

Ratified Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

1st Week Hilary Term 2019

Monday 14th January 2019

Gladstone Room, 1.15pm

Present:

Officers: **The President** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, Oriel), **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 Chaitanya Kediya** (Exeter), **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 Sundeep Singh** (St Hilda's), **Mr Spencer Cohen** (Brasenose), **Ms Jess Curry** (St Hugh's), **Mr Adam Wilkinson-Hill** (Jesus), **Mr George Hargrave** (Hertford), **Ms Noorie Abbas** (New)

Officials

The Chair of Consultative Committee (Mr James Dix, Christ Church), **The Returning Officer** (Ms Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall), **The Secretary to Consultative Committee** (Mr Samuel Burns, St John's), **Mr Edward Peckston** (DRO, Brasenose), **Ms Charlie Willis** (DRO, Wadham), **Mr Liam Frahm** (DRO, Jesus), **Mr Joe Sisson** (DRO, St John's)

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 Nils Lovegren** (Logistics Officer, Magdalen), **Ms Amelia Harvey** (Access Officer, Kellogg), **Mr Micky Lee** (Press Officer, Jesus), **Ms Miriam Feldman** (Press Officer), **The Socioeconomic Officer** (Ms Amelia Bircham, Keble), **Mr Jack Blowers** (Deputy CCC, Oriel), **Mr Hugh Nicholl** (Deputy CCC, Pembroke), **Mr Benedict Altier** (Sponsorship Officer, Pembroke), **Mr Jeremy Bararia** (Sponsorship Officer, Lady Margaret Hall)

Ordinary Members

Mr Daniel Antonio Villar (Wadham), **Mr Henrik Tiemroth** (Pembroke), **Mr Luke Chester** (Balliol), **Mr Troels Boesen** (St John's), **Mr Kofo Braithwate** (Christ Church)

Late:

The Treasurer (Ms Amy Gregg, Somerville), **The Returning Officer** (Ms Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall), **Ms Olivia Leigh** (Keble), **Mr Jim Brennan** (St Peter's)

Apologies:

None.

Absent:

Mr Ayman D'Souza (Christ Church), **Ms Beth Molyneux** (Lincoln), **Ms Varuna Mitra** (St John's), **Ms Beatrice Barr** (St Peter's), **Ms Beth Chamberlain** (Worcester)

Consultative Committee opens at 1.15pm

1. Minutes

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 8th Week Michaelmas Term 2018 be ratified, seconded by the President.

Passes nem. con.

2. Absences

None.

3. Business of the President

The President says the following:

- He thanks the committee for their work in the vacation.
- The rollout of the Oxford Union app is to be delayed, but to expect the publication of the digital term card tomorrow.
- The Member of Standing Committee of the vacation is Elliot Bromley.
- The Appointed Official of the vacation is Amelia Harvey.
- Vacation expense forms need to be handed in today.

The Treasurer, Mr Brennan, Mr Bararia and Mr Sisson enter at 1.18pm

The President says that term card delivery will take place on Friday.

Mr Nicholl enters at 1.19pm.

The President says the following:

- Committee members should keep their membership cards on them at all times, as staff do not necessarily recognise them yet.
- Committee members should use, but not abuse, their meet-and-greet perks.

The Returning Officer enters at 1.21pm.

4. Questions to the President

None.

5. Business of the President-Elect

The President-Elect agrees with the president on the question of using membership cards, and recommends new committee members introduce themselves to staff.

The President-Elect recommends that members of the committee come to President's Drinks.

Mr Altier enters at 1.22.

6. Questions to the President-Elect

None.

7. Business of the Librarian

The Librarian thanks the committee for their work in the vacation, finding the term card one of the strongest that he has seen.

8. Questions to the Librarian

None.

9. Business of the Librarian-Elect

The Librarian-Elect thanks the committee for their work in the vacation.

10. Questions to the Librarian-Elect

None.

11. Business of the Treasurer

The Treasurer thanks the committee for their work in the vacation, with a special mention to the sponsorship team.

12. Questions to the Treasurer

None.

13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect

The Treasurer-Elect also thanks the sponsorship team.

14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

None.

15. Business of the Secretary

The Secretary says the following:

- Committee 'stash' is to be found in his office.
- He offers special thanks to Rai Saad Khan and Elliot Bromley for their work on socials.
- Tickets for the upcoming Burns' night social will be on sale on either Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Ball tickets will be sold from Friday of 2nd Week, with the event taking place on Friday of 4th week – he hopes that the committee will help build excitement for the event.

The President requests that committee members keep him informed of any clashes between colleges' Halfway Hall events and the date of the ball.

16. Questions to the Secretary

None.

17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee

The CCC says the following:

- The committee meet-and-greet ballots will be distributed soon.
- Committee members will not always get into meet-and-greets.
- A 'smart' dress code means that members should wear suits, with flat shoes.
- A 'smart casual' dress code means that committee should not wear blue jeans or trainers.
- Committee will only be expected to share events on Facebook for 1st Week, prior to the release of the term card.

The Treasurer notes that there will be a women's public speaking workshop in the evening and asks committee to send invites for it.

Ms Leigh enters at 1.28pm.

The CCC announces that the Member of Secretary's Committee of the vacation is Beth Chamberlain.

18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative Committee

None.

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

The Returning Officer announces that nominations for two elections (one ordinary election and one by-election) to the Finance Committee are open, with the vote to be held at the next meeting of Consultative Committee.

24. Questions to the Returning Officer

None.

25. Business of the Appointed Officials

The Chief of Staff asks if any Members of Standing or Secretary's Committee are off-rotas and free on Thursday evening, and receives no answers.

The Chief of Staff announces that Elliot Bromley, Olivia Leigh, Beatrice Barr, Rai Saad Khan, and Ayman D'Souza will be carrying out liaison duties on the 1st Week debate.

26. Questions to the Appointed Officials

None.

27. Business of Ordinary Members

None.

28. Selection of Emergency Debate Motion

Mr Kediya suggests a motion on the relative merits of a one-state or two-state solution in Palestine.

Mr Lovegren suggests a motion on the 'BDS' movement.

Mr Peckston suggests a motion on Brexit.

Mr Kediya suggests a motion comparing the benefits of a weak democracy to a benevolent dictatorship.

The Treasurer suggests a motion related to the recent controversy regarding a women-only scholarship at The Queen's College.

Ms Abbas suggests a motion on conscription.

Mr Chester suggests a motion related to the West pulling out of the Middle East.

The Treasurer suggests 'This House would pull troops out of Syria'.

Mr Kediya suggests the topic of Professor John Finnis be the subject of the motion.

Mr Kediya suggests a motion related to South-East Asia.

Mr Chester suggests a motion related to the recent US government shutdown.

Mr Kediya suggests 'This House would hold countries liable for environmental harm to other countries'.

Mr Brennan suggests 'This House would rather have no government than Trump's government'.

Mr Boesen suggests there is 'something spicy' in South-East Asia.

Mr Kediya moves that the Emergency Debate motion be "This House would prefer a weak democracy to a benevolent dictatorship", seconded by the President.

Passes nem. con.

Consultative Committee closes at 1.39pm.

Samuel Burns

St John's College

Secretary to Consultative Committee