

Draft Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE

8th Week Michaelmas Term 2018

Friday 30th November

The TV Room, 13:00

Present: **The Access Officer** (Kirsten Stewart, *Trinity College*), **The Incoming Access Officer** (Amelia Harvey, *Kellogg College*), **The Incoming LGBTQIA+ Officer** (Mo Iman, *Somerville College*), **The Elected Member and Secretary** (Sara Dube, *St. Hugh's College*), **The International Officer** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*), **The Incoming International Officer** (Alice Zhang, *Trinity College*), **The Incoming Socioeconomic Officer** (Milly Birchan, *Keble College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Rebecca Collins, *Balliol College*), **The Disabilities Officer** (Rebecca Wright, *Keble College*), **The President-Elect** (Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Incoming Ethnic Minorities Officer** (Priyesh Patel, *St. Anthony's College*), **The Incoming Disabilities Officer** (Elisa Gomez, *Kellogg College*), **The Elected Member** (Joseph Grehan-Bradley, *Christ Church College*)

Attending: **The Member of Standing Committee** (Mahi Joshi, *Trinity College*), **The Member of Secretary's Committee** (Chaitanya Kediya, *Exeter College*), **The Ordinary Member** (Andy Wolf, *St. Catherine's College*)

Apologies: **The President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*),

Absent: **The Elected Member** (Jim Brennan, *St. Peter's College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Anisha Faruk, *The Queen's College*), **The Women's Officer** (Minal Haq, *Christ Church College*), **The Elected Member** (Naren Koratamaddi, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Elected Member** (Daniil Ukhorskiy, *Brasenose College*), **The Graduate Officer** (Thomas Crook, *Wolfson College*)

Access Committee opens at 13:03

Absences

The Elected Member and Secretary moves to pass her absence from the previous week due to business of societal importance.

Motion passes nem. com.

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart moves to pass her absence from last week due to an immovable academic commitment.

Motion passes nem. com.

Ratification of Minutes

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart moves to ratify the minutes of the past 2 weeks.

Motion passes nem. com.

Business of the President-Elect

The President-elect says that after the meeting each incoming liberation officer should have an informal chat with the outgoing officer and should also pass on the handover document. He says that he would like to keep the ball moving for access for the next term.

The President-elect moves a motion of formal thanks to every member of the Access Committee.

The Elected Member and Secretary seconds the motion.

Motion passes nem. com.

The President-elect says that he has sent out the survey results to each liberation officer.

Any Other Business

Mr. Kediya brings up the issue of accessibility for the new location of Plush in the Union cellar.

The President-elect acknowledges that this is an issue with which he wants to deal as we have a responsibility to solve this problem. He says however that he doesn't know much about the deal with Plush. Based on his conversations with ex-disabilities officers this week, he says that accessibility of the Union is a serious problem and he wonders if we can tie solving the accessibility of Plush together with solving the accessibility issue of the Union at large. He says this is quite a big project that can't be done in just one term.

The Incoming LGBTQIA+ Officer says that the Union should also be more open with explaining what is going on with Plush considering most of the Facebook responses to the Union's post about it were negative.

Ms. Joshi asks what the options could be to solve the accessibility problem.

The President-elect says that he doesn't know.

The Incoming Access Officer says that it could be possible to look at the plans and the layout of the cellar and talk to the contractors about accessibility and that this bureaucratic process must happen first.

Ms. Joshi asks if there would be an Emergency Access Committee meeting over the vac on this issue.

The Bursar walks in at 13:10.

The President-elect updates the Bursar that the Committee is discussing the accessibility issue of Plush.

The Bursar says that this issue is up to Plush to solve.

The President-elect agrees but says that we should have a general discussion in Committee to see if there is any way we can help.

The Bursar says that it is not appropriate to start this discussion with Plush at the moment because the deal is still under negotiation – she says that we can have a meeting with Plush but that we don't have the right to tell them what to do.

The President-elect notes that this is a problem that affects Plush and by association the Union.

The Bursar notes that Plush did have excellent nights for people with disabilities. She says that she does not know how it will be possible to sustain such nights in a cellar and that we are very constrained in terms of what we can do to solve the accessibility problem – but that she has no objection to us talking to them.

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart says that it has been a pleasure to be involved in this committee over the past term and wishes the President-elect the best of luck for his term.

The Access Officer Kirsten Stewart closes the meeting at 13:13

Signed,

Sara Dube

Elected Member

St. Hugh's College