

Ratified Minutes of
THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
0th Week Michaelmas Term 2017
Wednesday 4 October 2017
President's Office, 16:00

Present: **The President** (Mr Chris Zabilowicz, *Worcester College*), **The Librarian** (Ms Melissa Hinkley, *Keble College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Sabriyah Saeed, *Somerville College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Secretary** (Mr Ed Evans, **St John's College**), **The Elected Member** (Mr Brian Wong, *Pembroke College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Kaleem Hawa, *Lincoln College*), **The Bursar** (Ms Lindsay Warne), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*), **The Chief of Staff** (Ms Molly Greenwood, *St Hilda's College*), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Michael Harkness, *Magdalen College*).

Attending:

Apologies:

The Treasurer (Mr Gui Cavalcanti, *Pembroke College*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Shivani Ananth, *St Anne's College*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Grace Joel, *Balliol College*).

Absent:

The President opens the meeting at 16:03.

Before the business of the meeting commences, the **Senior Treasurer** gives the Standing Committee his customary description of OLDUT, its functions, and its relation to the Union.

The Bursar enters the room at 16:11

Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meeting

The Treasurer-Elect moves to pass his absence from the Ordinary meeting of TSC in 9th week of Trinity Term, on the grounds of a University examination.

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The Treasurer-Elect moves to pass the President-Elect's absence from the Emergency meeting of TSC in -1st week, on the grounds of Society business of paramount importance.

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The Librarian moves to pass her absence from the Emergency meeting of TSC in -1st week, on the grounds of Society business of paramount importance.

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The Secretary moves to pass the Treasurer's absence from the Emergency meeting of TSC in 10th week of Trinity Term, on the grounds of a debilitating and infectious illness.

nem. con

The Secretary moves to pass the Treasurer's absence from the Emergency meeting of TSC in -1st week, on the grounds of Society business of paramount importance.

nem. con.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Treasurer-Elect generously observes that he has been falsely credited for the website development in the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of TSC in 9th week of Trinity Term.

The Secretary commits to amend the error.

The CCC enters at 16:17.

Ratification of Minutes

The President moves to ratify the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of TSC in 9th Week of Trinity Term, pending the Treasurer-Elect's correction.

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The President moves to ratify the minutes from the Emergency Meeting of TSC in 10th Week of Trinity Term.

nem. con.

The President moves to ratify the minutes from the Emergency Meeting of TSC in -1st Week of Michaelmas Term.

nem. con.

The President

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the President:

The President observes that as required by Standing Order B15d. he is obliged to pass the number of vacation days carried out by each member of committee. He notes that the following list is not in fact representative of how many actual days of work were carried out, since it is based on the total number of invites sent out by a committee member, divided by ten.

The Treasurer-Elect points out that the rules specify how vacation days should be defined.

The President agrees and argues his method is within the rules. He points out that since not every member of committee was writing invitations, this total is not accurate in all cases.

The Bursar points out that this is potentially misleading.

The Librarian explains that the totals have been carefully worked out given that certain members of committee have been organising socials, and raising money for the Society, for example.

The President says that according to the rules, a vacation day is defined as working in the office for 8 hours, but that he judged that some committee members could do their vacation days remotely, based on the organisation of events or raising money.

The Returning Officer is of the belief that this system is satisfactory for the current meeting, but since the totals will require being passed at a later stage in the Chamber and in the OPBM reports, he suggests that he and the President might discuss at a later date how the number of vacation days could be conveyed accurately, taking into account the actual work carried out by committee members.

The Bursar says that she has no issue with the President's totals, but she is concerned that the figures should be acceptable and accurate.

The President – 32

The Librarian – 9

The Treasurer – 10

The Secretary – 0

The President-Elect – 2

The Librarian-Elect – 8

The Treasurer-Elect – 12

Mr James Lamming – 13

Mr Brian Wong – 9

Ms Shivani Ananth – 10

Mr Julian Kirk – 14

Mr Jan Bialas – 2

Mr Kaleem Hawa – 10

Ms Grace Joel – 17

Mr Charles Wang – 5

Mr Shanuk Mediwaka – 16

Mr Adam Watson – 17

Mr Alex Yeandle – 14

Ms Abigail Ridsdill-Smith – 17

Ms Isabella Risino – 9

Mr Charlie Cheesman – 10

Mr Chris Garner – 7

Ms Freya Dixon-van Dijk – 7

Ms Genevieve Athis – 4

Mr Mike Fuller – 5

The Treasurer-Elect notes that the given totals are somewhat demoralising given the work that certain committee members have done that is without credit.

The President says that he will correct these figures for when they are announced in the Chamber.

The Bursar notes that they will nevertheless be displayed on the Noticeboard and do not come across positively, and so perhaps should be qualified further.

The RO says that the minutes of the meeting will show the method by which the totals were worked out on this occasion.

The President repeats that the figures will read accurately in the Chamber.

The Treasurer-Elect says that the issue is how working towards socials and the membership drive is credited. He understands that it will be fixed later, but objects that it should remain flawed at this point.

The President reiterates that the figures are inaccurate, as a large number of committee members worked on the membership drive, socials, and the ball, and carried out other work that is not quantifiable using the method being discussed.

The Bursar suggests that the method of quantifying should be rethought, since when it was brought in there was not the apparatus available by which committee members could work remotely. She suggests that it can be reviewed in future.

The President agrees, and says that he will discuss the matter further with the RO.

The President moves that the number of vacation days carried out by committee members be ratified.

Passed with one objection.

Questions to the President:

There are no questions to the President.

The Librarian

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Librarian:

The Librarian has no business.

Questions to the Librarian:

There are no questions to the Librarian.

The Treasurer

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer has no business.

Questions to the Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Treasurer.

The Secretary

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Secretary:

The Secretary has no business.

Questions to the Secretary:

There are no questions to the Secretary.

Mr Lamming

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Lamming:

Mr Lamming has no business.

Questions to Mr Lamming:

There are no questions to Mr Lamming.

Mr Wong

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Wong

Mr Wong has no business.

Questions to Mr Wong:

There are no questions to Mr Wong.

Ms Ananth

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Ms Ananth:

Ms Ananth has no business.

Questions to Ms Ananth:

There are no questions to Ms Ananth.

Mr Julian Kirk

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Kirk:

Mr Kirk has no business.

Questions to Mr Kirk:

There are no questions to Mr Kirk.

Mr Jan Bialas

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Bialas:

Mr Bialas has no business.

Questions to Mr Bialas:

There are no questions to Mr Bialas.

Mr Kaleem Hawa

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Hawa:

Mr Hawa has no business.

Questions to Mr Hawa:

There are no questions to Mr Hawa.

Ms Grace Joel

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Ms Joel:

Ms Joel has no business.

Questions to Ms Joel:

There are no questions to Ms Joel.

The President-Elect

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the President-Elect:

The President-Elect has no business.

Questions to the President-Elect:

There are no questions to the President-Elect.

The Librarian-Elect

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Librarian-Elect:

The Librarian-Elect has no business.

Questions to the Librarian-Elect:

There are no questions to the Librarian-Elect.

The Treasurer-Elect

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Treasurer-Elect:

The Treasurer-Elect has no business.

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect:

There are no questions to the Treasurer-Elect.

The Ex-Officio

Business of the Ex-Officio:

The Ex-Officio have no business.

Questions to the Ex-Officio:

There are no questions to the Ex-Officio.

The Senior Librarian

Business of the Senior Librarian:

The Senior Librarian has no business.

Questions to the Senior Librarian:

There are no questions to the Senior Librarian.

The Senior Treasurer

Business of the Senior Treasurer:

The Senior Treasurer has no business.

Questions to the Senior Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Senior Treasurer.

The Bursar

Business of the Bursar:

The Bursar has no business.

Questions to the Bursar:

There are no questions to the Bursar.

The Returning Officer

Business of the RO:

The RO notes that he is obliged to pass the IDC list, and explains his shortlist to the Standing Committee. He notes that it needs some minor factual amendment, given that a joining date is inaccurate in one case.

The Treasurer-Elect notes an inconsistency in the application of titles, which is noted by the RO.

The President points out that there has been a change in a shortlisted member's college, but it is noted that the member was at the listed college during his time on committee.

The Treasurer-Elect notes a further potential inconsistency in the application of titles.

The RO commits to look into and correct any errors.

The Bursar notes that she would object to some of those on the list serving in an IDC, given concerns over their offences.

The RO explains the rules regarding excluding members from the IDC shortlist, and notes that previous ROs had deemed that some of those names questioned by the Bursar should be included in the shortlist.

The Bursar agrees that they should discuss this issue later, and have the RO investigate.

The RO commits to do so.

The RO moves that the IDC shortlist should be passed with the considerations above.

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Questions to the RO:

There are no questions to the RO.

The Chairman of the Consultative Committee

Business of the CCC:

The CCC has no business.

Questions to the CCC:

There are no questions to the CCC.

The Access Officers

Business of the Access Officers:

The Access Officers have no business.

Questions to the Access Officers:

There are no questions to the Access Officers.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee

Business of the CDSC:

The CDSC has no business.

Questions to the CDSC:

There are no questions to the CDSC.

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

There are no changes.

Any Other Business

The Bursar reports that new staff are in the office – one temporary to enter data during the membership drive period, and the other the new Office Secretary. She points out that the committee computer will be needed for staff until 5:30pm, as usual during membership drive time.

The Treasurer enters the room at 16:30.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 9th October 2017, at 16:00 in the President's Office.

The President closes the meeting at 16:31.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized, looped initial followed by a horizontal line.

Ed Evans
St John's College
Secretary