

*Draft Minutes of*

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DEBATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

The TV Room, 09:30

**Present: The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*), **Standing Committee Delegate** (Chaitanya Kediya, *Exeter College*), **Access, Communications & Equity Officer** (Dominic Brind, *Magdalen College*), **The Externals Officer** (Jason Xiao, *Wadham College*), **The DSC Treasurer** (Bryan Yan, *Keble College*), **Internals Officer** (Brian Wong, *Wolfson College*)

**Attending:**

**Apologies: The President** (Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*)

**Absent: The DSC Secretary** (Rosa Thomas, *St. Anne's College*)

**Late: The DSC Deputy Secretary cum Librarian-elect** (Sara Singh Dube, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Director of Training** (Rachel O Nunain, *Trinity College*)

*DSC opens at 09:47*

**Apologies**

The CDSC informs DSC that the President apologises for their absence on the grounds that they are in pursuit of service to the Society agreed to be of paramount importance.

**Request to pass Absences from Previous Meetings**

The CDSC moves to pass the DSC Treasurer's absence from the previous meeting on the grounds that they were in pursuit of service to the Society agreed to be of paramount importance.

*Motion passes nem. com.*

The CDSC moves to pass the Internals Officer's absence from the previous meeting on the grounds that they were attending a pressing and extraordinary engagement agreed to be unavoidable.

*Motion passes nem. com.*

*The Director of Training enters the room at 09:50*

## **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

### **Ratification of Minutes**

The CDSC moves to ratify the minutes of week 7 of Hilary term.

*Motion passes nem. com.*

## **Business of the Externals Officer**

### UCL IV

The Externals Officer says that they have not received any new applications to fill the last judge spot, and requests the CDSC to advertise the spot once again on the DA.

### KCL Women's Open

The Externals Officer mentions that they have received 4 applications and have decided to provisionally select 1 team and 1 judge.

The Externals Officer announces that the team will be Ms Hannah Taylor and Ms Marua Mukanova-FinchTeam, and the judge will be Ms Melanie Onovo.

The CDSC says that they are going to try to select Ms Caitlin French with another speaker.

The Access, Communications & Equity Officer points out that Ms Caitlin French did not judge two Oxford Schools regional rounds, and reaches out to ask her whether she knew about the requirement. The Access, Communications & Equity Officer says that she joined the DA recently and did not get to know about the regional round requirement until very recently.

The CDSC decides to exempt her from the requirement, conditional on her helping out for the entire day with Oxford Schools Finals Day.

*The DSC Deputy Secretary enters the room at 10:00*

## **Business of the DSC Treasurer**

### Expenses

In the DSC Treasurer's absence, the CDSC says that £285.70 has to be passed as DSC expenses today.

## **Business of the Access, Communications & Equity Officer**

### Incident relating to Mr Marcus Huang's Participation at Lancaster IV

The Access, Communications & Equity Officer raises their concern that despite Mr Marcus Huang participating at the Lancaster IV in an open team, they are associated with Oxford and suggest that the CDSC reaches out to them.

The Internals Officer suggests emailing the organisation committee of Lancaster IV to apologise.

The CDSC agrees with the Access, Communications & Equity Officer but does not think that an email is necessary. The CDSC adds that they will get back to DSC after talking to Mr Marcus Huang.

## **Business of the Director of Training**

### Selection of EUDC trials selectors

The CDSC asks the Director of Training about the list of potential selectors for the selections for EUDC Trials.

*DSC moves in camera at 10:15 to select the selectors for EUDC Trials*

*DSC stops being in camera at 10:28*

The CDSC requests people to update them about confirmations of selectors by the middle of week 9.

## **Business of the DSC Secretary**

### Exemptions from judging requirements

In the DSC Secretary's absence the CDSC mentions that the following individuals need exemption from the requirement to judge Oxford Schools Finals Day:

Ms Ana Vilhelmina Verdnik is coaching a team in Solvenia during the Oxford Schools Finals Day and purchased her tickets well in advance. They are exempted from the requirement, but expected to conduct a workshop in the coming terms.

Ms Jessy Jindal is an international student, and as a result had booked their flights in advance, which prevents them from judging the Oxford Schools Finals Day. They are exempted from the requirement.

Mr Jonas Frey has clarified that they are travelling back to their home and booked their flights on the 22nd, however it is unclear in which month. They are exempted from the requirement, but expected to conduct a workshop in the coming terms, pending clarification on the month of purchase of tickets.

## **Business of the Internals Officer**

### Pro-Am of the Year

The CDSC requests the Internals Officer to create a document to register to participate in Pro-Am of the Year. The CDSC adds that the Internals Officer needs to decide what is meant by a Pro in the context of this tournament.

The Internals Officer mentions that they will get back to the CDSC and that they plan to host the tournament either on Saturday of week 1 or Sunday of week 2.

## **Business of the DSC Deputy Secretary**

### Helper points record

The DSC Deputy Secretary says that they will update the Google sheet of helper points over the course of the day.

The Access, Communications & Equity Officer mentions that they have shared the list of Oxford Schools regional rounds attended by various members and that the DSC Deputy Secretary should add helper points for members who have judged more than two regional rounds.

## **Business of the CDSC**

### Update of OxWSC

The CDSC announces that OxWSC is provisionally being moved to Michaelmas Term 2019, and that the CDSC will meet the OrgComm team of OxWSC.

The DSC Treasurer suggests determining prices for a competition in Michaelmas Term in light of prices of rival competitions at the same time.

The CDSC agrees that it is important to reconcile the dual concerns of (i) profitability, and (ii) accessibility. The CDSC adds that one possible compromise for OxWSC would entail conducting workshops about the WSDC format before hosting OxWSC. However, the CDSC recognises that this merits further discussion.

### Debate Stash

The CDSC mentions that they will update DSC about how they plan to price and market debating stash in order to add another stream of revenue for DSC.

## **Changes to the composition of this Committee**

### **Any Other Business**

The CDSC moves a motion of thanks to the Standing Committee delegate for having been a fantastic member of DSC in HT 19. The CDSC notes, further, that he is grateful for TSC appointing competitive debaters to the position of Standing Committee delegate. He hopes that this positive trend will continue.

*Motion passes nem. com.*

*The CDSC closes the meeting of DSC at 10:38*

Signed,

Chaitanya Kediya

**Standing Committee**

*Exeter College*