

Ratified Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

3rd Week Hilary Term 2019

Monday 28th January 2019

Gladstone Room, 1.15pm

Present:

Officers: **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 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 Spencer Cohen** (Brasenose), **Ms Jess Curry** (St Hugh's), **Mr Adam Wilkinson-Hill** (Jesus), **Mr Ayman D'Souza** (Christ Church), **Mr George Hargrave** (Hertford), **Ms Noorie Abbas** (New), **Ms Beth Molyneux** (Lincoln), **Ms Varuna Mitra** (St John's), **Ms Beatrice Barr** (St Peter's)

Officials

The Secretary to Consultative Committee (Mr Samuel Burns, St John's), **The LGBTQIA+ Officer** (Mr Mo Iman, Somerville), **Mr Liam Frahm** (Deputy Returning Officer, Jesus), **Ms Charlie Willis** (Deputy Returning Officer, Wadham), **Mr Dominic Brind** (Deputy Returning Officer, Magdalen), **Mr Edward Peckston** (Deputy Returning Officer, Brasenose)

Appointed Officials

The Chief of Staff (Mr Ray Williams, Wadham), **The Director of Operations** (Ms Amber Seaward, Magdalen), **The Director of Digital Operations** (Mr Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Jeremy Bararia** (Sponsorship Officer, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Jamie Johnson** (Logistics Officer, Pembroke), **Mr Hugh Nicholl** (Deputy CCC, Pembroke), **Mr Cameron Bovell** (Invitations Officer, St Edmund Hall), **Ms Miriam Feldman** (Press Officer, New)

Ordinary Members

Mr Troels Boesen (St John's), **Mr Jack McClure** (St Anne's), **Mr Kofo Braithwaite** (Christ Church), **Mr Daniil Ukhorskiy** (Brasenose), **Ms Anna Richards** (Kellogg), **Mr Omasan Harriman** (Brookes), **Ms Anisha Faruk** (Queen's)

Late:

Apologies:

Mr Jim Brennan (Standing Committee, St Peter's)

Absent:

The President (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, Oriel), **The Chair of Consultative Committee** (Mr James Dix, Christ Church), **The Returning Officer** (Ms Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Jim Brennan** (Standing Committee, St Peter's)

Consultative Committee opens at 1.21pm

1. Minutes

The CCS announces that the President and the CCC are currently in an *in camera* meeting and that the task of chairing the Committee has been delegated to him. Mr Ukhorskiy will serve as acting secretary.

The Secretary to Consultative Committee moves that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 2nd Week Hilary Term 2019 be ratified.

Passes nem. con.

2. Absences

None.

3. Business of the President

The Librarian gives the business of the President in the latter's absence, saying the following:

- The Member of Secretary's Committee of the week is Ayman D'Souza.
- He chastises members of committee for failing to turn up to their duties or arriving late to them.
- A new event has been added to the term card for the following Tuesday at 3pm (5 February), Peter Moore.

4. Questions to the President

None.

5. Business of the President-Elect

None.

6. Questions to the President-Elect

None.

7. Business of the Librarian

None.

8. Questions to the Librarian

None.

9. Business of the Librarian-Elect

None.

10. Questions to the Librarian-Elect

None.

11. Business of the Treasurer

The Treasurer draws the attention of the committee to the accounts published in the term card, informing them that the Senior Treasurer will be explaining them at a session the next day (29 January).

12. Questions to the Treasurer

None

13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect

The Treasurer-Elect says that everyone on committee will receive an email from MyTutor asking them to sign up, with the Union receiving £2 for every new member it signs up.

The President-Elect notes that users of the service can freeze their accounts as soon as they have signed up should they wish.

14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

None.

15. Business of the Secretary

The Secretary says the following:

- He thanks the committee for promoting Burns Night social and ball tickets, especially thanking Mr Khan for his work on the Burns Night.
- The Graduate Symposium will be taking place the next day (29 January).
- He reiterates what the Librarian has said about the Peter Moore event.
- Members of committee should let him know if they have any issues with the ball rota once it has been published.

16. Questions to the Secretary

The Librarian asks how members of committee should reply to questions about how to sign up for tickets on the waiting list for ball.

The Secretary replies that there is no waiting list as tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee

None

18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative Committee

Ms Barr asks whether the costume competition for this week's Consultative Committee theme ('summer') will still be adjudicated in the absence of the Chair of Consultative Committee.

The Librarian decides that she is the winner of the competition, thanks to her colourful shirt and sunglasses.

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

None.

24. Questions to the Returning Officer

None.

25. Business of the Appointed Officials

The Chief of Staff says the following:

- Liaison duties have been somewhat sloppy so far.
- Members of committee on liaison duty should ensure the speakers they are charged with swiftly attend the debate photo once the President announces the end of dinner.
- They should also ensure they have their charge's phone number and let him know when they have arrived and have left the Union.
- He asks any members of Secretary's Committee or Standing Committee to inform him if they do not have a scheduled duty for Thursday's debate.

26. Questions to the Appointed Officials

None.

27. Business of Ordinary Members

Mr Brind informs the Members present of an email sent to Union debaters offering them of a paid opportunity to speak to Japanese exchange students in Oxford.

28. Questions to Ordinary Members

None.

29. Selection of Emergency Debate Motion

Mr Peckston moves that the Emergency Debate motion be "This House believes that this is the best a man can get", seconded by the President-Elect.

Votes in favour: 10.

Votes against: 12.

The motion fails.

Mr D’Souza suggests “This House believes that masculinity is too fragile”.

Mr Frahm suggests “This House believes that masculinity is not fragile enough”.

Ms Curry suggests “This House believes that masculinity is inherently toxic”.

Mr Boesen replies that the motion could equally be “This House believes that femininity is inherently toxic”.

Mr D’Souza moves that the Emergency Debate motion be “This House believes that masculinity is too fragile”, seconded by the Chief of Staff.

Passes nem. con.

Consultative Committee closes at 1.39pm.

Samuel Burns

St John’s College

Secretary to Consultative Committee

With thanks to the (brief) Acting Secretary to Consultative Committee, Daniil Ukhorskiy