

Draft Minutes of  
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
8th Week Michaelmas Term 2018  
Monday 26th November 2018  
President's Office, 12:00

**Present:**

**The President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Librarian** (Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Treasurer** (James Lamming, *Exeter College*), **The Secretary** (Nick Brown, *Magdalen College*), **The President-Elect** (Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Brendan McGrath, *Oriel College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Amy Gregg, *Magdalen College*), **The Elected Member** (Rebecca Collins, *Balliol College*), **The Elected Member** (Sara Dube, *St Hugh's College*), **The Elected Member** (Gemma Timmons, *Magdalen College*), **The Elected Member** (Anisha Faruk, *The Queen's College*), **The Elected Member** (Harry Webster, *Worcester College*), **The Elected Member** (Mahi Joshi, *Trinity College*), **The Elected Member** (Maxim Parr-Reid, *Trinity College*) **The Chair of Consultative Committee** (Matthew Vautrey, *Magdalen College*), **The Ex-President** (Laali Vadlamani, *Trinity College*), **The Ex-Librarian** (Shivani Ananth, *St Anne's College*)

**Attending:**

**The Returning Officer** (Louise Kandler, *Lady Margaret Hall*), **The Senior Librarian** (Sean Power, *Oriel College*), Joe Sisson, *St John's College*, **The Member of Secretary's Committee** (James Dix, *Christ Church*)

**Apologies:**

**The Senior Treasurer** (Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*)

**Absent:**

**The Chair of Debate Selection Committee** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*)

The President opens the meeting at 12.05

*Ms. Gemma Timmons enters at 12.05*

**Business of the President**

**Press requests**

1. The President received press requests about Purple Turtle, and gave the same statement that after a period of negotiation, no satisfactory new lease was negotiated with Purple Turtle and that another announcement will be made soon
2. The President received continued press requests about the Steve Bannon event, and made a statement about the event
3. The President received requests about the Alexa Chung event, and gave no comment
4. The President received requests about a disciplinary matter, which was responded to as agreed by the Standing Committee
5. The President received a request from OxStu about manifesto scrutiny
6. The President received a request from OxStu about a rules change and eligibility, and a clear comment was agreed after talking to the RO and Mr. Ray Williams

*Ms. Laali Vadlamani enters the room at 12.06*

**Business of the Secretary**

**Ball Account**

*The Secretary distributes copies of the ball accounts.*

The Secretary says that his ball accounts have not gone through TFC yet so members of TSC might want to take a closer look.

The President says that the accounts should be ratified pending the approval of TFC.

The Secretary says that nothing significant has changed from the budget except an additional £300 charge for a missing flamingo head. He says the accounts show a contribution of £5333.29.

The President is shocked that a flamingo head would cost £300.

The Bursar says that the flamingo head was picked up this morning and so the extra £300 charge has been wiped off.

The Secretary deletes the £300 charge from the accounts.

The Secretary moves that TSC ratify the MT18 ball accounts showing a contribution of £5633.29, pending the approval of TFC

*Nem. con.*

### **Residential Member Application**

The Secretary says that Mr. Will Perry was interviewed last Tuesday, who applied to be a residential member. Mr Perry is living in Oxford for one year and is working at the hospital.

The President clarifies that he is a Residential Fellow at the John Radcliffe hospital.

The Secretary moves that TSC approve Will Perry's application for election as a residential member

*Nem. con.*

### **Business of the Treasurer**

#### **DSC Expenses**

The Treasurer says that there are no expenses for this week.

The Treasurer moves that TSC approve expenditure of £445.95 for DSC expenses, as recommended by TFC

*Seconded by the President*

*Nem. con.*

### **Business of the Librarian**

The Librarian moves that TSC ratify Ryan Lee, Pembroke College, as a Junior Member of Library Committee

*Seconded by the President*

*Nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that TSC ratify Kitsu Egerton, Regent's Park College, as a Junior Member of the Library Committee

*Seconded by the President*

*Nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that TSC ratify William Atkinson, Christ Church, as a Junior Member of the Library Committee

*Seconded by the President*  
*Nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that TSC ratify Jonathan Sheeman, Brasenose College, as a Junior Member of the Library Committee

*Seconded by the President*  
*Nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that TSC ratify Marcin Pisanski, St Anne's College, as a Junior Member of the Library Committee

*Seconded by the President*  
*Nem. con.*

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

*The Chair of Consultative Committee enters at 12.14*

*The Access Officer (Mx. Wong) enters at 12.14*

### **Access Survey**

The President-Elect says that he sent out the access survey late last week and has received 618 responses. He says he will send round a detailed breakdown of results and that these are largely pretty positive. He says people are largely happy with all services provided by the Union.

The Librarian-Elect asks what information was received about the bar.

The President-Elect says that the bar was rated as '7' as a service, and people were just about in favour of allowing laptops in the bar. He says other polls about rules changes and minutes going online were much clearer.

The Librarian-Elect asks if there is any information about the sort of people that responded.

The President-Elect says that responses were 60% undergraduate, 30% postgraduate and 10% alumni. He says that responses to the disabilities and socioeconomic questions were concerning.

Ms. Joshi asks when the results will be distributed.

The President says that the raw results should not be published.

The Bursar says this will be discussed afterwards.

The Secretary asks about the access-specific questions.

The President-Elect says that socioeconomic and disabilities problems were clearest, as each area of access had 3 questions asked.

The Secretary asks what these 3 questions were.

The President-Elect says that the 3 questions were: 1) How someone identifying in that category feels the Union does for them, 2) Whether the Union can do better, 3) What measures they think the Union should implement.

The Librarian-Elect asks whether everyone was asked how they feel as each area of access.

The President-Elect says that they were not.

*Ms. Anisha Faruk enters at 12.19*

### **Ratification of Minutes**

The Secretary moves that TSC ratify the minutes of the 7th week Ordinary meeting of TSC  
*Nem. con.*

### **Requests to pass absences**

The Pres moves that the Librarian's absence from the 7th week ordinary meeting of TSC be deemed to be with good reason because of society business of paramount importance, namely hosting the Jo Konta event  
*Nem. con.*

The President moves that the CCC's absence from the 7th week ordinary meeting of TSC be deemed to be with good reason because of society business of paramount importance, namely setting up for the Jo Konta event  
*Seconded by the CCC*  
*Nem. con.*

The Librarian moves a motion of thanks to the President  
*Nem. con.*

The Librarian-Elect moves a motion of thanks to the Secretary  
*Seconded by the Treasurer-Elect*  
*Nem. con.*

### **Business of the Chair of Debate Selection Committee**

The Access Officer (Mx. Wong) says that he has been appointed on behalf of the CDSC to propose their Standing Order changes.

The President says that the changes have not been circulated. He says that since the changes are not urgent, they should wait until a future week.

### **Business of the Returning Officer**

The Returning Officer says that one of the candidates has withdrawn, and whilst there is nothing in the rules about this there is precedent for withdrawals being allowed. She says that James Dix is the only candidate for CCC, and that he will be elected as CCC pending Consultative Committee.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The President will call the next meeting for 9th week on behalf of the President-Elect.

*The President closes the meeting at 12.28*

Signed,

Nick Brown  
Magdalen College  
Secretary