

Draft Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE

2nd Week Hilary Term 2018

Friday 25th January

The TV Room, 13:20

Present: **The Access Officer** (Brian Wong, *Wolfson College*), **The International Officer** (Alice Zhang, *Trinity College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Mahi Joshi, *Trinity College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Rai Saad Khan, *Christ Church*), **The Elected Member/Librarian-Elect** (Sara Dube, *St Hugh's College*), **The President** (Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Socioeconomic Officer** (Millie Bircham, *Keble College*)

Apologies: **The LGBTQ+ Officer** (Mohammed Iman, *Somerville College*)

Absent: **The Women's Officer** (Priscilla Guo, *Keble College*), **The Elected Member** (Daniil Ukhorskiy, *Brasenose College*), **The Elected Member** (Joseph Grehan-Bradley, *Christ Church*), **The Elected Member** (Naren Koratamaddi), **he Ethnic Minorities Officer** (Priyesh Patel, *St. Anthony's College*), **The Temporary Membership Officer** (Olly Woodhouse, *Oxford Brookes University*), The President-Elect (Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Bursar** (Lindsay Warne), **The Disabilities Officer** (Elisa Gomez Aleman, *Kellogg College*)

Absences to Pass

Brian moves that their absence last week be due to good reason due to an immovable and pressing academic commitment ☑ this passes nem. con.

Amelia moves her absence to be due to good reason as she had a pressing and immovable academic commitment ☑ this passes nem. con.

Saad raises that he has received an apology from Mo, who is in Paris because of a serious or contagious medical condition

- Brian and the Daniel Wilkinson state they have not seen evidence of this, and his absence will need to be explained in person next week.

Ratification of Minutes

Brian raises that the agenda is meant to be circulated a day in advance of the access meeting and so in future, the secretaries are meant to be do that. Mahi and Saad say that they understand this.

Saad: The only agenda item I received was very late yesterday, and it was from Mo, which delayed its circulation.

Mahi raises that ratification of last minutes, as they have not been distributed, will have to be ratified next week.

Business of The Access Officer- Amelia Harvey

No business

Questions to The Access Officer- Amelia Harvey

No questions in her absence.

Business of the Access Officer- Brian Wong

Brian has a point from CDSC ☑ DSC is organizing a series for women debating named Prosecco and Pro-ambs. This is for three main reasons:

- Increase opportunities for women and non-binary individuals and facilitate outreach for them to learn from experienced debaters
- Also, to improve accessibility for everyone, and make debating accessible to people beyond just competitive debaters
- Scout promising debaters

DSC expenses are quite tight as of now, and has asked for help to sponsor/co-sponsor budget of 75 pounds for the three workshops

- Mahi asks two questions: is it 75 pounds for each event or in total, and is access committee able to give this money – does it have a budget?

Brian: it is 75 pounds in total, and we would be able to recommend it to standing committee which would be able to give the budget

Brian moves that the access committee recommend TSC to accept a co-sponsored series of workshops named P and P.

- Seconded by the President ☑ it passes nem. con.

Brian raises second point about the results from last years' access survey: a response filled with recommendations has been written by Brian and Amelia and sent to the President. Broad points include:

- Need to lower membership fee and diversify options of memberships and payments (ie for temporary members, one-year students, etc.)
- Engaging members from underrepresented minorities through socials focusing on their experiences, but also hosting events which more explicitly engage with minority experience ie when Dustin Lance Black came as a speaker, it could have been an explicitly LGBTQIA+ event.
- Working with organisations and campaigns around Oxford like OUSU, or gender equalities society, or women in business ☑ to reach out to more prospective members, and engage with students who the union is accused of being inaccessible to
- Greater transparency member, which has been in works this term ☑ such as through online notifications of meetings or minutes of meetings; but also, through more surgeries with access officers.

Questions to the Access Officer- Brian Wong

No questions.

The Business of the Disabilities Officer

No business

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No questions

The Business of the Ethnic Minorities Officer

No business

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No questions

The Business of the Graduate Officer

No business

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No questions

The Business of the LGBTQIA+ Officer

Mo had put on the agenda to discuss gender-neutral toilets, which had been discussed last week, but this is ultimately tabled as he was not present.

- Brian agrees this should be on the agenda, and we should wait till Mo comes back.

Questions to the LGBTQIA+ Officer

No questions

Business of the International Officer

No business

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No questions

Business of the Socioeconomic Officer

No business

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No questions

Business of the Temporary Membership Officer

No business

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No questions

Business of the Women's Officer

No business

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No questions

Business to the President

No business

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No questions

Business of Naren Koratamaddi

No business

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There are no questions to Mr Koratamaddi in their absence

Business of Sara Dube

No business

Questions to Sara Dube

No questions

Business of Mahi Joshi

No business

Questions to Mahi Joshi

No questions

Business of Rai Saad Khan

No business

Questions to Rai Saad Khan

No questions

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

Signed,

Rai Saad Khan

Standing Committee Delegate to Access Committee

Christ Church