

OPBM REPORTS

TT19

President - Genevieve Athis, Christ Church

Over the vacation I have worked 40 vacation days during which I have put together 16 speaker meetings: Martin Daubney, Secretary Jeh Johnson, Professor Peter Singer, Anja Rubik, Ryan Wain, Commissioner Cressida Dick, Congressman Barney Frank, Prime Minister Mia Mottley QC, Tracy Edwards MBE, Dr Ha-Joon Chang, Morena Baccarin, Carles Puigdemont MP, James Quincey, Nick Robinson, Prime Minister Oli, Opal Tometi and Lily Allen. I am also in the process of negotiating several other speakers for the term.

I also oversaw the seven debates that were organised for this term over the vacation, including a head to head debate on the case of Shamima Begum, which deviates from the normal format of the traditional Thursday night debates. In addition to this I oversaw the organisation of the four special events for the term: Voices from North Korea, the Gender Inequality panel, the Tiananmen panel and the Centrism panel.

Furthermore, I have prepared the questions for all of the events that I will be hosting this term.

I have also been actively trying to improve the Union's relationship with other societies around Oxford by enacting Standing Order C10 which encourages the President to share any speakers that are likely to be perceived as threatening to minority groups with the relevant minority Society when the Term Card is released. Additionally, I have created a new category of membership called 'permanent' membership which aims to remove some of the barriers for Brookes students and hopefully will lead to a better relationship with Brookes University which will be useful for the Union during this year's membership drive.

With the permission of the OLDUT Trustees, I also enacted a change to Rule 2 to add the protection of the free speech of both the Oxford Union's members and guests to the objects of the Society.

Following the passing of vacation reports, I am required to inform you of vacation day totals of committee members. You may wish to use this as a guide to the work carried out by committee members on your behalf, but should also consider the term card and specific events committee members are responsible for in making this judgement.

Please see the vacation days completed by the Trinity Term 2019 committee:

Genevieve Athis carried out 40 Vacation days, out of a required 30.

Sara Dube carried out 36.5 Vacation days, out of a required 30.

Charlie Coverman carried out 32 Vacation days, out of a required 30.

Brendan McGrath carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.

Mahi Joshi carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.

Shining Zhao carried out 15.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.

Amelia Harvey carried out 30 Vacation days, out of a required 30.

Elliot Bromley carried out 19 Vacation days, out of a required 5.

Chaitanya Kediya carried out 21 Vacation days, out of a required 15.

Miriam Feldman carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Spencer Cohen carried out 23.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Ayman D'Souza carried out 16.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Nikhil Shah carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Beatrice Barr carried out 16.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Adam Wilkinson-Hill carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Kitsu Egerton carried out 12 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Mo Iman carried out 15 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Chengkai Xie carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Liam Willis carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Celeste McGinley carried out 15.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Harry Deacon carried out 12 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Benjamin Penny carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Olivia Streeten carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Nils Lovegren carried out 12 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Alice Zhang carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Hannah Kidner carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Jeremy Mbararia carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Jack Solomon carried out 11 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Beth Chamberlain carried out 1.5 Vacation days, out of a required 0.
Daniil Ukhorskiy carried out 10.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Hugh Bellamy carried out 9 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Olivia Leigh carried out 10.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Rabii Malik carried out 7.5 Vacation days, out of a required 15.
Felicity Graham carried out 6 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Kofo Braithewaite carried out 9 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Tereza Pusca carried out 5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Cameron Bovell carried out 13.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Emily Richards carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Robert Chamberlain carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Francesco Galvanetto carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
John Glance carried out 6.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Geneva Roy carried out 6 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Melanie Onovo carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Jack McClure carried out 7 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
James Slater carried out 9 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Lucy Lamoury carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Oliver Tushingham carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Sahil Shah carried out 8 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Arjun Bhardwaj carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Aastha Tyagi carried out 5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Julia Willemyns carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Cansu Uyguroglu carried out 10 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Simon van Teutem carried out 9 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Nicholas Crompton carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.

Laura Lonsdale carried out 6 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Varuna Mitra carried out 10.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Joseph Sisson carried out 6.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Mehr Farhan carried out 11 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Fletcher Ransberry carried out 2 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Kamran Ali carried out 3 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Priyesh Patel carried out 1 Vacation day, out of a required 10.
Noorie Abbas carried out 9.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.
Maxwell Quinn carried out 1.5 Vacation days, out of a required 10.

Included below are my manifesto pledges from Michaelmas Term 2018, when I ran for the office of President-Elect:

1. #EMPOWER Women: Zero tolerance to sexism, Female focused debates, anonymous complaints process, more female speakers, cover childcare costs, more female presidents

The Trinity Term Card includes a panel about the legal inequalities between men and women, as well as the 'Toxic Masculinity' debate which aimed to address the behaviour associated with traditional masculinity as raised by the #MeToo Movement. It also includes a debate about pornography in which the speakers are majority female, in recognition of the fact that women are a group that are particularly adversely affected by this industry

The Trinity Term Card has a higher proportion of women than the three terms proceeding it – 42% of the speakers in the Term Card identify as women

We have covered child care costs for every speaker this term that has requested assistance with child care I was elected, thus achieving my aim of more female Presidents of the Oxford Union

2. #EMPOWER Access: Union outreach to the North, Brookes Life Membership, abolish nomination fees

I have recently created a new category of membership which seeks to empower Brookes students to become more involved in the Union

I have spoken about the Oxford Union at schools in Merseyside to try and raise awareness of the institution to potential Oxbridge candidates

For the rest of this term, I look forward to the meetings of the Standing Committee, Finance Committee, Library Strategy Committee and Consultative Committee. I will also be attending a meeting of OLDUT at the end of the term where I hope to share my feedback from the term alongside my successor for Michaelmas Term 2019.

President-Elect - Brendan McGrath, Oriel College

During the vac, I completed 15 vac days. In these, I mostly invited speakers for individual addresses. I successfully invited Warren Kizza Besigye Kifefe, known as Kizza Besigye, and also nicknamed Colonel, Daktari, Kifefe, KB, and Ssenyondo; as well as Afghanistan's Ambassador to the UK, and Dr Ha-Joon Chang. Otherwise, I put together the Shamima Begum debate, inviting both speakers.

For the term, I have begun to plan the events for Michaelmas, including debates and individual speaker events.

Regarding the pledges I made in the most recent election:

Stricter zero tolerance policy for bullying: I am planning ways to implement this for Michaelmas term, beginning with a culture change that allows a friendlier committee environment

Full audited accounts online: These are now available on the App

Graduate Access Membership: I believe this has been discussed by Access Committee, and will support a specific plan that comes out of this committee. If none does, I will look into this further myself

Paper speeches by audition: This is to be tried in Michaelmas. The current plan involves open auditions for spots made open by speaker cancellations

Roundtable meet and greets: This is to be tried in Michaelmas

Support all #Together pledges: When asked, I have tried to support my team in implementing their pledges

Librarian - Sara Dube, St Hugh's College

Over the vacation, I worked 36.5 days. I oversaw the planning and speaker invitations of debates in the first week of the vacation. I also planned a panel on Gender Inequality in the 21st Century, successfully inviting Dame Janet Smith, Polly Neate, Ruchira Gupta, and Harini Iyengar for this discussion. For the remainder of the vacation, I oversaw all individual speaker invitations as well as panel invitations, approving speakers to be invited and overseeing the remainder of the invitation and confirmation process.

During term, I have been attending weekly meetings of the Consultative, Library, Finance, Standing, Access and Debate Selection Committees. I have been chairing Library Committee every week and attend Debate Selection Committee in my capacity as DSC Secretary. So far, I have also hosted Craig Wright and Jimmy Nguyen, Judy Murray, Sean Fitzpatrick, Radhika Jones and Chris Robshaw.

For the rest of term, I look forward to five further meetings of the six committees mentioned above, as well as to chairing the Gender Inequality panel in 4th week and to hosting further speaker events.

The pledges I made in my most recent election (Michaelmas 2018) and the effort I have made to fulfill them are detailed below:

1) More money for debating – I have spoken with the CDSC about this, who has brought to Standing Committee a motion to increase DSC spending

2) More inclusive debating workshops – I have continued our Women's Public Speaking workshops this term and plan to host an open-to-all workshop later this term

3) Platform more marginalized voices – I have worked on the Grenfell, March for Our Lives and Gender Inequality panels, all of which platform typically marginalized voices

4) Events suggestion opportunities – Together with the Ex-Secretary, Lincoln College, HT19, I helped put together an events suggestion form that was included in the weekly Oxford Union email in 7th Week of Hilary 2019

5) Panels, debates and speaker events planned during term – I put together the Grenfell panel during term in Hilary 2019, am currently working to successfully invite a speaker during this term, and worked with the ex-President, Oriel College, HT19 to plan aspects of the #MeToo debate during term in Hilary 2019.

6) Speakers from more diverse backgrounds and panels and debates on more diverse topics: STEM, Arts – #MeToo debate in HT19

7) More foreign language events – invited French speakers

8) Longer library opening hours – I spoke to the Librarian-in-Charge about this during the TT19 vacation and we agreed upon extending Library hours every Monday evening to closing at 8pm for Trinity Term 2019

Librarian-Elect - Mahi Joshi, Trinity College

I spent the beginning of my vacation working on the India No Confidence Debate which was hosted at the Union on Thursday, 16th May. I contributed to the formulation of the motion at the debate planning meeting, as well as outlining the scope and substance of the debate through the blurb. I then worked with other members of committee to develop and manage potential speaker ideas for this debate and sent out several speaker invitations. I was able to contribute to the successful invitations of Yogendra Yadav, who unfortunately could not be present at the debate, as well as Janhavi Dadarkar, who spoke in Opposition. This debate took place on the Thursday of 3rd week as planned, and I was able to contribute to it as one of the student speakers in proposition of the motion. I also spent a large part of my vacation working on the individual speaker invitations, and was able to successfully secure the attendance of Billy Joel, as well as successfully establish contact with several other speakers, in the hope of securing them as late additions to the termcard.

I have also begun work the pledges I made during the Hilary Term 2019 election: Exhibitions in the Library and Speaker Roundtables. I contacted the Librarian-In-Charge about both of these ideas via email during the vacation, and also discussed them with him in person at the beginning of this term. I was thrilled to receive a positive response from him on both suggestions. He is particularly keen on the idea of Library Exhibitions, and informed me that since the Library has held these in the past, they should not be overly challenging to execute. Further pledges I made were to increase the number of business speakers invited to the Union, and build liaison opportunities between them and the Business School before the speaker meeting. I also pledged to enhance the flexibility of the speaker Invitation Process in the vacation, to put together more international speaker and panel events, and explore collaborations with external societies. These are all things I plan to work on upon taking the office of Librarian at the end of Trinity Term, which will put me in a position to oversee and lead the speaker invitations across committee. I continue to support all the Pledges made by the #Together team in the Hilary 2019 election.

Apart from this, I have spent this term fulfilling the duties expected of the Librarian-Elect-attending meetings of the Consultative, Library, Finance and the Standing Committees as normal, helping with event publicity on social media and delivering term cards at the beginning of the term. I look forward to taking the office of the Librarian at the end of term, with the hope of fulfilling my pledges and working with a new committee to put together an exciting term card for Michaelmas Term 2019.

Treasurer - Charlie Coverman, Brasenose College

General Duties:

- I worked a total of 32 vacation day during the Easter Vacation.
- I have worked to bring a number of speakers, such as Lisa Ann for the Porn Debate, as well as Olivier Giroud, Robert Rinder, Megyn Kelly and Lord Michael Heseltine.
- I have ongoing negotiations with a number of additional speakers for potential confirmations in forthcoming terms.
- I co-supervised debate speaker requests of committee members on our speaker database
- I oversaw (along with the President and Librarian) the conception and organisation of the Trinity sequence of Debates

Finances of the Union:

- I have and will continue to chair weekly Finance Committee meetings.
- I have ensured that DSC expenses are passed and claimed validly in conjunction with the Bursar.
- Due to issues last term with the calling of Audit Committee- I successfully brought a rules change that abolished Rule 66.

Sponsorship of the Union:

- I headed the team of sponsorship officers to acquire sponsorship from Michael Page Group, Godiva, TM Lewin and Pyramid Group- raising in excess of £7,500.
- I sought to acquire corporate sponsorship for speaker events, debates, and social events from a number of larger firms across the UK and US.
- I worked with the Treasurer-Elect to establish relations with educational institutions based in China.
- I also prioritised gaining sponsorship from local companies through the Michael Page Group (who are sponsoring the Billionaires Debate), and have succeeded in fostering relations with a whole host of potential partners including Oodle, AFerry and Lucy Group.
- I undertook a comprehensive contract review to ensure that all previous Treasurer's Treats and debate floor prizes were still able to be validly claimed.
- I acquired a range of new debate floor prizes, such as with Blenheim Palace.
- We acquired 10 new Treasurer's Treats to provide a wide range of discounts to across Oxford.
- I also negotiated an exclusive Set Menu for Oxford Union members from Cinnamon Kitchen.
- Sponsorship Officers: Cansu Uyguroglu, Simon van Teutem, Nicky Crompton, Laura Lonsdale, Olivia Leigh all contributed (in varying amounts) in the efforts outlined above.

Pledges:

I have either fulfilled or am working towards fulfilling the below pledges:

- Working with the House Manager and Bursar, we have removed the £5 minimum card charge at the bar!

- I also successfully brought a rules change to allow graduate students on one year degrees to run for Standing Committee in their first term of membership.
 - The President has directed the Access Officers to work on proposals that would lead to a staggered membership fee being introduced.
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- I am consulting with the Returning Officer regarding the practicalities of a rules change that would “separate public business meetings from the main Thursday debates”

Treasurer-Elect - Shining Zhao, University College

In the Easter Vacation, I confirmed 2 speakers including Katie Hopkins and CEO of Coca cola. I secured 2 new Treasurer's treats from 2 Chinese restaurants and updated 2 old Treasurer's treats. I contacted many international companies for sponsorship opportunities, and got the interest from Huawei. I invited science speakers including Tim Berners-Lee. I also invited many international speakers. I talked to the Bursar and Tom Limb about the fact that Union's videos are used in China without acknowledging our copy rights. I am planning to build the official plat of the Oxford Union in the summer vacation. In the term, I encouraged interested members to attend TFC.

For the rest of my pledges, I plan to bring the poll in Michaelmas Term, as Trinity Term is very hard to get enough signatures. I am planning to bring a motion of office hours for sitting officer later this term or at the beginning of next term. I am planning to negotiate access membership for graduate and international students in the summer with colleges. I am planning to negotiate with airline companies for free plane tickets in the summer. I plan to negotiate with Asian educational institutions for holding a charged summer camp in the Union. I plan to talk with the Bursar in the summer to add the "Sponsoring Us" and "Donation" button to the front page of official website.

Chair of Consultative Committee - Elliot Bromley, St Edmund Hall

Failed to submit a report.

1st Elected Member of Standing Committee - Ayman D'Souza, Christ Church

Over the vacation, I played a significant role in the Modi Debate team, and sending many individual speaker invitations. Some significant artists/bands were interested, amongst other invitees. I then put together panel event about stateless minorities. Although we secured speakers, this event was deemed not sufficiently a crowd-drawing, so it was called off.

My “pledge” from the Hilary Term 2019 election in was: WE CAN ENGAGE MENTAL HEALTH: Welfare Drop-Ins. I had intended to do this by Bringing a Standing Order. However after discussion in the 2nd Week TSC meeting, it was clear that several key figures present believed it wouldn't be possible/suitable for the Union to host these. These people have been involved for far longer than me, so I trust their judgement. However welfare is an issue close to my heart, so I instead brought a Standing Order change to Week 4 TSC to introduce Mental Health information sheets- these are detailed in the motion. In this way, I hope to work towards seeing my pledge enacted as fully as possible.

2nd Elected Member of Standing Committee - Nikhil Shah, Exeter College

Pledges:

1. More BME speakers – I worked on the Modi debate, inviting many BME speakers to speak on that. In addition, I worked over the vacation on inviting various Bollywood stars; these invites were, however, unsuccessful.
2. More regular ‘how to run’ workshops – I worked with the Senior Access Officer to pick 3 dates spread out throughout the term on ‘how to run in Union elections’. They have been advertised and are being held.
3. Online transparent notices – if and when any controversial or particularly important business occurs in the Society, such as the attempted impeachment of the ex-Librarian last term, I intend to work with the DDO to extensively inform the members about this so that they can vote in an informed manner about such issues.

In addition to my work on these pledges, I have sent many invites, worked 15 vacation days, searched for sponsorship, added new Treasurer’s Treats, and secured floor prizes for the upcoming term. I look forward to finishing off my work, finalising some more Treasurer’s Treats and continuing correspondence with speakers with whom I am negotiating visits for future terms, such as Anupam Kher, and Senator Richard Shelby.

3rd Elected Member of Standing Committee - Beatrice Barr, St Peter's College

Over the vacation, I led the organisation of the No Platforming debate, which took place in second week. I researched and invited many speakers and led the discussion of which speakers were ultimately chosen. I also invited a large number of individual speakers, and planned the Comedy Club Social which will take place on Monday 20th May. This involved writing a full proposal and budget, liaising with the Secretary and House Manager about logistics and contacting student comics, four of whom are coming to the event.

During term, I have been appointed the Standing Committee Delegate to the Debate Selection Committee. This has enabled me to work towards fulfilling my pledge of more first-timer tournaments, specifically by encouraging DSC to improve the accessibility of Pro-Am of the year by rescheduling it to Michaelmas term. In an effort to fulfil this pledge, I have also helped out at Women's Public Speaking Workshops.

In the remainder of the term, I hope to perhaps work on integrating the What's A Pound scheme with Union social events. I also look forward to six further meetings of DSC.

4th Elected Member of Standing Committee - Adam Wilkinson-Hill, Jesus College

I pledged to introduce a more progress system of Union membership. I brought the issue to Hilary 9th Week Standing Committee, and discussed during Trinity Term TSC meetings where I discussed implications this would have for students from different regions of the UK, because of different systems of student finance.

During the vacation, I successfully invited Sir Vince Cable, Chuka Umunna, Ryan Wain, Craig Wright and Jimmy Nguyen.

For work in preparing for other events, I helped send invites for the Billionaire Debate, Trump-Obama Foreign Policy debate, and also helped construct the blurb for the No Platforming Debate.

I intend to continue as the Standing Committee Delegate to, and Secretary of, Access Committee, and work on with the relevant officers on progressive membership payments, starting with undergraduate members and slowly trying to increase this to graduate members. Finally, I intend to help restructure the rules of Access Committee.

I also continue to support the pledges made by those who ran on the #Together slate in the Hilary Term election.

5th Elected Member of Standing Committee - Kitsu Egerton, Regent's Park College

Over the Easter Break I worked 13 vacation days, some of which I was assigned to the debate relating to Pornography and Sex Education.

This term I have been attending meetings of Standing, Library, and Consultative committee, and have helped with delivering term cards, and moving benches in order to clear space for the Gin and Chocolate social, and advertising for Union events on social media

In my election, I pledged to attempt to get club entry for Union members. I am going to broach the topic with the organizer of the Bridge and Park end nights when he returns to Oxford next week.

For the rest of this term I will continue to attend and contribute to meetings of Standing, Library, and Consultative committee, and help out with Union tasks that may be required of me.

6th Elected Member of Standing Committee - Mo Iman, Somerville College

I have made some progress with my pledges. The Ex-secretary, Kellogg College, retrofitted our pledged socials and whilst glitter was not included, at the behest of the house manager, I believe members enjoyed the social. In terms of my pledges to continue my access work, I have been in conversation with many about the logistics of banning slates and rewriting several electoral rules. That being said, it has unfortunately been difficult working with obstructive senior members of committee this term.

7th Elected Member of Standing Committee - George Hargrave, Hertford College

Failed to submit a report.

Chair of Debate Selection Committee - Lee Chin Wee, Trinity College

In HT19, our debaters won the LSE Open (Jason Xiao) and the prestigious HWS Round Robin (Jason Xiao, Kit Mercer). I wish our teams to the European Championships all the best – Jason Xiao and Kit Mercer (Oxford A), Geneva Roy and Oskar Sherry (Oxford B), Jack Solomon and Rachel O’Nunain (Oxford C), Xavier Redmond and Vikki Perijainen (Oxford D), and our judges Louisa Broeg, Chaitanya Kediya, and Jamie Johnson. Brian Wong will be one of the Chief Adjudicators.

We also convened the Oxford Schools’ Debating Championships, with numerous regional rounds being organised throughout the United Kingdom. Over 860 teams registered for the tournament, the highest number in history. Thanks go out to Dominic Brind, Joe Sisson (co-convenors) and William Prescott (deputy convenor) for their tireless efforts.

Sara Dube and Beatrice Barr have worked with the President to initiate a series of workshops for non-male identifying Union members. Brian Wong has convened Pro-Am of the Year to give new debaters a learning and developmental opportunity.

Rosa Thomas has resigned from the DSC. She has served the DSC with distinction, and I wish them all the best.

Chief of Staff - Chaitanya Kediya, Exeter College

I, Chaitanya Kediya, as the Chief of Staff completed 21 vacation days over the Easter vacation to organise speaker events and invite guests to participate in weekly debates. I was successful in inviting three speakers for this term: Ms Natalia Vodianova, Mr Salman Khurshid and Dr Subramaniam Swamy. Unfortunately, Ms Natalia Vodianova was not able to visit the Union due to other engagements, and Dr Subramaniam Swamy withdrew from participating in the India No Confidence Debate. This term, I have helped manage the logistics for the debate speakers every Thursday as well as the running of the debates.

Director of Operations - Miriam Feldman, New College

During vac:

Committee administrative work (e.g. lead requests, attendance)

Sent debate and individual invitations, and corresponding follow-ups

Successfully invited three speakers for the first week Toxic Masculinity debate (Jud Horras, Wade Davis, Leila Brillson)

Term activity:

Construct and maintain the debate and individual speaker rota along with CCC, COS, and President

Assisting the CCC with operations and logistics for individual events, and directing operations and logistics for events in the CCC's absence

Participated in first week Toxic Masculinity debate

Creating Facebook events and ballots, and overseeing committee Facebook invitations and shares

Director of Press and Public Relations - Daniil Ukhorskiy, Brasenose College

During the break I completed 10,5 vacation days out of a required 15. Additionally, throughout the vacation I was reachable and made preparations for the smooth running of press in term time. During the vacation days, I sent invitations to individual speakers and oversaw the organisation of the Billionaires debate.

During term, my role has involved two primary roles. Firstly, I have overseen a team of four press officers, assigning them to events for live Twitter coverage. The second element has been corresponding with external press and providing comments on matters of interest, with the help of the President.

Director of Sponsorship - Olivia Leigh, Keble College

Over the vacation I worked 15 vacation days in Oxford and further remote days during which I spent a week sending invitations for the Pornography debate. I spent the subsequent week sorting sponsorship documents and reaching out to new potential sponsors. I spent later days following up on Pornography Debate invitations and securing 'Treasurer's Treats' and Floor prizes. I found and met with a new sponsor, Michael Page, who subsequently sponsored a full debate. I will be looking after Michael Page employees and their clients, who are potential sponsors, during the Billionaires debate. I have also sorted over seven floor prizes.

Director of Digital Operations - Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall

As Director of Digital Operations, over the vacation I ensured that the app contained last term's up-to-date termcard with photos and videos included. I further developed the Oxford Union App to add support for Ordinary Private Business Meetings, Audited Accounts and Polls. I updated the Oxford Union Upload Service following a meeting with the Bursar to make it easier to use and allow importing events into the app from the website. I continued the porting effort of the App onto Android and we successfully launched the Android version of the App at the start of this term.

Senior Access Officer - Rabii Malik, St Anne's College

The Access Officers have run: One 'How to get Involved with the Oxford Union' workshop in 2nd week and plan another for 4th week. One school visit to the Oxford Union in 1st week including a mock debate and Union tours for over 50 students.

Committee progress

The access committee has filled three of the five elected members positions (pending the ratification of two elected members) and have received interest from many further applicants.

The President, in consultation with the temporary membership officer, has passed a motion in standing committee to open up eligibility of Brookes members from temporary membership to permanent membership. The LGBTQIA+ Officer is organising a 'Catwalks and Cocktails' event for 6th week. The access officers and the President have worked together to put a proposal for staggered membership fees to the standing committee. The disabilities officer has helped research the cost of a wheelchair.

Following the resignation of the Graduate Officer, the President, in consultation with the access officers has appointed a new Graduate Officer who is working on access membership for graduate students and exploring bulk membership purchases for Masters courses similar to existing agreements with SBS.

Junior Access Officer - Felicity Graham, Christ Church

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1st Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Chengkai Xie, Brasenose College

As an elected member of the Secretary's Committee, I am committed all the pledges made by #Engage team in Hillary Term 2019. I have worked 10 vacations days in total.

During my vacations days, I have had four successful speakers invitations, including individual speakers Zoë Wanamaker CBE, debate speaker Helen Thomas CFA for 'This House Believes It Is Immoral to Be A Billionaire' debate. I conceived and oversaw the development of the only special event of the term 'Voices from North Korea', with successful speaker invitations to Ms. Ji Hyeona and Ms. Kim Jeong Ah.

2nd Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Liam Willis, Oriel College

I have completed ten vacation days of work; this includes helping to plan debates including the Billionaires debate, for which I suggested the motion, as well as inviting numerous speakers, a number of whom expressed interest. I have worked a number of events, even working the Theo Paphitis event before Trinity term began. I worked the Gin and Jazz social; making members and guests feel welcomed, ensuring a clean chamber and giving the guests ample chocolate. For the rest of term, I will continue to work events and socials, and continue making it a welcoming and friendly space for everyone.

3rd Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Celeste McGinley, Exeter College

- Successfully invited Toby Young and Chief Justice Robert French to the No Platforming Debate.
- Facilitated speaker events including Chris Kamara.
- Facilitated all socials of term including Gin and Jazz and Pub Quizzes.
- Worked 155% of required vac days.
- Invited 100+ speakers.
- I continue to endorse all #ENGAGE pledges

4th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Harry Deacon, Pembroke College

Over the vacation, I sent out 70+ invitations across 11 vac days. Two of these invitations were successful – Cody Keenan and Kristian Nairn. I also contributed ideas to the debate motions on debate day, including suggesting the Porn debate be framed in a sex education context. Further, I worked an Access event over the vacation. During term, I have worked at four events thus far and delivered a paper speech in the No Platforming debate. I assisted with term card delivery, consistently attended all CC meetings and I am set to work five more events this term.

5th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Benjy Penny, St Edmund Hall

Over the Easter Vacation, I contacted Sean Fitzpatrick and Mmusi Mmamine and helped to facilitate those event (one of which is still to take place). So far I have worked on one debate and helped with four events. In the remainder of the term I will work on two debates, one panel and seven speaker events. I have upheld all #Engage pledges.

6th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Olivia Streeten, Balliol College

These are my pledges from HT19 election: Balliol Ball Committee, Captain of Balliol Badminton sports society and Studying Chinese. I am currently helping plan the entertainment for Balliol Ball which is taking place on 29th June 2019. I am still a captain of Balliol Badminton society which I will continue once I return from my year abroad. I am still studying Oriental Studies (Chinese) as my undergraduate degree. I also pledge to support all #Engage pledges. I have also helped out at several Oxford Union events this term including Craig David, Radhika Jones, Dr. Craig Wright and Dr. Ha-Joon Chang.

7th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Nils Lovegren, Magdalen College

Spent vac days inviting debate speakers for the Trump debate, as well as individual speakers

Successfully invited two female speakers for Trump debate

Am still in process of solidifying dates for two events stemming from invitations I sent:
Andrea Leadsom and the Wu-Tang Clan.

Facilitated multiple speaker events and debates; will continue to fulfil my duties in this regard

Volunteered for two access events, the first of which I facilitated setup for a mock debate; the second in which I gave a tour and answered questions for Year 9 students from King Solomon Academy

8th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Alice Zhang, Trinity College

During my time on Secretary's Committee, I have facilitated multiple debate and individual speaker events: Masculinity debate tidying up, Judy Murray, No-platforming debate setup and tidying up, Chris Kamara, Rhadika Jones, Kizza Besigye, Modi debate drinks and teller. I have also sent out invites over the vacation and worked ten vacation days. I will be facilitating the Gin and Jazz social, Zoe Wanamaker, Lord Heseltine, tidying up after the Billionaires debate, Fion Shaw, Philipp Pullman, Porn debate setup, and Ken Starr. I don't believe I have made any pledges during the last election.

9th Elected Member Secretary's Committee - Hannah Kidner, St Catherine's College

I spent my vac days helping research speakers for the Porn debate. I emailed speakers including Hannah Witton (who we decided in the end to bin). I also worked on inviting individual speakers, inviting individuals including Fiona Shaw (who hadn't been invited before), who has accepted the invitation and is coming to the union in coming weeks. I have worked on various set-ups for events so far this term including preparing the Gladstone for the Cressida Dicks event. I am going to work at the quiz social event this coming Monday and continue helping with other event set up.

10th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Jeremy Bararia, Lady Margaret Hall

During the vacation preceding my time as a member of the Secretary's Committee, I worked for a total of the required 10 vacation days. In this period, I largely worked on inviting speakers for the 'Billionaires' debate, acting as the initial contact for Anand Giridharadas, as well as individual addresses. Moreover, I followed up on a previous sponsorship lead with Godiva Chocolate, the negotiations of which are still ongoing. So far this term I have worked on 5 events, as well as assisting the CCC on term-card delivery.

11th Elected Member of Secretary's Committee - Jack Solomon, St Peter's College

I have facilitated the following events: Rep. Barney Frank, Sean Fitzpatrick, Chris Robshaw, 1st Week Debate Tidy Up, 2nd Week Pub Quiz

I am rostered on to facilitate the following events: 7th Week Debate Drinks, Gender Inequality Panel, Senator Tim Scott, James Quincey, Lord Heseltine, Nick Robinson, Opal Tometi

I have spoken in the following debates (paper speech): No Platforming debate

I completed 11 vacation days, working speaker invites and the No Platforming debate; including successful speaker invitation to Mariah Idrissi.

I made no pledges in my most recent manifesto.