

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting HT 2019 Week 7 (Monday 25th February)

Present: Brendan McGrath (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Sara Dube (*Librarian-Elect*), Olivia Leigh (*Standing Committee Representative*), Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*), Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Daniel Villar, Phillip Counsell, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, William Atkinson, Kitsu Egerton, Jonathan Sheinman, Ryan Lee.

1. Apologies and Absences

- Brian Wong sent his apologies- he is in Serbia on Union business
- Okorafor Ikeagwu sends his apologies- he has a Christian Doctrine paper at 1400hrs
- Will Prescott sends his apologies also
- Altair Brandon-Salmon and Brian Wong had their absences passed from last week.

2. Membership

- New Members- Okorafor Ikeagwu was ratified as Library Committee junior member.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- None.

4. Matters Arising from Standing Committee

- Wifi- eduroam should be in place in the next fortnight. The library wifi is as good as it will ever get though.

5. Book Spend progress report

- The booklists have been on-budget this term so there is very little leftover to be put into the Collection Development fund.

6. Suggestions Book

- There was one comment from a member, saying: 'Some students have misophonia... It is impossible to focus while other students are typing 'aggressively' on their laptop, even while using my own laptop! Unfortunately I don't have a suggestion to solve the problem.'
- The library has recently bought some new noise-cancelling headphones available to be borrowed. Otherwise, some ear plugs could be bought, but that would require more money. Altair Brandon-Salmon said that perhaps there needed to be better signage to advertise the new headphones, but the Librarian-in-Charge pointed out that if there are too many signs, people stop paying attention to them. He suggested the idea of having them on display on a stand so that they can be easily seen instead.

7. Members' Suggestions (£79)

- Six books passed with no objection.
8. Book List HT Week 7:
- Law (£281, Yee Kwan Law)- passed with no objection
 - History (£270, Will Prescott)- passed with no objection.
9. Book List HT Week 8: Collection Development: International History (£200, Daniel Villar), African Literature (£100, Ryan Lee), Area Studies (China and Asia) (£tbc, Brian Wong)
10. Book List TT Week 1: Travel (£250, Olivia Leigh), Education (£225, Ryan Lee), Theology (£218, Connor Warden)
11. Withdrawals 2019HT7- passed with no objection.
- Deferred withdrawals 2019HT6- the copy of *English Rural Society* by Titow will be kept, but the other book was withdrawn.
12. Any Other Business
- The Librarian-in-Charge pointed out that there is the Oxford Book Fair is on this weekend coming at Brookes and that free tickets are available for download.
13. Time and Date of Next Meeting
- The next meeting will be held in the MacMillan Room at 1415hrs on Monday 4th March.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1434hrs.