

Ratified Minutes of
THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
2nd Week Hilary Term 2015
Wednesday 28th January 2015
President's Office, 17:30

Present: **The President** (Miss Lisa Wehden, *Worcester College*), **The Librarian** (Mr Charlie Vaughan, *St. John's College*), **The Secretary** (Mr Robert Harris, *New College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Joe Fowles, *Pembroke College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr David Browne, *Merton College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Alastair Holder Ross, *St. Hilda's College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Mr Stuart Webber, *Somerville College*), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Thomas Reynolds, *University College*), **The Access Officer** (Mr Samuel Billington, *Somerville College*).

Attending: **The Ex-Elected Member** (Mr Joseph Miles, *Wadham College*), **The Senior Deputy Returning Officer** (Mr Michael Flagg, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Deputy Returning Officer** (Mr Nathan King, *The Queen's College*).

Apologies: **The Elected Member** (Miss Cindy Yu, *Christ Church*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Miss Antonia Trent, *St. Hugh's College*), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*).

Absent: **The Treasurer** (Miss NamPhuong Dinh, *Corpus Christi College*), **The Elected Member** (Miss Verity Hubbard, *Lady Margaret Hall*), **The President-Elect** (Mr Roberto Weeden-Sanz, *St. Benet's Hall*), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, *Oriel College*), **The Bursar** (Mrs Lindsay Warne), **The Chairman of the Consultative Committee** (Miss Felicity Blackburn, *Somerville College*), **The Access Officer** (Mr Daniel Haynes, *New College*), **The Access Officer** (Miss Claire Butler, *Worcester College*), **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Mr Jamie Jackson, *St. John's College*).

The President opens the meeting at 17:36.

Business

The President explains that TSC needs to discuss and ratify the DRO shortlist for HT15.

The Librarian requests that the RO runs TSC through the list.

The Returning Officer reads out the list of Ex-ROs who have applied to be DRO.

The Librarian asks whether the order is the same as that in which they were RO.

The Returning Officer confirms that this is the case. He proceeds to read out the list of the first eight applicants, in order of precedence who have applied to be DRO but have never been RO.

The Librarian asks whether being a representative in the count really should be regarded as experience.

The Returning Officer replies that it should, and that there is an interpretation on this matter. He proceeds to read out the list of other members who have applied to be DRO.

The Librarian asks whether these other applicants are ranked.

The Returning Officer replies that, in theory, they are.

Mr Browne suggests that Mr William Barnes (*Hertford College*), who has thrice been a Conservative Future electoral official, should be above Mr Jamie Lagerberg (*Corpus Christi College*), who has previously applied but failed to be appointed as a DRO.

The Returning Officer responds that, traditionally, applications for DRO have counted as relevant experience, and, besides, Mr Lagerberg has a lot more experience as ROA than Mr Barnes.

Mr King suggests that Mr Zachary Spiro (*Oriel College*) should be above himself as he has additionally had a term as ROA.

The President points out that he did not mention it in his written application, whereas other applicants have mentioned being RO of Harry Potter Society!

Mr Browne argues that it is his own fault for not mentioning it.

The Returning Officer suggests that, whilst Mr King has pointed out the correct facts, we should only go off the information provided by the applicant. Applicants should make sure to include all of their relevant experience when applying to be DRO.

The President moves that TSC ratifies the DRO shortlist for HT15.

Nem. con.

The President closes the meeting at 17:47.

Signed,

Robert Harris
New College
Secretary