

## Ratified Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

4<sup>th</sup> Week Hilary Term 2019

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Gladstone Room, 1.15pm

### Present:

Officers: **The President** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, Oriel), **The Librarian** (Mr Brendan McGrath, Oriel), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Sara Dube, St Hugh's), **The Treasurer** (Ms Amy Gregg, Somerville), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Charlie Coverman, Brasenose), **The Secretary** (Mr Nick Leah, Lincoln)

Standing Committee: **Mr Chaitanya Kediya** (Exeter), **Mr Shining Zhao** (University), **Ms Mahi Joshi** (Trinity), **Mr Jim Brennan** (St Peter's), **Mr Elliot Bromley** (St Edmund Hall), **Ms Olivia Leigh** (Keble), **Mr Rai Saad Khan** (Christ Church)

Secretary's Committee: **Mr Spencer Cohen** (Brasenose), **Mr Adam Wilkinson-Hill** (Jesus), **Mr George Hargrave** (Hertford), **Ms Varuna Mitra** (St John's), **Ms Beatrice Barr** (St Peter's), **Ms Beth Chamberlain** (Worcester)

### Officials

**The Chair of Consultative Committee** (Mr James Dix, Christ Church), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Liam Frahm, Jesus), **The Secretary to Consultative Committee** (Mr Samuel Burns, St John's), **Mr Edward Peckston** (Deputy Returning Officer, Brasenose), **Ms Louise Kandler** (Ex-Returning Officer, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Dominic Brind** (Deputy Returning Officer, Magdalen)

### Appointed Officials

**The Chief of Staff** (Mr Ray Williams, Wadham), **The Director of Operations** (Ms Amber Seaward, Magdalen), **The Director of Sponsorship** (Mr John Glance, The Queen's), **The Director of Digital Operations** (Mr Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall), **Ms Amelia Harvey** (Access Officer, Kellogg), **Ms Miram Feldman** (Press Officer, New), **Mr Jamie Johnson** (Logistics Officer, Pembroke), **Mr Marcel Satria** (Sponsorship Officer, Exeter), **Mr Nils Lovegren** (Logistics Officer, Magdalen), **Mr Jeremy Mbararia** (Sponsorship Officer, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Cameron Bovell** (Invitations Officer, St Edmund Hall), **Mr Jack Blowers** (Deputy CCC, Oriel), **Mr Hugh Nicholl** (Deputy CCC, Pembroke)

### Ordinary Members

**Mr Adam Watson** (Ex-Standing Committee, Hertford), **Ms Alexandra Galloway** (Ex-Returning Officer, Magdalen), **Ms Anna Richards** (Kellogg), **Mr Jack McClure** (St Anne's), **Mr James Lamming** (Ex-Treasurer, Exeter), **Mr Chengkai Xie** (Brasenose), **Mr Sam Farrar** (Brasenose), **Mr Daniil Ukhorskiy** (Brasenose), **Mr Kofo Braithwaite** (Christ Church), **Mr Jonathan Sheinman** (Queen's), **Ms Shakila Akhtar** (St Edmund Hall), **Mr Ruairidh Beer** (St Edmund Hall), **Mr Louis Blundell** (Brookes), **Mr James Mann** (St Edmund Hall), **Mr Monty Beresford** (St Edmund Hall), **Mr David Graham** (St John's), **Mr**

**Håvard Yttredal** (St John's), **Mr Troels Boesen** (St Johns), **Ms Iqra Mohamed** (St Edmund Hall)

**Late:**

None.

**Apologies:**

None.

**Absent:**

**The President-Elect** (Ms Genevieve Athis, Christ Church), **Mr Sundeep Singh** (Secretary's Committee, St Hilda's), **Ms Jess Curry** (St Hugh's), **Ms Noorie Abbas** (New), **Ms Beth Molyneux** (Lincoln), **Mr Ayman D'Souza** (Christ Church)

*Consultative Committee opens at 1.29pm*

**1. Minutes**

**Mr Boesen** objects that his comments in last week's discussion of Emergency Debate motions was mischaracterised as a suggestion of a motion instead of a rhetorical remark suggesting the absurdity of the suggestion of another motion.

**The CCS** promises to rectify this.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018 be ratified.

*Passes nem. con.*

**2. Absences**

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves to pass his absence from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of being engaged in societal business of paramount importance.

*Passes nem. con.*

The President moves to pass his absence from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of being engaged in societal business of paramount importance.

*Passes nem. con.*

Ms Kandler moves to pass her absence from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of being engaged in societal business of paramount importance.

*Passes nem. con.*

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves to pass the absence of Mr Blowers from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of debilitating or infectious illness.

*Passes nem. con.*

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves to pass the absence of Mr Kediya from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of an immovable academic commitment.

*Passes nem. con.*

**Ms Chamberlain** admits she was asleep during last week's meeting.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves to pass the absence of Ms Chamberlain from the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Hilary Term 2018, on the grounds of debilitating or infectious illness.

*Passes nem. con.*

### **3. Business of the President**

**The President** says the following:

- With the exception of the conduct of one or two individuals, the previous week ran much more smoothly than those preceding it.
- If members of committee required to work events need to swap duties, they must email the CCC and the Director of Operations, copying in who they are swapping their duty with.
- Members must not miss duties or lie about being ill to avoid them, although this criticism does not apply to most members of committee.
- There will be no drinking or socialising at the ball.
- He offers congratulations to Ms Harvey, Ms Dube, and Ms Molyneux for their speeches at the last debate.

### **4. Questions to the President**

**Mr Boesen** asks for clarity on what the recent controversy about the budget is.

**The President** replies that the Union is supposed to have termly and yearly budgets, but that these have not been passed for some time. He hopes that one can be passed at today's meeting of the Finance Committee, and invites members present to come and observe.

### **5. Business of the President-Elect**

None.

### **6. Questions to the President-Elect**

None.

### **7. Business of the Librarian**

None.

### **8. Questions to the Librarian**

None.

#### **9. Business of the Librarian-Elect**

None.

#### **10. Questions to the Librarian-Elect**

None.

#### **11. Business of the Treasurer**

**The Treasurer** invites the members present to observe the Finance Committee meeting at which she hopes the budget issue will be resolved.

#### **12. Questions to the Treasurer**

None.

#### **13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect**

None.

#### **14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect**

None.

#### **15. Business of the Secretary**

**The Secretary** says the following:

- He shows the room a poster for the ball.
- A rota for those people working the ball has been set up.
- He will be setting up a new group chat for those working the ball, after the last one was derailed by the accidental posting of an image that appeared to show a member of committee committing electoral malpractice.
- He is aware that some tasks that must be done during the ball are more enjoyable than others.
- The marquee for the ball will be set up on Thursday (7 February).
- An Aslan-shaped ice block will be delivered.
- He will be around the Union to ensure suppliers do not accidentally enter Plush and ask “where is the wardrobe”. This is followed by laughter.
- He promises to be a kind leader on ball night.

#### **16. Questions to the Secretary**

**The Librarian** asks if will he be wearing a costume.

**The Secretary** replies that he will be wearing a ‘unique’ costume.

**The CCC** asks him to tell the committee to be ready for bench moving in the chamber on Thursday (7 February).

**The Secretary** says that the bench moving will be taking place.

#### **17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee**

**The CCC** moves his business to the end.

**18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative Committee**

None.

**19. Business of the Standing Committee**

None.

**20. Questions to the Standing Committee**

None.

**21. Business of the Secretary's Committee**

None.

**22. Questions to the Secretary's Committee**

None.

**23. Business of the Returning Officer**

**The CCC** congratulates the Returning Officer on his recent election to the role.

**The Returning Officer** says the following:

- There will be the Ordinary Private Business Meeting on Monday of 6<sup>th</sup> Week and that he will advise Elected Members of the Standing Committee on their obligation to provide reports.
- He recognises that there was a problem with the minutes for the Private Business conducted before the Public Business Motion at the last debate.
- He asks that members not inaccurately claim his support when canvassing signatures for their motions.

**24. Questions to the Returning Officer**

None.

**25. Business of the Appointed Officials**

**The Director of Operations** says the following:

- As the 'Facilitators' group chat is confusing, she would like to be emailed for duty swaps.
- Members on duty will be needed for their entire shifts.
- In order to attend the President's Drinks after the debate, any member must have attended the debate and be in black tie.

**26. Questions to the Appointed Officials**

**The CCS** asks why guests at President's Drinks must be in black tie.

**The Director of Operations** replies that this is because the President says so.

**27. Business of Ordinary Members**

None.

**28. Questions to Ordinary Members**

None.

## **29. Postponed Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee**

**The CCC** says the following:

- Committee must not to be on their phones or talk to their friends while working events as it is disrespectful to speakers.
- Being able to attend a meet-and-greet is a privilege and not a right, and so if anyone is rude to himself or the Director of Operations they will not be allowed to attend.
- Reserved seating at events are only for those attending a meet-and-greet – members of committee cannot sit there if they are attending an event in their capacity as an ordinary member.
- Anyone attending a meet-and-greet must also attend the event that it precedes.
- Members of committee that misbehave will not be able to attend debate dinners.

## **30. Questions to CCC**

**Mr Zhao** suggests that in order to prove the randomness of the meet-and-greet ballot, the list of guests at each event should be posted onto the committee Facebook group.

**The CCC** agrees but notes that as rude individuals will be taken off ‘meet-and-greet’ lists it cannot be deemed entirely ‘random’.

**The Director Operations** also notes that no member of committee will receive lots of meet-and-greets in one week irrespective of their success in the random ballot.

**The Librarian** asks who the Member of Secretary’s Committee of the week is.

**The CCC** replies that it is in fact a Logistics Officer, Mr Tushingham, whose attitude was spot on for the whole of the week.

## **31. Selection of Emergency Debate Motion**

**Mr Boesen** asks what the main debate motion is; the CCC gives it.

**Mr Graham** suggests ‘This House would reopen the coal mines’.

**The CCC** queries whether there is any coal left in them.

**The Treasurer** says that there is.

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** suggests ‘This House believes Labour has abandoned labour’.

**Mr Brind** suggests “This House believes Paddy Ashdown is a hero for the working class”.

**The CCS** suggests “This House believes there is no such thing as the working class”.

**Mr Peckston** suggests the topic of the motion would be nationalisation.

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** suggests “This House would nationalise the Big Six”.

**Mr Brind** suggests “This House believes Thatcher would have voted remain (or leave)”.

**Mr Hargrave** suggests “This House would give back the Falklands”.

**Mr Bovell** suggests: “This House believes that grammar schools are a benefit to the working class”.

**The Librarian** suggests “beneficial” would be a better phrasing.

**Ms Barr** thinks it inappropriate for the committee to constantly use the phrase “working class”.

**The Treasurer** suggests “This House believes that grammar schools are a tool for social mobility”.

**The Director of Operations** notes this issue is likely to be raised in the main debate.

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** suggests “This House believes that Tony Blair was Margaret Thatcher’s biggest success”.

The Treasurer moves that the Emergency Debate motion be “This House believes that grammar schools promote social mobility”, seconded by the President.

*Passes nem. con.*

*Consultative Committee closes at 14.02pm*

Samuel Burns

St John’s College

Secretary to Consultative Committee