

Draft Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DEBATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

8th Week Michaelmas Term 2018

Monday 25th November

The Morris Room, 17:00

Present: **The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee** (Lee Chin Wee, *Trinity College*), **The Internals Officer** (Louis Collier, *St. Hugh's College*), **Standing Committee Delegate** (Sara Dube, *St. Hugh's College*), **Director of Training** (Rachel O Nunain, *Trinity College*), **The DSC Secretary** (Rosa Thomas, *St. Anne's College*), **The DSC Treasurer** (Bryan Yan, *Keble College*), **The President** (Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Externals Officer** (Jason Xiao, *Wadham College*), **Sponsorship Officer** (Xavier Redmond, *Magdalen College*)

Apologies: **Communications Officer** (Andrew Seow, *Lincoln College*), **The Access and Equity Officer** (Brian Wong, *Wolfson College*),

DSC opens at 17:03

Business of the CDSC

Oxford IV Review

The CDSC asks what went well at the IV and what could be improved.

The DSC Treasurer says that in terms of general organization the positive points were the timing and the forcefulness in cutting teams from registration. In terms of thing to work on, he mentions that 15 minutes of adjudication instead of 10 minutes could be implemented, as well as a formalization of the adjudication-runners process.

He says that the NYT sponsorship was a good idea and says to continue with this and to try not to lose out by spreading sponsorship around too many competitions. He also says that it's important to not rush tab and that Rob could be pushed more in the future to change all invoices.

The CDSC suggests sending an email to Rob and then meeting him face to face.

The DSC Treasurer says that he tried to do this but that it didn't work.

The President says that it would be better to try to start talking to Rob in Trinity about the IV.

The DSC Treasurer also suggests considering providing bin bags on the second floor of the Union for the IV. He also says regarding the outrooms that it should be made clear to other convenors that the outrooms are only being booked for the IV and not for any other

competitions. He suggests trying to get as many rooms as possible outside the Union so that we won't have to use the landings. Regarding crash, it is important to take a more active stance against pulling out of crash last minute. The DSC Treasurer also suggests not getting Hawaiian pizza the next time – not only because it's objectionable – but also because there were two days of meals with pork. He adds to make sure that the timings for rounds are coordinated for runners. He finishes by discussing socials: that they were good and that they were able to prove that they don't need to spend that much on alcohol to have a good social. Some people were actively displeased that there was not a social on Saturday but this was necessary to be able to get out of the Union on time.

The External Officer says that the biggest timing delay was on Saturday when they got to the outbounds and that it is important to meet with the CA team beforehand to discuss what the ACA job entails but thinks the IV was well run otherwise.

The President suggests considering using wristbands for the security issue and says that Schools will be a good trial run for this as it makes it easier for the security staff. He adds that if there is an off-site social those wristbands can be used for this purpose.

The CDSC agrees and says that he will report back on Schools.

Sponsorship strategy

The Sponsorship Officer vast majority of sponsors said no but a fourth to a fifth of speakers asked to keep them in mind for the next year – so he can pass this on to the next Sponsorship Officer. He says that he is talking to McKinsey about Schools sponsorship and that he is quite encouraged about this. He says that it is also important to look into sponsorship for Euros.

The CDSC asks what we are pitching to the companies in return for their sponsorship.

The Sponsorship Officer says that the focus is graduate recruitment and that for Schools he's not sure why McKinsey is interested.

The President says they are interested because of their Leadership Academy programme.

The Sponsorship Officer says that some type of recruitment seems to be the selling point.

The CDSC asks if it is possible to increase the amount of sponsorship from Bridgewater

The Sponsorship Officer says that he could have pushed harder saying that Women's increased in size and that the rooms are now worth more.

The CDSC says that the bottom line is that we are giving that Union to them all day and providing access to our top debaters.

The Sponsorship Officer says that he was really flexible regarding rooms even though contractually only 2 rooms were going to be provided.

The CDSC suggests starting the negotiations for next year's IV early on.

The Sponsorship Officer says that he had overweighed the risk that the Cambridge IV posed to the Oxford IV sponsorship.

The President says that a lot of people were hired from Oxford for the Cambridge IV.

The CDSC asks how the Sponsorship Officer is reaching out to the companies.

The Sponsorship Officer says that he has been emailing them and giving them the sponsorship pitch.

The CDSC suggests attaching a sponsorship brochure in PDF format.

The President says that he had made a brochure but that attaching it to the email means it may get bounced by spam filters. He says that the kind of people who would consider sponsorship would either say no straight away or would potentially be interested.

The CDSC asks for a ballpark sponsorship figure for McKinsey.

The Sponsorship Officer says that what they asked for was being able to talk to the Schools teacher and to hand out marketing materials. He suggested £6,000 but that it could drop to £4,000. McKinsey was offered putting their logo on materials, distributing marketing materials, a 15 minutes presentation in the chamber, a mention in the DA and the chance to follow-up with the teachers.

SO Proposal

The CDSC says that he is reorganizing DSC to have 2 people look at the helper point system as any lapse in record keeping could be a huge loss.

The DSC Secretary says that the last two secretaries did not keep up the record and that the previous secretary has not followed up with her on this issue.

The Internals Officer says that this role should be an official part of DSC.

The CDSC suggests combining the Communications and Access Officer roles and says that he may ask this Officer to help draft the DA.

Business of the Treasurer

The DSC Treasurer says that the expenses to be passed for the week are £322.80. He says that this is excluding travel costs for London and Bristol. Overall, DSC is currently looking at about £9,600 in the red – which will be covered by schools. Budget-wise everything is looking healthy.

The CDSC notes that we can send an extra team to Athens if we are able to make the extra money from McKinsey.

The DSC Treasurer suggests a change to the helper points system – where there are a different number of points for each Orgcomm role and where helper points should reflect how committed you are to the role. The Women's convening average should also be increased by one point and any convenors running for Union positions should go through a formalize process of being able to claim the organization of a competition. Regarding crash, he says that he would like a stricter limitation on cancelling crash on the day – the deduction of one point, for instance – thus reflecting the policy for tournament appearances.

The Internals Officer says that we should have an idea of how performance for convening a competition would be evaluated.

The Externals Officer says that himself and Brian can help out as they have convened comps before.

Business of the Internals Officer

The CDSC says that he would like to open sign ups for on FotY on Monday.

The President says that he has picked a motion for the DotY final.

The Internals Officer says that the lunch begins at 1pm before the final.

The Externals Officer says that he can make it to the lunch.

The Internals Officer says that those who cannot make it to the lunch should be there at 2pm. FotY will take place on the 13th of January.

The CDSC confirms this and asks the Internals Officer to send him the Google sheets for this by the end of the day so that it can be put in the DA for the next day.

The DSC Treasurer asks when the DotY finals will be and whether other people will be attending.

The Internals Officer says that it will be in the Gladstone.

The President says that he remembers it being in the Goodman last time but that he will check on Monday morning.

The Internals Officer says that he will create 2 Google docs for FotY.

Business of the DSC Secretary

The DSC Secretary says that she thought it was agreed that Oxford would run an ICYD round on January 12th.

The President says that the Communications Officer had not informed him of this.

The DSC Secretary says that she had left this with the Communications Officer but that she has not heard back from him on this.

The CDSC says that he will take over from here.

The Internals Officer says that they might struggle to find judges as people have collections and asks whether Cambridge is paying us for this.

The DSC Secretary says that they are. She says that Ms. Gigi Gil is the ICYD Convenor and that she messaged her about this and told Ms. Gil that the Communications Officer would appoint a Convenor for the Oxford round.

The CDSC says that in the worst-case scenario he can convene it.

The Externals Officer says that he won't have collections and so is happy to help.

The DSC Secretary says that her only concern is the rooms, judges and tab. She also brings up a few questions about the helper point record, asking how many points to people get from being on DSC. She asks for a list of everyone who took crash for the IV and for Women's – although crash is helper point neutral, she asks if people get helper points for taking it for three days or for a specifically large amount of people. She also needs a list of everyone who was on the Orgcomm of IV and Women's. She adds that she was under the impression that if you judge more than two rounds you get helper points and asks for a list of everyone who judges both 2 and more than 2 rounds to determine who gets no helper points but is allowed to continue with debating and who does get helper points.

The DSC Treasurer says that anyone who took crash for 3 days should get more points but the size of the crash shouldn't matter.

The DSC Secretary says that for Women's there was a list of Oxford runners and judges and asks whether she should give 1 helper point to everyone who judged or ran.

The CDSC says that she should.

The DSC Secretary says that she couldn't find the list of the people who went to the KCL pro-am.

The Externals Officer says that he will send over the document.

The DSC Secretary asks if the CDSC pro-ammed at Imperial Open.

The CDSC says that he did.

The Director of Training asks if you get points for fulfilling a pro-am requirement.

The CDSC says that you do.

The DSC Secretary asks whether Mr. Kit Mercer's KCL counts as a pro-am.

The CDSC says that he will tell Mr. Mercer that it doesn't.

The DSC Secretary says that there is no specific points deduction from going to Worlds or Euros.

The Director of Training asks if she gets an extra point for pro-arming Oxford Women's.

The DSC Secretary says that she does.

The CDSC asks the DSC Secretary to confirm that for WUDC and EUDC points are not deducted.

The DSC Treasurer adds that judges do get one point.

The DSC Secretary says that everyone going to WUDC will get 3 points taken away.

The President says that it is bizarre to punish people who do better on the trials for these comps.

The Externals Officer asks the DSC Secretary to share the points record with him.

The DSC Secretary asks whether it is two helper points for running squads and Sunday workshop.

The Director of Training says that it is three.

The Externals Officer requests the DSC Secretary not to give him points for coaching upper intermediate squads as he has only been to 3 sessions.

The Internals Officer says that he should get 1 point for doing this.

The Externals Officer says that Jack, Marua and Chaitanya run the Sunday workshops.

The President mentions that he was not given points for a lot of things he did last year.

The President leaves the room at 17:46

The CDSC says that something will have to be done about the previous helper points record.

The DSC Treasurer says that he thinks it should be a formalized process.

The CDSC says that the Access and Equity Officer is hosting squads on Tuesday and that there is a debating crewdate on Wednesday.

Business of the Externals Officer

The Externals Officer asks whether DSC will be funding Birmingham.

The CDSC says that it will not.

The Externals Officer says that he will draft the Oxford World Schools proposal over the Christmas vac.

Business of the Director of Training

No one wants to do the workshops next week

Any Other Business

The CDSC moves to ratify the minutes from the past 2 weeks.

Motion passes nem. com.

The CDSC says that overall things are running well.

The Externals Officer moves a formal motion of thanks to Ms. Dube for being the Standing Committee Delegate to DSC.

Motion passes nem. com.

The CDSC closes the meeting of DSC at 5:53

Signed,

Sara Dube

Standing Committee

St. Hugh's College