

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting TT 2019 Week 5 (Monday 27th May)

Present: Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Mahi Joshi (*Librarian-Elect*), Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Brian Wong, Daniel Villar, William Prescott, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, Kistu Egerton (*Standing Committee Representative*), Ryan Lee, Okorafor Ikeagwu, Elliot Bromley, William Atkinson, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*).

- Apologies and Absences
 - Phillip Counsell sends his apologies- he is watching cheese rolling
 - James Pettifer sends his apologies- he is currently in Worcester
 - The Librarian sent her apologies as she has an extraordinary meeting
 - Brian Wong, Kitsu Egerton, and Elliot Bromley apologised for missing the meeting last week and their apologies were accepted and ratified.
- Membership
 - New Members- none.
- Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting
 - Overhauling subject list
- Matters Arising from Standing Committee
 - None.
- Strategy Committee – 5th Week (Wednesday 29th May) 1030hrs
 - Brian Wong suggested that we ask Plush to improve their wifi so that we could solve our wifi issues.
- Book Spend Progress Report
 - The Librarian-in-Charge explained what this was and that we are currently under-budget. The members are to start thinking about suggestions for the end of term Collection Development book list for the budget remainder.
- Suggestions Book
 - None.
- Members' Suggestions (£79) – all eight passed with no objection.
- Book List TT Week 5:
 - History (£270, William Prescott, with input from John Whitehead) – this includes a geographical spread. All passed with no objection.

- Classics (£195, Connor Warden) – this will be looked at next week.
- Book List TT Week 6: English (£265, Ryan Lee), Biology (£225, Daniel Villar)
- Book List TT Week 7: Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law)
- Withdrawals 2019TT5: The New English Bible is to have its statistics checked, even though it is missing a volume. It was decided that the library could just buy a new one as it is important to have a copy of this denominational edition. The Librarian-in-Charge will check to see if there is another one in the collection, otherwise he will replace it.
 - Deferred withdrawals from TT4: *Man Without Qualities* is to be kept, but everything else was passed for withdrawal with no objection.
- Any Other Business
 - Journal Renewals for 2020. Suggestions: *Granta/Women's Health/Men's Health/Jacobin Magazine*. Altair Brandon-Salmon suggested either *Current Affairs* or *Paris Review*. The Librarian-in-Charge said that he would check the prices.
 - Proposed changes to book spend budget- from the overhauling of the book list subjects. Geography and geology are now geography and earth sciences and the budget needs to be split up to reflect this. The money will likely come from modern languages as it is the least value for money for the library.
 - Proposed rule changes. The agenda reflected the original appendices of the rules, with the Librarian-in-Charge's proposed changes. Because they are appendices, they don't need to go to another committee, if the Library Committee votes aye, then it is considered a rule change. The Librarian-in-Charge proposed streamlining the rules for fines and how the library lets people know that they have them, and also to no longer read the names out in Chamber of those who have fines, for GDPR reasons. The committee voted in favour of these changes.
- Time and Date of Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be held in the Morris Room at 1415hrs on Monday 3rd June.
- The meeting was brought to a close at 1433hrs.