

Oxford Union Society Library Committee

Minutes for Meeting TT 2019 Week 1 (Monday 29th April)

Present: Sara Dube (*Librarian*), Tom Corrick (*Librarian-in-Charge*), Mahi Joshi (*Librarian-Elect*), Altair Brandon-Salmon, Yee Kwan Law, Brian Wong, Daniel Villar, William Prescott, Connor Warden, John Whitehead, Ryan Lee, Kitsu Egerton (*Standing Committee Representative*), Jonathan Sheinman, James Pettifer, Elizabeth Piper (*Trainee Librarian*).

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

- Apologies and Absences
 - Sean Power sent his apologies- he is in Dublin
 - Olivia Leigh sent her apologies
 - Phillip Counsell sends his apologies- he is travelling.
- Membership
 - New Members
 - Professor James Pettifer was put forward as a new senior member.
 - Ratification for the term
 - All present, and those who sent their apologies, were put forward for ratification at the next meeting of Standing Committee.
 - Amelia Harvey has resigned from the Library Committee as she is now Secretary for the Union. This leaves an open position for a junior member and so the Librarian-in-Charge will notify those on the waiting list.
- Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting
 - None.
- Matters Arising from Standing Committee
 - The new Standing Committee representative is Kitsu Egerton.
- Suggestions Book
 - None.
- Members' Suggestions (£79)
 - There were many suggestions and two donations. The approved suggestions came to a total of £78.79
 - The five books labelled as required for finals were passed with no objection. Kitsu Egerton said that *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* was also needed for finals so it was also passed. *Men of Maize* by Michael Asturias was also passed as being international

literature.

- The Carlos Fuentes *Where the Air is Clear* was not passed as it is in a volume of stories by Fuentes in Spanish. *The Rational Bible: Exodus* by Prager was also not passed.
- All remaining suggestions will be considered for their respective subject lists as they appear during term.
- The two donations were approved.
- Book List TT Week 1:
 - Travel (£250, Olivia Leigh). All passed with no objection.
 - Education (£225, Ryan Lee). These were chosen on the basis that they are mostly about policy. All passed with no objection.
 - Theology (£218, Connor Warden). This list focuses on improving the non-Christian section, including Bodhisattva, and Catholic theology also. The texts on the Apocrypha are to provide more grounding of early theology. All passed with no objection.
- Book List TT Week 2: Philosophy (£235, Daniel Villar), Art & Architecture (£240, Connor Warden), Fiction & Recreation (£250, Ryan Lee)
- Book List TT Week 3: Medical Sciences (£240, Daniel Villar), Politics (£290, Will Prescott and Jonathan Sheinman)
- Withdrawals 2019TT1

Several of these are to be kept as, while they are not often used, when they are, they are seminal works. William Prescott suggested that *The Holy Fox* biography of Lord Halifax should be kept, but that there might be a new edition available. The Crossman books on the diaries of a Cabinet Minister are both to be kept, as were the biographies of Lord Halifax, Selwyn Lloyd, and *British Political Facts*. The breviate papers and *In Place of Strife* are to be kept, as are the two Bullock books on Ernest Bevin, the latter of which are still on some reading lists. All usage statistics will be checked.

The other twenty-one books will be withdrawn.

- Deferred withdrawals from 2019HT8
 - After checking the usage statistics, these three books are to be withdrawn.
- Any Other Business
 - None.
- Time and Date of Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be held in the Morris Room at 1415hrs on Monday 6th May. The meeting was brought to a close at 1436hrs.