modern Language & Literature (£240, Amelia Harvey/Jonathan Sheinman)**

Daniel Villar is still preparing his list for next week. Amelia Harvey and Jonathan Sheinman agreed to share the Modern Language & Literature list. The budget will be divided between them.

**9. Book List HT Week 5: English (£265), Philosophy (£205)**

Ryan Lee will prepare the English list and Kitsu Egerton the Philosophy list.

**10. Withdrawals 2019HT3**

The list was approved for withdrawal with the exception of these titles:

- *Modern drama in theory and practice*, by J.L. Styan.
- *L'affaire Lolita: défense de l'écrivain*.
- *The collected essays of Christopher Hill*.
- *Mr Daydream*, by Roger Hargreaves.
- *Mr Impossible*, by Roger Hargreaves.
- *The description of a new world called the Blazing World*, by Margaret Cavendish.
- *I want my potty*, by Tony Ross.

**11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Library Committee will take place on Monday 4th February 2019, HT Week 4, at 2.15pm in the TV Room.