

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting MT 2018 Week 3 (Monday 22nd October)

Present: Genevieve Athis (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Brendon McGrath (*Librarian-Elect*), Sean Power (*Senior Librarian*), John Whitehead, Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Brian Wong, Connor Warden, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*), Daniel Villar, Tyron Surmon.

Attending: Amelia Harvey.

The Librarian opened the meeting at 1415hrs and introduced herself, followed by the rest of the committee in turn.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Phillip Counsell sends his apologies as he still has teaching commitments
- Will Prescott sends his apologies as he is still in the Middle East
- Carla Fuentes Lopez sends her apologies as she is in Spain
- Yee Kwan Law apologised for his absence last week- he was in the laboratories until late

2. Membership

- New Members
- Tyron Surmon was ratified as a member

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- Changes to 'Junior Member' definition

The Librarian-in-Charge asked for a clarification of the definition between Junior and Senior Member, and Tyron Surmon asked if the definitions actually had any real significance. The outcome being that it is mostly about reporting absences, but this only happens in theory, rarely is a member penalised. It was debated whether or not there should be a definition at all between Junior and Senior, with the difference being a Junior Member is in full-time study, and a Senior Member is post-study. Connor Warden queried what if a member has two years teaching, then goes back to study, then back to teaching, as he does. The Senior Librarian said that Connor's was an exception, not the general rule, and the Librarian-in-Charge pointed out that members were supposed to be re-ratified each term anyway, so the membership could change and not be any more work than should normally be anyway.

The conclusion was to change the number of each type of member to 12 Junior Members and 12 Senior Members. Brian Wong said that he would take it to Committee as the Librarian was unable to do so herself.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

- None- the budget still has not been confirmed

5. Library Committee representatives to Strategy Committee (Next meeting: 10:30, 7/11/18)

- Daniel Villar, John Whitehead, and Connor Warden are confirmed representatives
6. Suggestions Book
 - None
 7. Book List MT Week 3:
 - Politics (£290, Brendan McGrath) – passed with no objection
 - Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law) – passed with no objection
 - Mathematics (£225, Daniel Villar) – passed with no objection
 8. Book List MT Week 4: Fiction & Recreation (£250, Phillip Counsell), Travel (£250, Altair Brandon-Salmon), Music (£225, Librarian-in-Charge)
 9. Book List MT Week 5: Theology (£218, Connor Warden), Computer Science (£225, Daniel Villar/Brian Wong), Archaeology & Anth. (£240 Altair Brandon-Salmon)
 10. Members' Suggestions (£79)
 - All five of these were all passed with no objections
 - The donation from a Life Member was not passed
 11. Withdrawals 2018MT3
 - Passed with no objection
 12. Any Other Business
 - None
 13. Time and Date of Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be held on the 29th October, MT2018 Week 4, in the Morris Room at 1415hrs

The meeting was brought to a close at 1440hrs.