

## Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

8<sup>th</sup> Week Hilary Term 2019

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 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), **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), **Ms Beth Chamberlain** (Worcester)

### Officials

**The Returning Officer** (Mr Liam Frahm, Jesus), **The Secretary to Consultative Committee** (Mr Samuel Burns, St John's), **Mr Nebojša Jovanović** (Ex-Returning Officer, St Peter's), **Mr Dominic Brind** (Deputy Returning Officer, Magdalen), **Ms Charlie Willis** (Deputy Returning Officer, Wadham)

### Appointed Officials

**The Chief of Staff** (Ms Amber Seaward, Magdalen), **The Director of Operations** (Mr Hugh Nicholl, Pembroke), **The Director of Digital Operations** (Mr Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Cameron Bovell** (Invitations Officer, St Edmund Hall), **Mr Oliver Tushingham** (Logistics Officer, St John's), **Ms Miriam Feldman** (Press Officer, New), **Mr Nils Lovegren** (Logistics Officer, Magdalen), **Mr Jamie Johnson** (Logistics Officer, Pembroke), **Mr Marcel Satria** (Sponsorship Officer, Exeter), **Ms Amelia Harvey** (Access Officer, Kellogg)

### Ordinary Members

**Mr Edward Peckston** (Ex-Deputy Returning Officer, Brasenose), **Mr Daniel Antonio Villar** (Library Committee, Wadham), **Ms Melanie Onovo** (Christ Church), **Mr Kofo Braithwaite** (Christ Church), **Mr Matthew Robbins** (St Benet's), **Ms Stasa Kucer** (St John's), **Mr Chengkai Xie** (Brasenose), **Mr Omasan Harriman** (Brookes), **Ms Mathilda Walters** (New), **Mr George Wright** (St John's), **Mr Troels Boesen** (Finance Committee, St John's), **Ms Alexandra Galloway** (Ex-Returning Officer, Magdalen), **Mr Aloysius Lip** (Christ Church)

### Late:

## **Apologies:**

## **Absent:**

**The Chair of Consultative Committee** (Mr James Dix, Christ Church), **Mr Spencer Cohen** (Secretary's Committee, Brasenose),

*Consultative Committee opens at 1.23pm*

### **1. Minutes**

The President moves that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 8<sup>th</sup> week Hilary Term 2018 be ratified.

*Passes nem. con.*

### **2. Absences**

The President moves that the absence of the Chair of Consultative Committee at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 7<sup>th</sup> Week Hilary Term 2019 be passed on the grounds of a disabling or infectious illness.

*Passes nem. con.*

### **3. Business of the President**

**The President** says the following:

- He congratulates the candidates in the election.
- He thanks for the committee for their work during term.
- He wishes good luck to the President-Elect and her team in the upcoming term.

### **4. Questions to the President**

None.

### **5. Business of the President-Elect**

**The President-Elect** thanks the President for his good wishes, saying it is the nicest thing he has said to her all term.

**The President** says they will be going for dinner on Saturday.

**The President-Elect** says the following:

- She congratulates the candidates in the election.
- She will be holding lead handover sessions with elected candidates soon.
- She asks members of the Trinity committee to text her their names so she can compile the contact sheet.
- She asks committee members to save their aggressive messages for email and not to text them to her.

### **6. Questions to the President-Elect**

None.

## **7. Business of the Librarian**

**The Librarian** says the following:

- He thanks the committee for a fun term, in spite of the President's 'unsteady' leadership.
- Committee members are free to send him aggressive messages in any form.
- The election was not as toxic as it could have been, in spite of his sanctimonious rhetoric.

## **8. Questions to the Librarian**

None.

## **9. Business of the Librarian-Elect**

**The Librarian-Elect** congratulates all the candidate for making it through the election and looks forward to the next term.

## **10. Questions to the Librarian-Elect**

None.

## **11. Business of the Treasurer**

**The Treasurer** thanks the committee for their hard work during the term and congratulates their hard work in the election.

## **12. Questions to the Treasurer**

None.

## **13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect**

**The Treasurer-Elect** exhorts the committee to raise lots of money over the vacation.

## **14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect**

None.

## **15. Business of the Secretary**

**The Secretary** says the following:

- He congratulates the candidate for getting through the elections
- He notes that emergency planning for the Brexit debate is still taking place; Lord Adonis and Nigel Farage are confirmed but as much help as possible from the committee is needed to secure more.
- He thanks the committee for their work on socials, especially Mr Khan and Mr Bromley for organising the two socials this term.

## **16. Questions to the Secretary**

The Returning Officer moves a motion of thanks to the Secretary, seconded by Mr Brind.

*Passes nem. con.*

#### **17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee**

The President moves, on behalf of the Chair of Consultative Committee, a motion of thanks to the Chair of Consultative Committee, seconded by the Librarian-Elect.

*Passes nem. con.*

#### **18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative**

**The Chief of Staff** asks if she should announce the Member of Secretary's Committee of the week.

**The President** says this will be done at the end.

#### **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 one candidate has nominated for the office of Chair of Consultative Committee, Mr Bromley, and requests that he hust.

**Mr Bromley** says the following:

- He has served on committee for two terms, as a Member of the Secretary's Committee and the Standing Committee.
- He initially thought his lack of knowledge of the rules and debating would hamstring him but discovered that he loves running events.
- He is proud that the President referred to him as a 'god of logistics' and a member of staff referred to him as a 'good geezer'.
- He unsuccessfully ran for Secretary, but the Chair of Consultative Committee is apolitical and thus a good way to round off his Union career.

The Returning Officer announces that Mr Bromley has been elected Chair of Consultative Committee.

**The Returning Officer** says that the election for Secretary to Consultative Committee will be done by hand, and Ms Curry and Ms Chamberlain nominate.

The President moves that the election of Secretary to Consultative Committee be conducted by a secret ballot, seconded by the Returning Officer.

*Passes nem. con.*

**The Returning Officer** asks that the candidates give hustings speeches.

**Ms Curry** says the following:

- The opportunities offered by the Union make it almost a ‘parallel universe’ for her; nowhere else would she be able to have dinner next to a former President in a Lebanese restaurant.
- She has met many great friends through the Union and believes strongly in the next committee.
- She did not run for election because she wants to remain non-partisan and friendly to everyone, and sees being CCS as a continuation of that role.

**Ms Chamberlain** says the following:

- She would like to continue working on committee.
- She has done a substantial amount of work, including 23 events and a large number of vacation days.
- She brings cookies to things and thinks the committee will continue to appreciate this.
- She finds Ms Curry amazing.

**The CCS** asks what the candidates would uniquely bring to the role.

**Ms Chamberlain** believes that she has the desperation to prove something resulting from being elected 11<sup>th</sup> to the Secretary’s Committee and being runner-up in the Standing Committee elections this term.

**Ms Curry** says her extensive debating experience would be useful to the writing of next term’s minutes.

**The President** asks the candidates to rate this term’s minutes out of ten and to give their favourite week of minutes.

**Ms Curry**’s favourite week was either 3<sup>rd</sup> Week or 4<sup>th</sup> Week, when she proposed ‘This House believes masculinity is inherently fragile’ as an Emergency Debate motion and a lot of men were upset.

**Ms Chamberlain** rates the minutes as 7.5/10, as the 5<sup>th</sup> Week minutes lacked the moment where the President referred to her as a ‘machine’.

Election for Secretary to Consultative Committee:

*Elected, Ms Chamberlain, with 28 votes (meeting quota)*

*Runner-up, Ms Curry, with 25 votes*

The Returning Officer moves a motion of thanks to his team, seconded by Ms Kandler.

*Passes nem. con.*

## **24. Questions to the Returning Officer**

None

## 25. Business of the Appointed Officials

**The Chief of Staff** announces that the Member of Secretary's Committee of the week is Mr Hargrave.

The Director of Operations moves a motion of thanks to the 'logistical titan' Mr Blowers, seconded by the President.

*Passes nem. con.*

Mr Blowers moves a motion of thanks to the Director of Operations, seconded by the President.

*Passes nem. con.*

## 26. Questions to the Appointed Officials

None.

## 27. Any Other Business

There is discussion on whether the Brexit debate should have an Emergency Debate, as it is not a Public Business Meeting. The President decides that it should.

**Mr Villar** suggests the motion be the subject of a United States of Europe.

The Secretary to Consultative Committee moves that the emergency motion by 'This House regrets the fall of the Soviet Union', seconded by Mr Villar.

*The Librarian objects.*

*The motion passes 33 votes in favour to 9 against.*

Ms Barr moves a motion of thanks to the Chief of Staff.

*Passes nem. con.*

The President moves a motion of thanks to the Secretary to Consultative Committee, seconded by the Treasurer.

*Passes nem. con.*

**Mr Boesen** asks members who have requested information on the Union's finances under Rules 21, 22, 63(a), or 63(b) to let them know how it went.

**The President-Elect** says that if anyone wants financial information from the Senior Treasurer or the Bursar they should not confront them in the bar or a similar place but send a polite email.

**Mr Boesen** notes that under Rule 63 an up-to-date file containing the accounts should be available without appointment.

**The President-Elect** notes it would still be a bit weird to approach them in the bar regarding the accounts.

*Consultative Committee closes at 2.00pm.*

Samuel Burns

St John's College

Secretary to Consultative Committee