

Election Hustings Michaelmas Term 2018

7.44pm Thursday 22 November

Chair: Louise Vane

Secretary: Louise Vane

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Nick Leahy Chief of Staff:

- after 3 terms on appointed, believe that he has experience
- long list of competitive claims
- only candidate to organise a social
- expanded UoL Law Society to improve opportunities
- representative of graduates - increase access
- graduate symposium; speaker masterclasses
- endorse Duke pledge for event submission
- arbiter of fun in Society

Matron Parr Reid, Standing Committee:

- other aspects of Secretary
- members to give paper speeches - everyone has paid membership fee
- upload hustings minutes online - should be on YouTube
- access is imp. issue - got involved if vac days can be done remotely - should have to beg for
- applaud all members involved in MB drive

Olivia Raiton, Secretary's Committee

- should be more than just its politics
- not just about networking and socials
- welfare officers - trained in welfare skills
- going to break down these barriers - managed anti conference

help members feel more open

Brian Wong:

- greatest barriers to being successful and how would you deal?

Olivia:

- greatest issue is at socials feeling uncomfortable

Maxim:

- main barrier is people doing this for elections, rather than what members want

Nick:

- people's ability to manage time management is crucial - I can do this

Treasurer

Charlie Governani, Director of Sponsorship

- bodyguard of Tommy Daniels
- Churchill debate
- ensure Un. works to restructure mship fees w/ staggered system
- queue jump and abolish £5 charge at bar
- only ^{treasurer} candidate to raise money for society
- facilitated 82 events

Gemma Tuninens, Standing Committee

- extensive financial experience
- open the books and share accounts online
- improve engagement of members internally and externally
- financial reformer / entrepreneurship society
- helped raise in MB debt / save 100 days
- track record of improving Union accounts

Questions:

- both candidates talk about transparency / accessibility but how are you going to do it?

GT:

- make sure accounts online
- proper alumni network

CC:

- host foreign language events
- only state running grad students at every level
- symposia / masterclasses

David Graham

- what do you intend to deal with accounts

CC: wrong to comment at this point

RO agrees it is inappropriate

Librarian:

Beverly Collins, Steering Committee

- scrutinise all candidates before casting your ballots
- represent all members
- Sam Burns POT denied
- Everyone should get involved - Socio-economic officer

- pushed for change in PG involvement
- experience and competence
 - vac days
 - college events in MD
 - Jk Secretary
 - Campaign coordinators in US election
 - Look to the future
 - Union is not perfect as is

Sara Duke, Standing Committee

- So many fall as though they don't get enough from Union
- increase diversity in STEM and the arts
- focus of speaker addresses
- support graduate involvement
- role of Lib is to arrange individual speaker events
- do best to make it open to everyone - more inclusive ps workshops
- empower each member

Questions:

Brian Wong: who would you contact to organise a women's speaking event next term

SD: only competitive debater - SC delegate to DSC
 work with DSC - CDSC to get approval,
 Budget house manager

BL: Logistics not always talked about - SLC

- keep points of contact

- first part of call B. Women's Officer - leading from the front

PRESIDENT

Genovise Athias Librarian

- not enough value for MB trip - change this
- time until Trinity to build confidence to run
- traditionally dominated by men - until last year take of diversity on term cards
- Boosts life membership / abolish nomination fees
- only candidates to deliver on past promises
- stop people from being afraid of getting involved

Nellie Brown, Secretary

- gave comprehensive survey - didn't believe L could do it
- led a push to a vote on Baveron
- Members must know what the Committees are doing
- double spaces of balconies for dinner
- led by Members / hand paper to access Com
- finance strategy committee
- Night in Paradise Ball
- wanted more MB events than any candidate for president

ACCESS LIFE

- committed to a clear vision - your President

QUESTIONS

- question of representation - 3 debates you would write to represent minority / gender / issues

NB:

1) US Supreme Court

2) Brexit

3) Role of China in modern world

Not pledges
but thoughts

Individual speakers

- led by Members

GA: 1) Democracy never produces the right solution

2) Thatcher was a feminist icon

3) Modern slavery

KOTO BRANKWATTE

- how would you ensure free speech is respected
not dismissed for political gain

GA: did not mention Bannon - disinviting would be
bad for the Union - more time to think about questions

Challenge such speakers

NB: horribly unfair to accuse of opportunism when
standing up for US Members

- Members should have a say
have speech + free speech

Chris: favorite Union ever

NB: Churchill debate - relevant issues
that our members care about

GA: class barriers ^{debate} - inspiring to speak about
something you are passionate about

Brian Wang:

- best way to look at membership via Facebook?

GA: Union writing speakers but people have a
right to speak

TSC write - connection between members
and CMT

- not managed well

- believe that brought a Rules Change
to have a 2 week grace period

NB: please don't assume barometer for
measuring something. No.

Hustings closed by RE