

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting HT 2019 Week 1 (Monday 14th January)

Present: Brendan McGrath (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Sara Dube (*Librarian-Elect*), Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Brian Wong, Amelia Harvey, Daniel Villar, Tyron Surmon, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, William Atkinson, Kitsu Egerton, Jonathan Sheinman, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*).

The Librarian opened the meeting by introducing himself as the new Librarian and asking everyone in turn to introduce themselves.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Phillip Counsell sends his apologies as he is currently in the United States of America
- Ryan Lee has mandatory seminars in Weeks 1, 3, 5 and 7 and sends his apologies for all of those but will attend in the other weeks
- Will Prescott is currently judging a debate in Manchester on behalf of the Oxford Union Society.

2. Membership

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- None.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

- A Library Committee delegate will be ratified in the meeting today at 1600hrs.

5. Suggestions Book

- None.

6. Members' Suggestions (£79)

- There were several suggestions and the accepted books came to a total of £73.17:
 - *Constitutional and Administrative Law*, by Bradley et al., 2014 passed as it updates a current library holding.
 - *The Condition of Secrecy*, by Christensen, 2018 was passed with no objections.
 - *The Rationale divinatorum officiorum of William Durand of Mende*, by Thibodeau, 2010 was passed, despite it being the only book of the three in the series available to buy.
 - *Lethal Weapon*, by Galbraith, 2018 was passed as the rest of the series is already in the library.

- The other suggestions were moved to the reserves list for the end of term, with the exception of *We That Are Young*, by Preti Taneja, which was moved to the fiction list. All three of the donations received were accepted: *Biased*, by Eberhardt, *Against the Grain*, by Ormerod, and *Memoirs of the city*, by Neate.

7. Book List HT Week 1:

- Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law), passed with no objections.
- Travel (£250, William Atkinson), passed with no objections.
- Geography & Geology (£225, Daniel Villar), passed with no objections, although Daniel did point out that as geography and geology are wildly different topics, it might be a good idea in the future to separate these out into two different book lists.

8. Book List HT Week 2: Sociology (£300, Connor Warden), Physics (£225, Daniel Villar), Politics (£290, William Prescott)

9. Book List HT Week 3: Business & Management (£225, Jonathan Sheinman), Psychology (£225, Daniel Villar), Fiction & Recreation (£250, Altair Brandon-Salmon)

10. Withdrawals 2019HT1

- All of these passed with no objections
- Deferred withdrawals- these were accepted for withdrawal.

11. Any Other Business

- Cessation of the FT- as far as the librarians can see, this is never touched, bar once every couple of months or so. It costs about £600 a year currently to maintain this subscription, so might the money be put to better use elsewhere?
- It was felt that the usage should be monitored, possibly with a suggestions box for people to write in what they might like instead of the Financial Times. The Librarian-in-Charge pointed out that an online subscription was available for any current member of the university, but not for senior members.

12. Time and Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held in the Morris Room at 1415hrs on Monday 21st January.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1440hrs.