

Ratified Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
8th Week Hilary Term 2018
Monday 5th March
President's Office, 16:00

Present: **The President** (Ms Laali Vadlamani, Trinity College), **The President-Elect** (Mr Gui Cavalcanti, Pembroke College), **The Librarian** (Ms Sabriyah Sayeed, Somerville College), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Shivani Ananth, St. Anne's College), **The Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Horvath, New College), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, Oriel College), **The Secretary** (Ms Molly Greenwood, St. Hilda's College), **The Elected Member** (Mr Shanuk Mediwaka, Lincoln College), **The Elected Member** (Ms Genevieve Athis, Christ Church), **The Elected Member** (Mr Adam Watson, Hertford College), **The Elected Member** (Mr Charles Wang, Hertford College), **The Elected Member** (Mr Charlie Cheesman, St. Edmund Hall), **The Elected Member** (Mr Chris Garner, St. Peter's College), **The Chair of the Consultative Committee** (Mr Julian Kirk, Magdalen College), **The Bursar** (Ms Lindsay Warne), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, Downing College, Cambridge), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, Oriel College), **The Chair of the Debate Select Committee** (Mr Andrew Seow, Lincoln College), **The Access Officer** (Mx Brian Wong, Pembroke College),

Attending: Mr Michael Harkness (Ex- Returning Officer, Magdalen College, attending as an Ordinary Member), Mr Greg Ritchie (Wadham College, Member of the Press), Mr Matthew Vautrey (Magdalen College), Mr Brendan McGrath (Secretary's Committee, Oriel College), Ms Cecilia Zhao (Secretary's Committee, St Catherine's College), Mr Eric Sukumaran (Secretary's Committee), Mr Guy Harris (Oxford Brookes)

The President asks that any members of the press identify themselves.

Mr Greg Ritchie identifies himself as a member of the press.

Apologies:

Absent:

The President opens this Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee at 16:00.

Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings

There are no requests to pass absences from previous meetings.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There are no matters arising from previous minutes.

Ratification of Minutes

The Secretary moves to ratify the Draft Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee in Sixth Week Hilary Term 2018.

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The President asks the Secretary for the whereabouts of some of the minutes from the 7th Week Ordinary Meeting and 5th Week Emergency Meeting of TSC, and notes that it is a breach of the Rules not to circulate them. The Emergency Meeting is particularly important given the publicity surrounding it.

The Secretary apologises, and replies that she is working on them and will circulate them.

The President notes that the agenda for the current meeting was sent late and invalidly.

The President

Business of the President

The President moves that TSC appoint Mr Stanislas Lalanne as the Extraordinary Returning Officer for the purposes of the coming poll

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The President moves that TSC grant Mr Michael Harkness speaking rights

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Mr Harkness explains he has been informed by the Extraordinary Returning Officer that they ruled that no division had taken place at the PBM the previous Thursday, and that the poll which was called for was invalidated. He informs TSC that this means Mr Lalanne is no longer the Extraordinary Returning Officer.

Questions to the President

There are no questions to the President.

The Librarian

Business of the Librarian

The Librarian has no business.

Questions to the Librarian

There are no questions to the Librarian.

The Treasurer

Business of the Treasurer

The Treasurer moves that, following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Standing Committee pass DSC expenses of £169.25.

Seconded by the President-Elect.

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Questions to the Treasurer

There are no questions to the Treasurer.

The Secretary

Business of the Secretary

The Librarian and the Treasurer object to the Secretary's business under Standing Order B6, on the grounds that it was not validly added to the week's agenda. The business is not discussed.

The Secretary notes that the business of the President was equally not validly added to the week's agenda.

Questions to the Secretary

There are no questions to the Secretary.

Mr Shanuk Mediwaka

Business of Mr Mediwaka

Mr Mediwaka has no business.

Questions to Mr Mediwaka

There are no questions to Mr Mediwaka.

Ms Genevieve Athis

Business of Ms Athis

Ms Athis has no business.

Questions to Ms Athis

There are no questions to Ms Athis.

Mr Adam Watson

Business of Mr Watson

Mr Watson has no business.

Questions to Mr Watson

There are no questions to Mr Watson.

Mr Charles Wang

Business of Mr Wang

Mr Wang has no business.

Questions to Mr Wang

There are no questions to Mr Wang.

Mr Charlie Cheesman

Business of Mr Cheesman

Mr Cheesman has no business.

Questions to Mr Cheesman

There are no questions to Mr Cheesman.

Ms Izzy Risino

Business of Ms Risino

Ms Risino has no business.

Questions to Ms Risino

There are no questions to Ms Risino.

Mr Chris Garner

Business of Mr Garner

Mr Garner moves that TSC grant Mr Guy Harris, Brookes Officer, speaking rights

Seconded by the President-elect

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Mr Harris states that Temporary Members, in contrast to Life Members, cannot purchase membership at the discounted access rate. He believes this to be unfair.

The Bursar notes that the figures cited by Mr Harris include an additional online fee.

Mr Charles Wang enters the room at 16:07.

The President-elect asks if government maintenance loans are equivalent across universities.

Mr Harris confirms that they are, and notes that the possibility of payment by installments is being investigated for members from the University of Oxford; he requests that this be looked into for Oxford Brookes students. He describes a mechanism for facilitating timely payments. He claims that, especially given the city's high cost of living, the cost of Union membership is off-putting to Brookes students. He states that the Union is barred from advertising on the Brookes campus, and that the lifting of this ban will depend on the Union demonstrating that it is open to Brookes students.

The President agrees that it would be fair to give Brookes members the option of paying by installments, and of making access membership available. She emphasises that the bar on advertisement at the Brookes Freshers' Fair is a hindrance in the membership drive.

The Treasurer notes that this would not only be an important gesture for those Brookes students who qualify for access membership, but would attract other Brookes students who feel they are being respected by the Union. He further argues that this would not result in a loss of revenue. He thanks Mr Harris for working with the Brookes Student Union.

Mr Harris says that membership sign ups have to travel through word of mouth for Brookes.

The Bursar asks what the loan is that is relevant to the discussion here.

Mr Harris says that the government website can be confusing.

The Bursar notes the difference with the ordinary student finance, as far as the payments go, and that she would like to look into it further because of potential legal ramifications.

Mr Harris believes that the monthly repayments would still be beneficial.

Mx Wong suggests that the Access Committee look into the exact details of the proposal.

The President agrees, and outlines that the Committee will coordinate with the Bursar.

The CCC asks if we should support a motion passing this in principle.

The Treasurer says that TSC should commend the report and suggest relevant action.

The President agrees TSC should look into it.

The President moves that TSC formally thank Mr Harris and the Access Committee, and that TSC investigate amending Standing Orders to allow for Brookes access membership and payment by installments

The Treasurer recommends that a proposal is brought in the first two weeks of Trinity Term 2018.

Seconded by Ms Athis

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Questions to Mr Garner

There are no questions to Mr Garner.

The President-Elect

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

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-Officio

Business of the Ex-Officio:

The Ex-Officio have no business.

Questions to the Ex-Officio:

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 has no business.

Questions to the Bursar:

There are no questions to the Bursar.

The Returning Officer

Business of the RO:

The RO has no business.

Questions to the RO:

There are no questions to the RO.

The Chairman of the Consultative Committee

Business of the CCC:

The CCC has no business.

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.

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 has no business.

Questions to the CDSC:

There are no questions to the CDSC.

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

There are no changes to the composition of this Committee.

Any Other Business

The President thanks TSC for the pleasure of working with it during the term.

The Treasurer moves to formally thank the President for her work for the Society in Hilary Term 2018

There is an objection by the Secretary.

The Secretary objects to the thanks on the grounds that the President has behaved very unprofessionally.

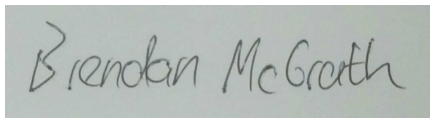
The motion passes with one objection.

Date of Next Meeting

- As soon as the President-Elect assumes the Office of President

The President closes the meeting at 16:18.

Signed,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Brendan McGrath".

Brendan McGrath
Oriel College
Secretary