

Ratified Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
7th Week Hilary Term 2015
Monday 2nd March 2015
President's Office, 16:00

Present: **The President** (Miss Lisa Wehden, *Worcester College*), **The Librarian** (Mr Charlie Vaughan, *St. John's College*), **The Treasurer** (Miss NamPhuong Dinh, *Corpus Christi College*), **The Secretary** (Mr Robert Harris, *New College*), **The Elected Member** (Miss Verity Hubbard, *Lady Margaret Hall*), **The Elected Member** (Miss Cindy Yu, *Christ Church*), **The Elected Member** (Mr David Browne, *Merton College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Alastair Holder Ross, *St. Hilda's College*), **The President-Elect** (Mr Roberto Weeden-Sanz, *St. Benet's Hall*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Mr Stuart Webber, *Somerville College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Miss Antonia Trent, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, *Oriel College*), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*), **The Bursar** (Mrs Lindsay Warne), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Michael Flagg, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Access Officer** (Mr Samuel Billington, *Somerville College*), **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Mr Jamie Jackson, *St. John's College*).

Attending: **The Chief of Staff** (Miss Olivia Merrett, *St. John's College*), **The Senior Deputy Returning Officer** (Mr Robert Boissonneault, *Keble College*), **The Deputy Returning Officer** (Mr Joseph Miles, *Wadham College*).

Apologies: **The Elected Member** (Mr Joe Fowles, *Pembroke College*), **The Chairman of the Consultative Committee** (Miss Felicity Blackburn, *Somerville College*), **The Access Officer** (Mr Daniel Haynes, *New College*).

Absent: **The Access Officer** (Miss Claire Butler, *Worcester College*).

The President opens the meeting at 16:06.

Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meeting

The Librarian explains that the Treasurer was absent from 6th Week TSC as she had to go home to see her ill Grandmother.

The Librarian moves that TSC passes the absence of the Treasurer from the Ordinary Meeting of TSC of HT15 6th Week as being with 'good reason' due to its being 'pressing and extraordinary'.

Seconded by the President.

Nem. con.

The President-Elect explains that he was absent from 6th Week TSC because he was meeting with the French Society to discuss invitations to Sarkozy and several other French politicians; it is important to collaborate with them to make sure that we do not miss out on any big speakers.

The President asks whether the President-Elect can present TSC with any evidence to support his argument.

The President-Elect shows email evidence on his phone to Mr Holder Ross.

Mr Holder Ross informs TSC that he is satisfied by the evidence presented.

The President-Elect moves that TSC passes his absence from the Ordinary Meeting of TSC of HT15 6th Week as being with 'good reason' due to his being on society business.

Seconded by Mr Browne.

Nem. con.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There are no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Ratification of Minutes

The President moves that TSC ratifies the Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of TSC of HT15 6th Week.

Nem. con.

The President

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the President:

The President has no business.

Questions to the President:

There are no questions to the President.

The Librarian

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Librarian:

The Librarian explains that he has one piece of business arising from a discussion in the Library Committee. He would like to pass on a request to TSC and to the CCC that benches and chairs in the Goodman Library are not stacked right up against the bookshelves; a small gangway should be left alongside the shelves in order to allow access.

Questions to the Librarian:

There are no questions to the Librarian.

The Treasurer

Meetings missed: 2, Missed without good reason: 1

Business of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer-Elect moves that TSC passes DSC expenses totalling £503.50, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Seconded by the President.

Nem. con.

Mr David Browne enters the room at 16:07.

Questions to the Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Treasurer.

The Secretary

Meetings missed: 1, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Secretary:

The Secretary explains that he needs to pass the account from his 'A Night in Paris' Ball which took place in 4th Week. It was recommended by the Finance Committee with one small amendment, which was to add £150 expenditure for a Performing Rights Licence. The Ball made a total contribution of around £7,000 excluding VAT.

The Returning Officer requests a brief breakdown of the areas in which savings were made.

The Secretary replies that each guest ticket sold contributed £10 (guest ticket sales are not budgeted for), the 14% contingency was not spent, and savings were made in some other areas too, such as by selling back the excess alcohol which we bought.

The Secretary moves that TSC passes the account from the 'A Night in Paris' Ball.

Seconded by the President.

Nem. con.

Mr Browne proposes a motion of congratulations to the Secretary.

Seconded by the Librarian.

Nem. con.

Questions to the Secretary:

There are no questions to the Secretary.

Mr Fowles

Meetings missed: 3, Missed without good reason: 2

Business of Mr Fowles in his absence:

Mr Fowles has no business.

Questions to Mr Fowles in his absence:

There are no questions to Mr Fowles.

Miss Hubbard

Meetings missed: 1, Missed without good reason: 1

Business of Miss Hubbard:

Miss Hubbard has no business.

Questions to Miss Hubbard:

There are no questions to Miss Hubbard.

Miss Yu

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Miss Yu:

Miss Yu has no business.

Questions to Miss Yu:

There are no questions to Miss Yu.

Mr Browne

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Browne:

Mr Browne has no business.

Questions to Mr Browne:

There are no questions to Mr Browne.

Mr Holder Ross

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Holder Ross:

Mr Holder Ross has no business.

Questions to Mr Holder Ross:

There are no questions to Mr Holder Ross.

The President-Elect

Meetings missed: 4, Missed without good reason: 1

Business of the President-Elect:

The President-Elect has no business.

Questions to the President-Elect:

There are no questions to the President-Elect.

The Librarian-Elect

Meetings missed: 0, Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Librarian-Elect:

The Librarian-Elect has no business.

Questions to the Librarian-Elect:

There are no questions to the Librarian-Elect.

The Treasurer-Elect

Meetings missed: 1, Missed without good reason: 1

Business of the Treasurer-Elect:

The Treasurer-Elect has no business.

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect:

There are no questions to the Treasurer-Elect.

The Ex-Officio

Business of the Ex-Officio in their absence:

The Ex-Officio have no business.

Questions to the Ex-Officio in their absence:

There are no questions to the Ex-Officio.

The Senior Librarian

Business of the Senior Librarian:

The Senior Librarian has no business.

Questions to the Senior Librarian:

There are no questions to the Senior Librarian.

The Senior Treasurer

Business of the Senior Treasurer:

The Senior Treasurer has no business.

Questions to the Senior Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Senior Treasurer.

The Bursar

Business of the Bursar:

The Bursar explains that our YouTube channel is back up online. She would like to go into camera to discuss issues relating to the channel.

The President moves TSC into camera to discuss a commercially sensitive matter at 16:14.

The President moves TSC out of camera at 16:28.

Miss Felicity Blackburn (CCC) enters the room at 16:28.

Questions to the Bursar:

There are no questions to the Bursar.

The Returning Officer

Business of the RO:

The Returning Officer expresses his thanks to all those who helped out with the production of the manifesto booklet for this term's elections, particularly Mr Miles, Mr Boissonneault and Mr Corden. The booklet was finished last night at 04:45. He would also like to thank the Librarian-Elect (who represented many of the candidates in scrutiny) for helping to make scrutiny so efficient this term.

Questions to the RO:

There are no questions to the RO.

The Chairman of the Consultative Committee

Business of the CCC in her absence:

The CCC has no business.

Questions to the CCC in her absence:

There are no questions to the CCC.

The Access Officers

Business of the Access Officers:

The Access Officers have no business.

Questions to the Access Officers:

There are no questions to the Access Officers.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee

Business of the CDSC:

The CDSC explains that, pursuant to Rule 49, he needs to inform TSC of DSC's room requirements for Trinity Term 2015. Similarly to this term, DSC requires rooms for workshops every Sunday evening and for Squads every Tuesday evening. Most importantly, DSC requires all of the buildings' rooms from 13:00 on Friday 1st May until the end of Saturday 2nd May. Please do not book any events during this time.

Mr Roberto Weeden-Sanz (President-Elect) enters the room at 16:10.

Miss NamPhuong Dinh (Treasurer) enters the room at 16:10.

The CDSC explains that new world rankings, made by the World Universities Debating Council, were released last week. We are officially the second best debating society in the world, just slightly behind the University of Sydney Union. We are the best in the UK and in the Northern hemisphere, with Cambridge being only the 5th best in the world.

Questions to the CDSC:

There are no questions to the CDSC.

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

There are no changes.

Any Other Business

There is no other business.

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 8th Week Hilary Term 2015 (9th March 2015), 16:00, in the President's Office.

The President closes the meeting at 16:30.

Signed,

Robert Harris
New College
Secretary