

Ratified minutes of
THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
10th Week Trinity Term 2017
Monday 26th June 2017
The President's Office, 17:00

Present: **The President** (Mr Christian Zabilowicz, *Worcester College*), **The Librarian** (Ms Melissa Hinkley, *Keble College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr James Lamming, *Exeter College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Julian Kirk, *Magdalen College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Jan Bialas, *Magdalen College*), **The Bursar** (Ms Lindsey Warne), **The Chief of Staff** (Ms Molly Greenwood, *St Hilda's College*)

The President opens the meeting at 17:13.

The President opens the meeting by explaining that the emergency meeting has been called to discuss the two vacancies that have arisen on TSC as a result of a ruling issued on 22nd June.

The President asks the present members of TSC if they agree that the person with more votes will fill the sixth spot and the person with fewer votes will fill the seventh spot, as there have been only two nominations.

The President moves that TSC accept this procedure and move forward with the ballot.

Passes nem. con.

The Treasurer-Elect asks that, in the event the vote is tied, the decision be made by order of current seniority.

The President confirms this.

The President goes on to confirm that the election will be done in accordance with standing order B11. He then hands out the ballot papers with the names of the two candidates, Grace Joel and Kaleem Hawa.

The President then reads out the manifesto for the nomination of Grace Joel:

“To whom it may concern, I hereby notify you of my nomination to Standing Committee for Michaelmas Term 2017. I strongly believe I possess the relevant skills to contribute to the Union committee this coming term. In Trinity Term of this year, I was both on Appointed Committee as a GLO as well as a Logistics Officer, which demonstrate my ability to contribute to and help organise Union events to a high standard. I fully completed my Vacation Day requirements to a high standard, showing I am committed to the role and have a genuine interest in completing the responsibilities required of it. Furthermore, my experience as School Captain managing a team of 25 student leaders to run a number of events for upwards of 600 students and raise over \$6000AUD for charity prove I have the relevant skills in event management and the ability to work effectively in a team, both of which will be crucial for Standing Committee. My position of Boat Club Captain shows I have time management and high organisational skills, demonstrating that I can manage the role of

Standing Committee alongside other commitments. I am hard working, dedicated and would relish the opportunity to be on Committee this term, as I strongly believe I have a great deal to contribute and the motivation to make a positive contribution to the Michaelmas Term Card. Kind regards, Grace.”

The President then reads out the manifesto for the nomination for Kaleem Hawa:

“Dear Returning Officer Harkness and Members of Standing Committee, I am writing to be considered for co-option to the Standing Committee for Michaelmas Term 2017. Since joining the Oxford Union in MT2016, I have served in a variety of capacities: elected member of Access Committee (MT2016), Guest Liaison Officer (HT2017), and Chief of Staff (TT2017). I have loved the experience and would very much enjoy the opportunity to work with you all this vacation in crafting a strong, diverse, and exciting term card for our members. Michaelmas is a term with a special place in my heart; there’s an energy around the Union and an incredible roster of events. After all, it was this past Michaelmas term that got me excited about being a part of this storied organization in the first place; I would love to help make it a reality once again this year! To this end, I am writing to delineate my experience to the committee. Across my roles, I have worked over 30 vacation days, helping to invite a host of individual speakers (like Bernie Sanders) and working to plan the Patriotism debate last term. As Chief of Staff, I worked with the Director of Communications and Press Team; the Director of Guests and the GLO team; and the Access Officers and Access Committee throughout the term. As a student pursuing a DPhil, I am expected to be in Oxford for most of the vacation. I will work very hard and will make myself available for the requisite amount of vacation days this summer. I am particularly excited to follow-up on a variety of leads that I have left over from last vacation. I am also happy and willing to help the membership drive team with any of their outreach to the MPP/MBA cohorts, and Rhodes/Marshall/Clarendon Scholar communities in excess of my expected number of days, should that be helpful. Thank you so much for considering me. Best, Kaleem”

The President then introduces **The Bursar** and **The Chief of Staff** as the two individuals who will count the votes, and invites members of TSC to vote.

The Treasurer-Elect notes that TSC has not read out who is present for the recording.

The President instructs **The Bursar** to collect the votes.

The Bursar confirms that there are four first preferences for one candidate and two first preferences for another candidate. She asks **The President** if it will be necessary to distribute second preferences.

The President confirms that will not be necessary, as there is a clear winner.

The Bursar confers with The Chief of Staff and confirms the ballot results. **The Bursar** announces that Kaleem Hawa has been elected sixth to TSC with four first preferences, and Grace Joel has been elected seventh to TSC with two first preferences.

The President repeats for the record that elected first, and therefore the sixth member of TSC, is **Kaleem Hawa** with four first preferences. Elected second, with two first preferences, is **Grace Joel** who is therefore the seventh elected member of TSC.

The President closes the meeting at 17:19.

Signed,

Melissa Hinkley
Keble College
Librarian