

Ratified Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

5th Week Michaelmas Term 2019

Monday 11th February 2019

Gladstone Room, 1.15pm

Present:

Officers: **The President** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, Oriel), **The President-Elect** (Ms Genevieve Athis, Christ Church), **The Librarian** (Mr Brendan McGrath, Oriel), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Sara Dube, St Hugh's), **The Treasurer** (Ms Amy Gregg, Somerville), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Charlie Coverman, Brasenose), **The Secretary** (Mr Nick Leah, Lincoln)

Standing Committee: **Mr Chaitanya Kediya** (Exeter), **Mr Shining Zhao** (University), **Ms Mahi Joshi** (Trinity), **Mr Jim Brennan** (St Peter's), **Mr Elliot Bromley** (St Edmund Hall), **Ms Olivia Leigh** (Keble), **Mr Rai Saad Khan** (Christ Church)

Secretary's Committee: **Mr Sundeep Singh** (St Hilda's), **Mr Spencer Cohen** (Brasenose), **Ms Jess Curry** (St Hugh's), **Mr Adam Wilkinson-Hill** (Jesus), **Mr George Hargrave** (Hertford), **Ms Noorie Abbas** (New), **Ms Beth Molyneux** (Lincoln), **Ms Varuna Mitra** (St John's), **Ms Beatrice Barr** (St Peter's), **Ms Beth Chamberlain** (Worcester)

Officials

The Chair of Consultative Committee (Mr James Dix, Christ Church), **The Returning Officer** (Ms Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall), **The Secretary to Consultative Committee** (Mr Samuel Burns, St John's), **Mr Dominic Brind** (Deputy Returning Officer, Magdalen)

Appointed Officials

The Director of Operations (Ms Amber Seaward, Magdalen), **The Director of Digital Operations** (Mr Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Hugh Nicholl** (Deputy CCC, Pembroke), **Mr Nils Lovegren** (Logistics Officer, Magdalen), **Ms Miriam Feldman** (Press Officer, New), **Mr Oliver Tushingham** (Logistics Officer, St John's), **Mr Cameron Bovell** (Invitations Officer, St Edmund Hall), **Mr Marcel Satria** (Sponsorship Officer, Exeter)

Ordinary Members

Mr Yee Kwan Law (University), **Mr Jack McClure** (St Anne's), **Mr Jonathan Sheinman** (Queen's), **Mr Louis Blundell** (Brookes), **Ms Shakila Akhtar** (St Edmund Hall), **Ms Laura Hereford** (St Edmund Hall), **Mr Kofo Braithwaite** (Christ Church), **Mr Luke Chester** (Balliol), **Mr Daniel Antonio Villar** (Wadham), **Ms Melanie Onovo** (Christ Church), **Mr Troels Boesen** (St John's), **Mr Håvard Yttredal** (St John's), **Mr Joe Sisson** (St John's)

Late:

None.

Apologies:

None.

Absent:

Mr Ayman D'Souza (Secretary's Committee, Christ Church)

Consultative Committee opens at 1.20pm

1. Minutes

The CCS notes that he has received a request by Ms Alexandra Galloway (Ex-Returning Officer, Magdalen) to correct her name on the minutes from the previous meeting of Consultative Committee.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th week Hilary Term 2018 be ratified.

Passes nem. con.

2. Absences

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th Week of Hilary Term 2018 be ratified.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the absence of the President-Elect at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th Week of Hilary Term 2018 be passed on the grounds of a pressing and extraordinary engagement.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the absence of Mr Singh at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th Week of Hilary Term 2018 be passed on the grounds of an immovable academic commitment.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee (Mr James Dix, Christ Church) moves that the absence of Ms Noorie Abbas (Secretary's Committee, New) at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th Week of Hilary Term 2018 be passed on the grounds of an immovable academic commitment.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee (Mr James Dix, Christ Church) moves that the absence of Mr Ayman D'Souza (Secretary's Committee, Christ Church) at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 4th Week of Hilary Term 2018 be passed on the grounds of an immovable academic commitment.

Passes nem. con.

3. Business of the President

The President thanks the committee for their work at the ball and announces that Ms Chamberlain was the “seccie of the ball”.

The President says that events for the coming week will have only two Members of Secretary’s Committee each working on them.

4. Questions to the President

Mr Villar asks whether the Librarian advised the President’s ruling on Thursday 7 February suppressing the amendment of Mr Ray Williams (Ex-Standing Committee, Wadham) due to be debated that night.

The President says this was answered in his previous written responses.

Mr Villar asks who else the President consulted.

The President says he was advised by some unspecified former Returning Officers.

Mr Villar again asks if the Librarian was consulted.

The President refers to his previous answer.

Mr Villar asks if the President received an initial draft of his ruling from another individual.

The President says he did not.

Mr Villar asks how far in advance the Librarian knew about the President’s ruling.

The President says this was answered in his previous written responses.

Mr Villar asks the President which specific rule gives him the right to give written answers to questions to Officers.

The President says this was answered in his previous written responses.

5. Business of the President-Elect

The President-Elect congratulates the Secretary on his work running the ball.

6. Questions to the President-Elect

None.

7. Business of the Librarian

None.

8. Questions to the Librarian

Mr Chester asks why the Librarian walked out of the chamber during Thursday’s debate when facing questions about his advanced knowledge of the President’s ruling on Mr Williams’ amendment.

The Librarian says this was because he political opponents were using this opportunity to embarrass him.

Mr Chester asks how far in advance the Librarian knew of the President’s ruling.

The Librarian says that this was answered in his previous written responses.

Mr Chester asks if the Librarian helped the President write the ruling.

The Librarian says that he advised the President on the ruling.

Mr Chester says that although the Librarian has essentially already answered this whether the Librarian in any way advised the President on the ruling.

The Librarian refers to his previous answer.

9. Business of the Librarian-Elect

None.

10. Questions to the Librarian-Elect

None.

11. Business of the Treasurer

The Treasurer congratulates the Secretary on the successful running of the ball.

12. Questions to the Treasurer

None.

13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect

The Treasurer-Elect congratulates the Secretary on the successful running of the ball and additionally praises the white diner jacket he wore during it.

14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

None.

15. Business of the Secretary

The Secretary says the following:

- He thanks the committee for their work on the day and night of the ball.
- Ball photos have been published.
- Tickets to the 'Murder Mystery' night will go live tonight and so committee members should share the event with their friends.

16. Questions to the Secretary

None.

17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee

The 'seccie of the week' is Ms Molyneux.

18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative Committee

None.

19. Business of the Standing Committee

None.

20. Questions to the Standing Committee

None.

21. Business of the Secretary's Committee

None.

22. Questions to the Secretary's Committee

None.

23. Business of the Returning Officer

The Returning Officer says that Ordinary Private Business Meeting reports are due on 7pm of Wednesday 13 February and that he has received only three so far.

24. Questions to the Returning Officer

None.

25. Business of the Appointed Officials

The Director of Digital Operations asks committee members to send him their Google Play details so that they can test the Android version of the Oxford Union application.

26. Questions to the Appointed Officials

None.

27. Business of Ordinary Members

None.

28. Questions to Ordinary Members

None.

29. Selection of Emergency Debate Motion

The Librarian suggests "This House would donate their pulmonary organs to science".

Ms Joshi suggests "This House would swipe right".

The President says that Ms Joshi's proposed motion has already been debated at the Cambridge Union.

Mr Kediya suggests "This House regrets the rise of dating apps".

Mr Brind suggests "This House believes that Tinder has killed love".

The CCC suggests "This House regrets Oxlove".

Ms Curry moves that the Emergency Debate Motion at the Public Business Meeting in 5th Week Hilary Term 2018 be “This House regrets the norm of monogamous relationships”, seconded by the Librarian-Elect.

Passes nem. con.

Consultative Committee closes at 1.32pm.

Samuel Burns

St John's College

Secretary to Consultative Committee