

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting HT 2019 Week 8 (Monday 4th March)

Present: Brendan McGrath (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Sara Dube (*Librarian-Elect*), Olivia Leigh (*Standing Committee Representative*), Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*), Brian Wong, Amelia Harvey, Daniel Villar, Phillip Counsell, William Prescott, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, William Atkinson, Kitsu Egerton, Jonathan Sheinman, Ryan Lee.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Altair Brandon-Salmon sends his apologies as he has a class, but he will return for Trinity Term
- Brian Wong's absence from the previous week was ratified as he was on Union business
- Will Prescott's absence from the previous week was also ratified as he had the mumps.

2. Membership

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- Last week's minutes were ratified.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

- None.

5. Book Spend progress report

- The library is on-budget with only £11 to spare.

6. Suggestions Book

- None.

7. Members' Suggestions (£79)

- The three suggestions were passed without objection.

8. Book List HT Week 8: Collection Development:

- International History (£200, Daniel Villar)- there were some surprising fundamental texts lacking from the collection which the list makes up for. Passed without objection.
- African Literature (£100, Ryan Lee)- the list incorporates diversity within Africa, even though there is a focus upon Nigerian texts. It also includes Nobel Laureates and female literature. Passed without objection.
- China Studies (£58, Brian Wong)- the list contains topical and relevant texts. Passed without objection. The expensive text on the reserve list was considered important enough to be passed on to the desiderata budget for Trinity Term.

9. Book List TT Week 1: Travel (£250, Olivia Leigh), Education (£225, Ryan Lee), Theology (£218, Connor Warden)
10. Book List TT Week 2: Philosophy (£235, Daniel Villar), Art & Architecture (£240, Connor Warden), Fiction & Recreation (£250, Ryan Lee)
11. Withdrawals 2019HT8
 - All bar three texts were approved for withdrawal. The three being:
 - *Economic theory and under-developed regions*, by Gunnar Myrdal
 - *The estates of the higher nobility in fourteenth-century England*, by George Holmes
 - *The decline of English feudalism, 1215-1540*, by J.M.W. Bean

These were deferred to see how many copies there are in other libraries around Oxford.
12. Any Other Business
 - Amelia Harvey thanked the Librarian for his work throughout the term and wished him luck for his future presidency.
13. Time and Date of Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be held in the Morris Room at 1415hrs on Monday 29th April.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1425hrs.