

Ratified Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
2nd Week Trinity Term 2018
Monday 30th April 2018
President's Office, 16:00

Present: **The President** (Mr Gui Cavalcanti, *Pembroke College*), **The Librarian** (Ms Shivani Ananth, *St. Anne's College*), **The Treasurer** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Secretary** (Mr Brendan McGrath, *Oriel College*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Cecilia Zhao, *St. Catherine's College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Eric Sukumaran, *Pembroke College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Nick Brown, *Magdalen College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Musty Kamal, *Harris Manchester College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Ray Williams, *Wadham College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Robert Sutton, *Magdalen College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Maxim Parr Reid, *Trinity College*), **The President-Elect** (Mr Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr James Lamming, *Exeter College*), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, *Oriel College*), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*), **The Bursar** (Mrs Lindsay Warne), **The Access Officer** (Ms Kirsten Stewart, *Trinity College*), **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Mr Andrew Seow, *Lincoln College*).

Attending:

The Deputy Returning Officer (Ms Alexandra Galloway, *Magdalen College*), **The Deputy Returning Officer** (Mr Thomas Laver, *Balliol College*)

Apologies:

The Chair of the Consultative Committee (Mr Matthew Vautrey, *Magdalen College*)

Absent:

The Access Officer (Mr Chris Garner, *St. Peter's College*), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Jamie Lagerberg, *Corpus Christi College*)

The President opens the meeting at 16:06.

Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meeting

There is no discussion on absences from the previous meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There are no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Ratification of Minutes

The President moves that the Standing Committee ratify the Draft public Minutes from the 1st Week Trinity Term Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee

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The President moves that the Standing Committee ratify the Draft Minutes from the 0th Week Trinity Term Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee

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The President-elect moves that the Standing Committee ratify the Draft *in camera* Minutes from the 1st Week Trinity Term Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee

Seconded by the Librarian

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The President

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the President:

The President has no business.

Questions to the President:

There are no questions to the President.

The Librarian

Meetings missed: 1, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Librarian:

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify the appointment of Ms Rebecca Burton (*Regent's Park*) as an Ordinary Member of the Library Committee

Seconded by the Treasurer-elect

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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 moves that the Standing Committee pass the DSC expenditure totalling £1996.32, by recommendation of the Finance Committee, pending approval by the Bursar

Seconded by the Treasurer-elect

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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.

Ms Zhao

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Ms Zhao:

Ms Zhao has no business.

Questions to Ms Zhao:

There are no questions to Ms Zhao.

Mr Sukumaran

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Sukumaran:

Mr Sukumaran has no business.

Questions to Mr Sukumaran:

There are no questions to Mr Sukumaran.

Mr Brown

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Brown:

Mr Brown has no business.

Questions to Mr Brown:

There are no questions to Mr Brown.

Mr Kamal

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Kamal:

Mr Kamal has no business.

Questions to Mr Kamal:

There are no questions to Mr Kamal.

Mr Williams

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Williams:

Mr Williams has no business.

Questions to Mr Williams:

There are no questions to Mr Williams.

Mr Sutton

Meetings missed: 1, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Sutton:

Mr Sutton has no business.

Questions to Mr Sutton:

There are no questions to Mr Sutton.

Mr Parr Reid

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Parr Reid:

Mr Parr Reid has no business.

Questions to Mr Parr Reid:

There are no questions to Mr Parr Reid.

The President-Elect

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the President-Elect:

The President-elect notifies Mr Parr-Reid that he is required to send Facebook invitations for the Union's events.

Questions to the President-Elect:

There are no questions to the President-Elect.

The Librarian-Elect

Meetings missed: 1, 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 President moves that the Standing Committee grant speaking rights to the Deputy Returning Officer, Ms Alexandra Galloway

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Ms Galloway announces that TSC must pass the DRO list, and distributes the list. She outlines the objection process, that written objections on the grounds of suitability may be lodged by any member.

The President asks for clarification that this form of objection is anonymous.

Ms Galloway says it is, noting that the identity of the complainant is known only to the members of the scrutiny committee.

The President-elect asks for confirmation that TSC can object on the grounds of capability, not only suitability.

Ms Galloway confirms this, saying that TSC can lodge a corporate objection to anyone on the list.

Mr Sukumaran asks how many from the shortlist become DROs.

Ms Galloway replies that all ex-ROs will be DROs, and that eight others will also be selected. Reserves will not be selected unless in case of resignation or being struck from the list.

The President-elect objects to the inclusion of Mr Alastair Graham on the list, on the grounds that he does not find him capable of the administration of the society's elections. He claims Mr Graham miscounted the ballots of the previous election, leading to a candidate being elected mistakenly. He observes that this caused emotional distress to two candidates, incurred expense for the society, led to coverage by student news journals, embarrassed the Union, and violates the principle of fairness and equality.

The President-elect moves that the Standing Committee place a corporate objection against Mr Alastair Graham's place on the DRO list

Seconded by the Elected Member (Mr Ray Williams, Wadham College)

Ms Galloway notes that TSC may choose how to govern itself.

The Treasurer-elect moves that the previous motion go to a ballot

There is an objection from the Elected Member (Mr Ray Williams, Wadham College)

Seconded by the President

The Treasurer-elect claims that he likes Mr Graham, and argues that the latter made an honest mistake, and has been committed to fairness.

Ms Galloway draws TSC's attention to interpretation A5 outlining the criteria of capability, and reads from the interpretation.

The President says that Mr Graham has confirmed he intends to be present in Oxford during the term's electoral process.

Ms Galloway refers to interpretation A12 regarding the criteria of suitability, reading from the interpretation.

The President claims that a ballot on the motion would be suitable.

The President-elect clarifies that a corporate objection is purely on the grounds of capability, not suitability, so that interpretation A12 is not relevant.

The President moves that this shall be a secret ballot, administered by the Senior Librarian

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The Senior Librarian registers his positive attitude toward the new ballot box.

The President-elect clarifies that a 'yes' vote will lodge the objection.

The motion passes by 12 for to 2 against, and the objection is placed

The President delegates the Chair to the President-elect

The President-elect moves that the Standing Committee ratify the Deputy Returning Officer List for Trinity Term 2018

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Ms Galloway outlines the process of written objection again; that it must be written to the President, signed by the member within 48 of the list being posted, and will remain anonymous to all but the President, CCC, and Returning Officer. AG outlines process of objection again.

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 says that the Union has hosted finals day for the International Competition for Young Debaters. It appears to have made a profit of approximately £5,000, but he notes he will submit the precise number soon. He announces that the Oxford Women's Open will be held this week, on Friday and Saturday.

The President-elect moves a motion of thanks to Mr Andrew Seow, CDSC, for his work on the International Competition for Young Debaters final

Seconded by the Secretary

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Questions to the CDSC:

There are no questions to the CDSC.

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

The President-elect says that following the resignation of Mr Mediwaka and ascension of Mr McGrath, Mr Maxim Parr-Reid has become the 7th Elected Member of TSC. He remarks that Committee delegations must be reorganised but that, as he has not consulted with the President, it is best to delay this process until the next meeting of TSC.

Any Other Business

Mr Sukumaran says that it would be helpful if the DRO list contained more information on the candidates, as he has been asked to consider them on the basis of little knowledge of their experience.

Ms Galloway asks which details would be pertinent

The President-elect points out an alternative list circulating which contains information on the candidates' previous experience in the society.

Mr Sukumaran replies that this is very helpful.

The Secretary asks how the reserve DROs would be affected by the removal of Mr Graham.

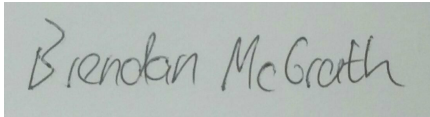
Ms Galloway replies that, as Mr Graham was on the list by virtue of being an ex-RO, his removal would not result in a reserve being appointed.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 3rd Week Trinity Term 2018 (7th May 2018), 16:00, in the President's Office.

The President closes the meeting at 16:26.

Signed,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Brendan McGrath".

Brendan McGrath

Oriel College

Secretary