

## **RATIFIED**

The *Draft* Minutes of

### THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

2nd Week Trinity Term 2019

Monday 6th May

TV Room, 16:15

**Present:** **The President** (Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Librarian** (Sara Dube, *St Hugh's College*), **The Treasurer** (Charles Coverman, *Brasenose College*), **The Secretary** (Spencer Cohen, *Brasenose College*), **The President-Elect** (Brendan McGrath, *Oriel College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Mahi Joshi, *Trinity College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Shining Zhao, *University College*), **The Elected Member** (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*), **The Elected Member** (Nikhil Shah, *Exeter College*), **The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St Peter's College*), **The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*), **The Elected Member** (Kitsu Egerton, *Regent's Park*), **The Elected Member** (Mohamed Iman, *Somerville College*), **The Elected Member** (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*), **The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Ex-Treasurer** (James Lamming, *Exeter College*), **The Ex-Secretary** (Shanuk Mediawaka, *Lincoln College*).

**Attending:** **The Bursar** (Lindsey Warne), **The Senior Treasurer** (Stephen Dixon), **The Senior Librarian** (Sean Power), **The Chair of the Consultative Committee** (Elliot Bromley, *St Edmund Hall*), **The Access Officer** (Rabii Malik, *St Anne's College*), **The Access Officer** (Felicity Graham, *Christ Church*), **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*), **The Returning Officer** (Stanislas Lalanne, *Merton College*), **The LGBTQIA+ Officer** (Joseph Sisson, *St John's College*), **The Events Officer** (Oliver Tushingham, *St John's College*), **The Ordinary Member** (Jedrzej Burkat, *Brasenose College*), **The Deputy Returning Officer** (Charlie Willis), Tim Myatt (Ex-Standing), Liam Frahm (ex-RO)

*The President Opens the Meeting at 16:15*

#### **Apologies:**

The President notes they have not received any apologies for the meeting. The Secretary notes they have received apologies from the Elected Member (Mo Iman, *Somerville College*) for being “under the weather”.

#### **Absent:**

#### **Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings**

**The Elected Member** (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) asks whether their absence from the last two meetings has been passed. The President responds that this would need to be done in the meeting follow their absence.

**The Elected Member** (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) explains that they were at home and in a tutorial in the last two meetings of the Standing Committee respectively. The President explains that this can constitute an “extraordinary and pressing” engagement.

The President moves that the Standing Committee pass The Elected Member's (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) absence from the Trinity Term 2019 0th and 1st Week Ordinary Meetings of the Standing Committee as with ‘good reason’ due to an extraordinary and pressing engagement.

Seconded by **The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*).

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**The President** indicates they are happy to pass the previous minutes subject to the minor changes they have discussed with the Secretary.

**The Returning Officer** indicates they have problem with the previous minutes, and believes they have been credited with asking a question about an IDC they did not ask. They are sure they did not ask whether this IDC was *in camera* or not because they redacted the *in camera* version. They do remember a member of Standing Committee asking this question however.

**The Treasurer** thinks it was the Elected Member (Mo Iman, *Somerville College*). The Elected Member (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) agrees, and asks whether it can be attributed to them if they are not present. The Returning Officer says no, and are happy to remove this line and ratify the minutes.

**The Bursar** asks whether their apologies were noted, and the President answers yes.

### **Ratification of Minutes**

The President moves that the Standing Committee ratify the draft minutes of the Trinity Term 2019 1st Week Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee, pending modifications of a statement.

Seconded by the Treasurer.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The President moves that the Standing Committee ratify the draft *in camera* minutes of the Trinity Term 2019 1st Week Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee.

Seconded by the Treasurer.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **The President**

*Business of the President:*

#### **Senior Treasurer Vacancy**

**The President** reminds the Standing Committee of the vacancy for the role of senior treasurer since Stephen Dixon resigned. They indicate that 2 candidates have expressed formal interest in the role. Tim Myatt is present today, but Daniel Hinward could not make it. The President notes that Tim's CV is being passed around, and the President-elect asks for a copy via email.

**Tim Myatt** reads outline of his CV. Indicates that they have extensive experience on Union committee, was educated and lives in Oxford. Banking consultancy about risk to the banking sector for 8 years as operations director. They explain their financial experience and credentials.

**The Returning Officer** asks Tim Myatt how they see the role of Senior Treasurer. They answer that they see it as financial oversight while Standing Committee makes decision with a particular view on the Union's long-term financial stability.

**The Returning Officer** asks whether Tim Myatt sees any differences between working with students and professionals. They answer that they expect students to be professional.

**The Senior Librarian** asks Tim Myatt how they expect to fulfill their duties, and about their time commitments? Tim Myatt assures the Senior Librarian that they live in Oxford, are their own boss, and would be able to attend most if not all meetings of the Finance and Standing Committees.

**The Returning Officer** states that if the Standing Committee choose to do so, they would recommend Tim Myatt to the chamber in 3rd week after the next meeting of Standing Committee. They also indicate that there is no formal deadline to interview the other candidate, and that it could be done next week.

**The Senior Librarian** alerts the Standing Committee that the other candidate has in fact come to the Standing Committee in Michaelmas before, but are not expressing a preference.

Tim indicates they have met with the staff, and are happy with the role. They thank the Standing Committee, and leave.

**The President** states they have asked the other candidate to appear before the Standing Committee in 3rd week.

## **Standing Order A2**

**The President** indicates the contents of Standing Order A2, and points out that they are not enforced or followed: The Ordinary member (Troels Boesen, *St. John's College*) has pointed this out to them. They indicate the Standing Order makes little sense, and express the opinion that the President instead of all four officers should be the only person required to bring forth a budget to project cost of speakers and debates. They indicate a preference for presenting this budget in 4th week, then the President has more time and more clarity to write a more honest budget.

**The President-elect** inquires whether budgets aren't supposed to be set before the term rather than mid-term. The President responds that this is traditionally the case, but that this is currently not enforced, so this never happens. In response, the President-elect expressed a preference for a binding budget before term starts, asking what accountability systems exist if the President overspends before that budget is presented.

**The President** answers that there is currently no accountability system during term at all, which is why they want to make the Standing Committee aware of budgets.

**The Bursar** intervenes, stating that under the current rules, an annual budget should be brought to TSC in addition to a President's termly budget, which can be slightly changed.

**The President-elect** enquires as to why a termly budget exists. **The Bursar** explains that Presidents spend their budgets differently, and that it helps better allocate resources and understand spending.

**The President-elect** asks whether a President could overspend their termly budget - **the Bursar** responds that they could, subject to Standing Committee approval.

**The President** adds that a President is liable under the rules for overspending, but that currently, the Standing Committee cannot hold Presidents to account because no termly budgets are seriously presented.

**The Returning Officer** asks why the President chose 4th week instead of 2nd week for example. The President answers that it is usually around the 4th week mark that no new speakers are added and no new spending is incurred. They are nevertheless flexible with the choice of week.

**The Bursar** adds that if the budget deadline were 2nd week, the President could always consult the Standing Committee if the opportunity to spend more on a speaker arises.

**The Treasurer** adds that this is sufficiently far away from termcard deadline that it would not distract a President.

**The President** accepts the Returning Officer's friendly amendment to change "4th week" to "2nd week".

**The President-elect** asks how hard this budget is to compile - the President responds that they did not find it particularly difficult.

The President moves that the Standing Committee amend Standing Order A2 as proposed by the President, with the amendment changing “4th week” to “2nd week”.

Seconded by the Treasurer.

*The motion passes nem. con*

### **Disabled Access**

**The President** explains that during Barney Frank’s visit, the Union did not have a wheelchair at its disposal for a guest, but that Angie had to borrow one. They explain that the access committee has formally recommended that the Standing Committee purchase a wheelchair to be held on Union premises, a recommendation endorsed by the President.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) agrees with the President, pointing out that the meet and greet was wheelchair access-friendly as it was held in the library. They also indicate that they believe that one wheelchair is sufficient. The President agrees, stating that the Union could always borrow another one.

**The Treasurer** enquires how much this would cost. The President responds that the Disabilities Officer has indicated to her that it would likely be in the region of £50 to £70.

**The Bursar** adds that a wheelchair would be useful for first-aid purposes as well.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) says that this is a necessity.

The President moves that the Standing Committee buy a wheelchair to be held on Union premises.

Seconded by the The Elected Member (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*).

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **Press Requests**

**The President** indicate that they have received three press request, the first concerning whether the Union had a response to the planned protest of Katie Hopkins’ appearance at the No Platforming debate. They responded that the Union would hold the event nevertheless with the appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of guests and speakers. The second request was the one about the boycott, to which the President reiterated the same points and added the Union’s commitment to free speech.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) indicates that they do not want the Free Speech amendment of Rule 2 to be seen as obstructive and alienating. They reiterate that the Union is not seeking to be purely offensive, but to stage a combat of ideas.

**The President** adds that they have eloquently told that to Cherwell. They add that of 85 speakers on the term card, only one has been flagged as offensive. They also indicate that the boycott is a recurring phenomenon.

**The President** adds that the third press request was about the resignation of the Secretary: they responded that they thought they had a working relationship with the ex-Secretary (Amelia Harvey, *Kellogg College*). They add that the new Secretary will undoubtedly do a good job.

**The President** reminds the Standing Committee that this resignation has left a vacancy for a standing delegate - so they think the Standing Committee should appoint The Elected Member (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*) to be the Standing Committee delegate to Access Committee.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) thinks that no Standing Committee delegates were ratified in 1st week.

**The President** reminds them that the rules do not specify whether ratification is necessarily done by motion - the Standing Committee just have to give consent. They argue that the Standing Committee did ratify each member to their committees, even if the Secretary did not record those as motions.

**The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*) indicate that they have read the minutes where it says “the President appoints X to this committee”, and argue the minutes’ failure to accurately record what has happened, does not mean that that did not happen.

**The President-elect** asks if the President moved this appointments. The President replies the appointments were not necessarily formally crafted as a motion, but the rules don’t indicate it has to be so.

**The Returning Officer** states that this issues is the President’s jurisdiction. They indicate that “ratification” entails consent, and from their memory, clear consent was given at the meeting, even if the minutes don’t reflect that.

**The Librarian** asks whether we should ratify delegates now if the minutes do not accurately reflect what happened.

**The President** indicates that they think the Elected Member (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*) should be ratified now. They add that just because the minutes are inaccurate, it does not obscure the reality of what happened.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) asks for a formal process for the rest of the delegates if the Elected Member (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*) gets one.

**The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*) makes three points. First, they explain that a motion is deemed to be passed in the house if there is no opposition - and this was the case because there was no opposition to these appointments. Secondly, they believe the minutes should be objected when they are being ratified, not under the President’s business. They indicate that it is marked very clearly on the fifth page of those minutes the standing committee members and the committees they are appointed to. They add that no reasonable member could possibly interpret that in any other way than as the appointment of standing committee members to their committees, and to do so would be facetious and a textual farcity.

**The Returning Officer** seconds The Ex-President (Stephen Horvath, *New College*)’s second point, about objections to minutes needing to be done when they are being ratified.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) doesn’t remember a formal motion, with a seconded.

**The President** reiterates that there is no formal mechanism by which to ratify a standing committee delegate, but clear consent was given, which is what is necessary in the rules.

**The Elected Member** (Ayman D’Souza, *Christ Church*) asks whether this means that all standing committee delegates were ratified last week. The President says yes.

The President moves that the Standing Committee appoint George Hargrave as the Standing Delegate to Access Committee.

Seconded by the Treasurer.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

## **DRO Nominations**

**The Returning Officer** explains that the purpose of the DRO list is for the Standing Committee to check seniority on this list, and verify these people are in the correct order. In accord with standing order D12, the ranking is done in order of experience and seniority from both within the Union and outside to break a tie, and when the tie is impossible to break, a random number generator was used.

**The President** adds that the Standing Committee can strike someone on basis of their capability to carry out their duties. **The Returning Officer** comments that this constitutes a serious inability to do fulfill any of the duties required.

**The President** asks for comments or questions, and receives none.

The RO moves that the Standing Committee ratify the DRO list.

Seconded by the President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **Permanent Membership Change**

**The President** reminds the Standing Committee that this was passed unanimously in Standing Committee and will go to the house on the 9th of May. They indicate that they had questions from the Temporary Membership officer about the logistics of this change. The first question was about whether this change would affect Brookes students on 1 or 2 year courses. They don't think it should- it should only apply for those on a 3 year course. They indicate another concern was about backdating - they thought this was reasonable, and saw no issue with this.

**The Bursar** comments that they agree as long as membership has not expired.

**The President** continues, explaining that the last question they received was about the colour of Temporary Membership cards, which is different to life member cards. They assume this is for the purpose of the DRO identifying whether they can vote in the House. However, they indicate it makes Brookes students feel like they are being differentiated.

**The Bursar** states that this doesn't just apply to Brookes students, but to all temporary members. The President agrees.

**The Treasurer** asks who will oversee the change. **The Bursar** indicates that they will. **The President** adds that the Bursar will have to change the website and tell the general office, but the change will come to effect on Thursday if it is accepted in chamber.

**The Returning Officer** asks how many Brookes members the Union has. The Bursar answers, saying about 20 to 30 a year.

**The President** states the importance of not paying £2,000 in commercial fees at the next Brookes Fresher's Fair for a stall. They add that this will encourage Brookes membership.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) states how Brookes is different to the 6 others temporary membership institutions. They explain their support for this, as it encourages Brookes membership, helping the Union's finances, as with the cost barrier gone, more members would sign up.

### **Standing Order B1**

**The President** reads standing order B1, drawing The Standing Committee's attention to the section on reporting any press requests. They state that they are aware that most of The Standing Committee were asked for comment about the ex-Secretary (Amelia Harvey, *Kellogg College*)'s resignation, reiterating that members must

declare any press request to the President and the Director of Press. They state their disappointment at how this was not done.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) states he was not asked for a comment.

**The President** reply that they know that only some individuals were asked for a comment. The ex-Secretary (Amelia Harvey, *Kellogg College*) did without the President's consent, which could result in a fine of 50£ and Rule 71 offence.

*Questions to the President:*

There are no questions to the President.

### **The Librarian**

*Business of the Librarian:*

**The Librarian** indicates that they would like to ratify members of library committee, as it has had a change in composition.

**The President** asks if this is for new members of the library committee. **The President-elect** asks how many applicants were received, and for what number of spaces. **The Librarian** indicates that this is to ratify the people who want to stay on after their term expires.

**The President-elect** states that there is no reason to privilege their applications to new ones. **The Librarian** responds that no other applications have been made to, the Librarian-in-Charge has emailed everyone to see who is interested, these are the people who answered.

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Olivia Leigh as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Phillip Counsell as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify James Pettifer as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Jonathan Sheinman as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify John Whitehead as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Ryan Lee as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Daniel Villar as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The Elected Member (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*).

*The motion passes with one objection*

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The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify William Prescott as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Brian Wong as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Yee Kwan Law as a member of Library Committee

Seconded by The Elected Member (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*).

*The motion passes with one objection.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Altair Brandon-Salmon as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Connor Warden as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*



The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee ratify Marcin Pisanski as a member of Library Committee.

Seconded by The President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Librarian adds that the Librarian-elect and the Elected member (Kitsu Egerton, *Regent's Park*) have already been ratified.

*Questions to the Librarian:*

There are no questions to the Librarian

### **The Treasurer**

*Business of the Treasurer:*

#### **DSC expenses**

**The Treasurer** reports that The Finance Committee has recommended that the Standing Committee pass DSC expenses for 1st and 2nd week.

The Treasurer moves that the Standing Committee pass DSC Expenses for 1st and 2nd week pending the approval by the Senior Librarian.

Seconded by the President.

*The motion passes nem. con*

*Questions to the Treasurer:*

There are no questions to the Treasurer.

### **The Secretary**

*Business of the Secretary:*

The Secretary has no business.

*Questions to the Secretary:*

There are no questions to the Secretary.

### **Mr Ayman D'Souza**

*Business of Mr D'Souza:*

**The Elected member** (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) wishes to have a discussion about the Union's welfare obligations. They state that the Union has a duty to help mental health, and a welfare system is needed. They believe it is outrageous that the Union is not trying to help people with any issues they may have.

**The President** responds that currently, people can seek welfare advice from college and OUSU, and it would be strange for the Union to take responsibility for people's welfare without trained individuals. As it stands, the President notes that the Union has no trained welfare representatives, and it would be irresponsible and strange to take on that role when the Union doesn't train people for that.

**The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*) states that the Union has liberation officers, and the representative role they fulfill cannot be separated from a welfare one, otherwise they don't account to very much. They believe that most liberation roles are fundamentally welfare issues - and their current roles can't be representative without a welfare dimension. They advocate a more formalized system to connect people to peer supporting, so welfare complaints do not come under the Union's radar.

**The President** comments that it's unfair to accuse current liberation officers of not doing something they are not supposed to do. Their current remit does not allow for them to take on a welfare role.

**The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*) responds that they are not accusing the people in those roles, but the remit of the roles themselves. They note that representation is often welfare-based, and it would be wise to better enable these people to access peer supporting.

**The President** reminds The Elected Member (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*) that access committee is open to all ordinary members, and that the Union should perhaps advertise access committee more widely. They comment that liberation officers do not have the power or authority to help solve these situations, making welfare would fall short and potentially make any situation worse.

**The Librarian-Elect** comments on "responsibility" - adding that this proposal shouldn't be a substitute for any other welfare, but should be liaison for welfare concerns specific to the union. They do not want to make this burdensome on one member of committee, but this provision is to make welfare a part of the conversation.

**The Elected Member** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*) acknowledges that the rules governing the access committee are unclear, and that new procedures could be created, in formalizing a role for liberation officers. They add that there are restraints on what the university should do, so an internal welfare system like this doesn't intend to be a substitute to university welfare, but to complement it. They indicate they believe that the remit of liberation officers should include directing people to welfare.

**The Senior Librarian** asks if a concrete proposal has been brought before the Standing Committee. The President responds that one has not, and that business was lifted from a manifesto and onto the agenda. The Senior Librarian implores The Elected member (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) to be concrete, as the Union cannot overstretch and attempt to provide welfare the Union is not qualified to deal with. The Senior Librarian also mentions Rule 2 and the aims of the society.

**The Bursar** echoes the Senior Librarian, stating that welfare is a serious issue, and without proper training, the Union cannot take on this responsibility as the Union would be legally responsible for any issues. They suggest a sheet with where to find welfare instead.

**The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*) indicates he went to the University counselling service, and I found it works well. They state welfare is important, and that it would be a disservice to do it in the union when without the proper qualifications. They suggest that their primary role should be an information vector for welfare issues.

**The Elected Member** (Ayman D'Souza, *Christ Church*) thanks the Senior librarian and Bursar, as they state this conversation is helpful because important things were said in this conversation. Now it is easier to create a proposal understanding the remit of what the union can do.

*Questions to Mr D'Souza:*

There are no questions to Mr D'Souza.

**Mr Nikhil Shah**

*Business of Mr Shah:*

Mr Shah has no business.

*Questions to Mr Shah:*

There are no questions to Mr Shah.

### **Ms Beatrice Barr**

*Business of Ms Barr:*

**The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*) indicates Marua is running a women's debating workshop on Tuesday, which is fundamental to access to debating. They also report the current Standing Orders about corporate objections, indicating they have a change that aims to allow those objected to to respond to their objection in 48h. The CDSC has more detail on that in his business.

**The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*) states that Standing Committee delegates are not supposed to go in such detail and tell the Standing Committee about every single event.

**The President** agrees.

**The Elected Member** (Beatrice Barr, *St. Peter's College*) points to the rule indicating they need to update the Standing Committee on policy decisions, and given this represents a change in the DSC Standing Orders they did feel it was necessary to bring it up. They have one last update on the changes to the composition of DSC: the Secretary Rosa has resigned, so applications will be open for a new member of DSC. She also states that Genevieve is the President, and that she is the Standing Delegate.

*Questions to Ms Barr:*

**The Returning Officer** indicates that this sounded like this was worth discussing at Standing Committee.

**The Ex-President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*) says it seems quite facetious to mention that there is a new President as a DSC update, and that Bea has become the standing delegate to TSC, given how many times this issue has been discussed in the past weeks.

### **Mr Adam Wilkinson-Hill**

*Business of Mr Wilkinson-Hill:*

Mr Wilkinson-Hill moves that TSC ratify Mr Ayman D'Souza as an elected member of Access Committee.

*The President objects. Seconded by the Ex-President, Mr Stephen Horvath.*

**The President** notes that Mr D'Souza was not present at 0th or 1st week TSCs, and has been unable to attend his duties, so taking on extra role is a strange decision. She states that she could not vote in access as she had not registered her vote in advance, but stated her general objection to Mr D'Souza becoming an elected member of Access Committee. The vote passed in Access Committee 7-4 in favour.

**Mr D'Souza** states that he missed TSC because he was at home and because he had a tutorial, respectively. He states he is always free on Friday during access committee, so will not miss any meetings.

The President moves to a vote.

*6 votes in favour and 7 votes against.*

*The motion fails.*

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** mentions that a member of Access Committee has resigned.

**The President** asks for Mr Wilkinson-Hill to only provide relevant policy updates and recommendations from Access Committee, as the minutes are sufficient for information on every piece of business discussed.

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** states he thinks there should be Committee contact sheets for welfare and states the Junior Access Officer may be able to do this.

**The President** states she will email the Junior Access Officer regarding the contact sheets.

*Questions to Mr Wilkinson-Hill:*

There are no questions to Mr Wilkinson-Hill.

### **Mr Kitsu Egerton**

*Business of Mr Egerton:*

Mr Egerton has no business.

*Questions to Mr Egerton:*

There are no questions to Mr Egerton.

### **Mr Mohamed Iman**

*Business of Mr Iman:*

Mr Iman has no business.

*Questions to Mr Iman:*

There are no questions to Mr Iman.

### **Mr George Hargrave**

*Business of Mr Hargrave:*

Mr Hargrave has no business.

*Questions to Mr Hargrave:*

There are no questions to Mr Hargrave.

### **The President-Elect**

*Business of the President-Elect:*

**The President-Elect** states he will leave his business on Vacation Day Reform for another week.

**The President** states she assumed the President-Elect put together a proposal on his agenda item and states she had put together a proposal after seeing The President-Elect's business. The President asks whether the President-Elect would like to discuss that next week.

**The President-Elect** states he would.

**The President** express her excitement for The President-Elect's proposal.

*Questions to the President-Elect:*

There are no questions to the President-Elect.

### **The Librarian-Elect**

*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**

*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-Officers**

*Business of the Ex-Officers:*

The Ex-Officers have no business.

*Questions to the Ex-Officers:*

There are no questions to the Ex-Officers.

### **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:*

There is no business of The Senior Treasurer as the position is vacant.

*Questions to the Senior Treasurer:*

There are no questions to the Senior Treasurer as the position is vacant.

**The Bursar**

*Business of the Bursar:*

The Bursar has no business.

*Questions to the Bursar:*

There are no questions to the Bursar.

**The Returning Officer**

*Business of the Returning Officer:*

**Standing Order D1**

**The Returning Officer** states there are four substantive changes he proposes to make to Standing Order D1. Firstly, the Returning Officer states he wants the OPBMs to be published in some way. Having consulted with the Director for Digital Operations, the Returning Officer states that he proposes this will be either in the app, in the weekly email, or on the website, at the discretion of the DDO.

**The Returning Officer** accepts a friendly amendment to change “Director of Digital Communications” to “Director of Digital Operations” in the proposed Standing Order.

**The Returning Officer** states the second change is to introduce word limits for OPBM Reports, of 1,000 words for the President, 500 words for Junior Officers, 200 for the CDSC, The Access Committee Chairs, Elected members of TSC, and the CCC, and 100 words for everyone else.

**The Returning Officer** states the third proposed change affects who is required to submit an OPBM reports; the main new additions are the members of Secretary’s Committee.

**The Treasurer** states that candidates for Secretary’s Committee do not often make pledges.

**The Returning Officer** that candidates for Secretary’s Committee often pledge to uphold the pledges of their Officer candidates, that candidates running independently often do make pledges. Candidates for Secretary’s Committee not making pledges is a recent change to elections. The Returning Officer also states he has included the newly-created Senior Appointed Officials.

**The President** asks why the Returning Officer has not added Officer-Elects.

**The Returning Officer** states that the Librarian-Elect and Treasurer-Elect are still required to submit an OPBM Report, but there is an exception for the President-Elect. He states he did not remove this exemption as he did not know the reasons for its initial creation.

**The President** states it is illogical to exclude the President-elect but not the Officers-elect. She states all Officers-Elect should be included as all do work for the society.

**The Ex-President** (Mr Stephen Horvath) states that the President-Elect is required to run the membership drive and write a separate report on that, but the President-Elect doesn’t have specific functions, which is why they have historically why they have been exempt.

**The President** states that the President-Elect does do work for the Society, even if they do assist the president.

**The Returning Officer** accepts an amendment to remove the President-Elect from the exempted positions.

**The Returning Officer** states his proposal exempts Officer-Elect from reporting on their pledges as they are more likely to be working toward their pledges during their term in office.

**The President** states that she thinks it is fundamental that Officers-Elect work towards their pledges during their elect term, particularly with longer-term pledges which require sustained work.

The President moves that the Standing Committee give the LGBTQIA+ Officer (Joseph Sisson, St. John's College) speaking rights

*Seconded by The Secretary*

*The motion passes nem. con.*

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer** states that there should be exemptions to the requirement that all successful speaker invitations be included in the report for those invitations which cannot be publicised due to secrecy or security concerns. He suggests changing the wording to 'recommends' but does not require reporting on all successful speaker invitations. He agrees that Officers-Elect should be included and make an effort towards fulfilling their pledges.

**The Ex-President** (Mr Horvath) states that a speaker descriptor instead of name would still comply with the proposed Standing Order and would alleviate concerns, so it does not need to be amended.

**The Returning Officer** states the Standing Order allows Committee members to list the number of successful invitations, rather than name each speaker. He states he does not think that all of Committee should be bound to name all speaker invitations.

**The President** states Committee members should list each speaker by name to show the members how hard each member of Committee has worked.

**The Librarian** asks if a candidate states they support all pledges of their slate, then would they have to state how they have worked towards each individual pledge the slate has made.

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer** states that "endorse" is different to "pledge". Endorsing pledges in a lower bar than actively working towards the pledge.

**The President** asks whether this includes support of the pledges you endorsed, for example not voting against them.

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer** states this would be sufficient.

**The Bursar** asks if Press Officer is being removed or if this would now be covered by Senior Appointed Officials.

**The Returning Officer** states he removes the specific reference to Press Officer, but they are now included under Senior Appointed Officials.

**The Returning Officer** asks if there is a Development Officer.

**The President** states the Office exists, but she did not feel the need to have one this term. It is possible a Michaelmas President would want one to work towards longer-term goals.

**The Bursar** asks if the Development Officer would be an Appointed Official.

**The President** confirms they would.

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer** suggests an amendment to (h) which currently states it "may" be an offence to it "is" an offence, as it is currently an offence under Rule 71(a)(i)(14).

**The President** states that there is no scrutiny of OPBM reports, which is a problem.

**The Returning Officer** states it would be impractical to have an actual scrutiny so a more reactive approach where telling an outright lie is an offence is appropriate.

**The Librarian** asks about use of defined words, for example, organised.

**The Returning Officer** states it would be misleading to use these words when they have not been approved by a scrutiny panel.

**The President** asks what words should be used when writing the reports as it would be cumbersome to have to avoid all . She states she does not believe ordinary members would differentiate between ‘organised’ and ‘arranged’. She states members voting in the election will look at manifestos, not OPBM reports.

**The Bursar** states that to use ‘organise’ would be misleading and there has to be some level of input to claim organisation.

**The Librarian-Elect** asks whether Junior Appointed Officials also have to publish a report, as they do similar work to members of Secretary’s Committee.

**The President** states that the direct comparison between Appointed and Elected is unsustainable because it reflects on the President’s choice of tasks for elected and appointed.

**Mr Wilkinson-Hill** asks what happens if someone endorses pledges of their slate and then makes no effort to fulfill their pledge.

**The Returning Officer** agrees that it would be unreasonable to prosecute members of Secretary’s Committee under Rule 71 and the bar for endorsing a pledge would be very low.

**The Ex-President** (Mr Horvath) states there is a seriousness threshold in Rule 71 which would protect those who endorse pledges.

**The Returning Officer** asks if Officers-Elect should be excluded in the exemption.

**The President** states they should be excluded.

**The Returning Officer** agrees to a friendly amendment, removing the exemption for Officers-Elect.

The Returning Officer moves that the Standing Committee amend Standing Order D1, as proposed by the Returning Officer.

*Seconded by the President.*

*The motion passes nem. con.*

**The Returning Officer** wishes everyone the best of luck on his retirement.

**The Ex-President** (Mr Horvath) expresses his thanks to the Returning Officer for his work.

The Ex-President (Stephen Horvath, New College) moves that the Standing Committee address a formal thank you to the Returning Officer for their service to the Union.

*Seconded by the President.*

*The motion passes nem. con.*

*Questions to the Returning Officer:*

**The Ex-President** (Mr Stephen Horvath) states he has been considering the relationship between Rule 73(c) and Schedule E. He states believes there may have previously been a valid introduction of open campaigning but not a valid introduction of slates, but has not completed his investigation.

**The Returning Officer** states that his successor will deal with this. He understands his most likely successor plans to look into the seniority of each rule.



### **The Chair of the Consultative Committee (CCC)**

*Business of the CCC:*

There is no business of the CCC.

*Questions to the CCC:*

There are no questions to the CCC.

### **The Access Officers**

*Business of the Access Officers:*

The Access Officers have no business in their absence.

*Questions to the Access Officers:*

There are no questions to the Access Officers in their absence.

### **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee (CDSC)**

*Business of the CDSC:*

#### **Proposal for New DSC Spending**

**The President** states this should be discussed in 4th week due to the lack of Senior Treasurer.

**The CDSC** states that they want to purchase flights earlier, and the later this is passed, the more expensive flights will be, which impacts DSC and how many teams we can send abroad.

**The Bursar** reminds the CDSC that the Euros fit in next year's budget because it is in July, and the financial year ends on the 30th of June.

**The President** proposes that **the CDSC** and **The Bursar** discuss this in private.

#### **Corporate Objection Clause**

**The CDSC** refers to and reads to the updated standing order. They state that thus helps dialogue, as it gives someone the opportunity to respond to an objection.

**The President** fully supports this change, as it provides a method for recourse in case of an objection.

The President moves that the Standing Committee give the Deputy Returning Officer (Dominic Brind, Magdalen College) speaking rights

*Seconded by The Elected-Member (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, Jesus College)*

*The motion passes nem. con.*

**The Deputy Returning Officer** comments that selections are made *in camera*.

**The Bursar** agrees that reports of this nature on the noticeboard constitute a violation of privacy. They also acknowledge that DSC are in agreement that the rules need change regarding *in camera* proceeding because of

the personal and sensitive information at hand.

**The Bursar** reminds the CDSC of the need to ensure signed consent on the noticeboard.

The CDSC moves that the Standing Committee amend Standing Order H1 28(b), as proposed by the CDSC.

Seconded by the President.

*The motion passes nem. con.*

*Questions to the CDSC:*

There are no questions to the CDSC.

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

Ms Amelia Harvey has resigned as Secretary.

Mr Spencer Cohen (formerly 1st Elected Member of TSC) is now the Secretary.

Each Elected Member of Standing Committee has moved up one place.

Mr George Hargrave is now the 7th Elected Member of TSC, and one of the Standing Committee Delegates to Access Committee.

### **Any Other Business**

There is no other business.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held next Monday 13th May 2019 at 16:00 in the TV Room.

*The President closes the meeting at 17:57 in the TV Room.*

Signed,

**Spencer Cohen**

*Brasenose College*

Secretary