

The Ratified Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
3rd Week Hilary Term 2019
28th January 2019
TV Room, 16:00

Present:

The President (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Librarian** (Mr Brendan McGrath, *Oriel College*), **The Treasurer** (Ms Amy Gregg, *Somerville College*), **The Secretary** (Mr Nicholas Leah, *Lincoln College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Shining Zhao, *University College*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Mahi Joshi, *Trinity College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Jim Brennan, *St Peter's College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Elliot Bromley, *St Edmund Hall*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Rai Saad Khan, *Christ Church*), **The President-Elect** (Ms Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Sara Dube, *St Hugh's College*)

Attending:

The Senior Treasurer (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*), **The Bursar** (Mrs Lindsay Warne), **The Returning Officer** (Ms Louise Kandler, *Lady Margaret Hall*), **The Chair of the Debate Select Committee** (Mr Chin Lee Wee, *Trinity College*), **The Access Officer** (Ms Amelia Harvey, *Kellogg College*), Ms Alexandra Galloway, *Magdalen College*, Mx Charlie Willis, *Wadham College*, Mr Hugh Bellamy, *Lady Margaret Hall*

Absent:

The President (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Charlie Coverman, *Brasenose College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Chaitanya Kediya, *Exeter College*), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, *Oriel College*), **The Access Officer** (Mx Brian Wong, *Wolfson College*)

The Librarian in the President's absence opens the meeting at 16:04

Apologies

The Treasurer-Elect (Mr Charlie Coverman, *Brasenose College*)

Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings

The President moves that the Standing Committee pass Ms Amelia Harvey's absence from the 1st week ordinary meeting of the Standing Committee due to an immovable academic commitment with good reason

The motion passes nem. con.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Elected Member (Mr Elliot Bromley, *St Edmund Hall*) requests that the spelling of their forename be corrected.

Ratification of Minutes

The Secretary moves that the Standing Committee ratify the minutes from the 2nd week Hilary Term 2019 Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee, pending alterations to the spelling of Mr Elliot Bromley's forename

Seconded by the Librarian.

The motion passes nem. con.

The Secretary moves that the Standing Committee ratify the minutes from the 2nd week Hilary Term 2019 Emergency Meeting of the Standing Committee, pending alterations to the spelling of Mr Elliot Bromley's forename

Seconded by the Librarian.

The motion passes nem. con.

The President

Business of the President:

The President has no business

In the absence of the President, **the Librarian** states that the President received a number of press requests about the Marion Maréchal event that took place last week.

The Librarian adds that the Cherwell has asked for comments on the relocation of plush.

The Librarian notes that the President will hold a discussion about minority student groups in next week's ordinary meeting of the Standing Committee.

The Librarian notes that The Treasurer, The Elected Member (Ms Olivia Leigh, *Keble College*) and The Elected Member (Mr Shining Zhao, *University College*) have not submitted their interim reports.

The Librarian moves that the Standing Committee pass the interim reports for the Hilary Term 2019 vacation, pending the submissions from The Treasurer, The Elected Member (Ms Olivia Leigh, *Keble College*, and The Elected Member (Mr Shining Zhao, *University College*)

Seconded by the Secretary.

The motion passes nem. con.

Questions to the President:

There are no questions to the President

The Librarian

Business of the Librarian:

The Librarian has no business

Questions to the Librarian:

There are no questions to the Librarian

The Treasurer

Business of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer moves that the Standing Committee pass DSC expenses to the value of £406.56, as recommended by the Finance Committee

Seconded by the Librarian.

The motion passes nem. con.

Questions to the Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Treasurer

The Secretary

Business of the Secretary:

The Secretary details the discussion that took place in the earlier meeting of the Finance Committee about the ball's contingency fee.

The Bursar states that the 14% contingency fee for the ball is less than the 20% for the socials as it commands considerably higher costs.

The Secretary moves that the Standing Committee pass a contingency fee of 14% for the Hilary Term Ball as part of the composition of the budget

Seconded by the Librarian.

The motion passes nem. con.

Questions to the Secretary:

There are no questions to the Secretary

Mr Chaitanya Kediya

Business of Mr Chaitanya Kediya:

Mr Chaitanya Kediya has no business

Questions to Mr Chaitanya Kediya:

There are no questions to Mr Chaitanya Kediya

Mr Shining Zhao

Business of Mr Shining Zhao:

Mr Shining Zhao has no business

Questions to Mr Shining Zhao:

There are no questions to Mr Shining Zhao

Ms Mahi Joshi

Business of Ms Mahi Joshi:

Ms Mahi Joshi has no business

Questions to Ms Mahi Joshi:

There are no questions to Ms Mahi Joshi

Mr Jim Brennan

Business of Mr Jim Brennan:

Mr Jim Brennan has no business

Questions to Mr Jim Brennan:

There are no questions to Mr Jim Brennan

Mr Elliot Bromley

Business of Mr Elliot Bromley:

Mr Elliott Bromley has no business

Questions to Mr Elliot Bromley:

There are no questions to Mr Elliot Bromley

Ms Olivia Leigh

Business of Ms Olivia Leigh:

Ms Olivia Leigh has no business in their absence

Questions to Ms Olivia Leigh:

There are no questions to Ms Olivia Leigh in their absence

Mr Rai Saad Khan

Business of Mr Rai Saad Khan:

Mr Rai Saad Khan has no business

Questions to Mr Rai Saad Khan:

There are no questions to Mr Rai Saad Khan

The President-Elect

Business of the President-Elect:

The President-Elect updates the committee on the interview training the officers and officers elect received. They state that it was very useful.

The Librarian-Elect agrees with the President Elect's opinion.

The Librarian adds that they found it a great bonding experience for the officers and officers elect.

The President-Elect states that the training will prove useful to effectively challenge controversial speakers invited.

Questions to the President-Elect:

There are no questions to the President-Elect

The Librarian-Elect

Business of the Librarian-Elect:

The Librarian-Elect has no business

Questions to the Librarian-Elect:

There are no questions to the Librarian-Elect

The Treasurer-Elect

Business of the Treasurer-Elect:

The Librarian-Elect has no business

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect:

There are no questions to the Librarian-Elect

The Ex-Officers

Business of the Ex-Officers:

The Ex-Officers have no business in their absence

Questions to the Ex-Officers:

There are no questions to the Ex-Officers in their absence

The Senior Librarian

Business of the Senior Librarian:

The Senior Librarian has no business in their absence

Questions to the Senior Librarian:

There are no questions to the Senior Librarian in their absence

The Senior Treasurer

Business of the Senior Treasurer:

The Senior Treasurer has no business

Questions to the Senior Treasurer:

There are no questions to the Senior Treasurer

The Bursar

Business of the Bursar:

The Bursar has no business

Questions to the Bursar:

There are no questions to the Bursar

The Returning Officer

Business of the Returning Officer:

The Returning Officer has no business in their absence

Questions to the Returning Officer:

There are no questions to the Returning Officer in their absence

The Chair of the Consultative Committee

Business of the Chair of the Consultative Committee:

The Chair of the Consultative has no business in their absence

Questions to the Chair of the Consultative Committee:

There are no questions to the Chair of the Consultative Committee in their absence

The Access Officers

Business of the Access Officers:

The Access Officers have no business

Questions to the Access Officers:

There are no questions to the Access Officers

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee

Business of the Chair of the Debate Selection Committee:

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee discusses their proposed changes to the DSC Standing Order Rule B(13)(2), as advised by the Senior Treasurer.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee notes that B13(2)(b)(iv) states the Chair of the Debate Selection Committee to update the Standing Committee at least four times a term on competitive debating. They add that they believe this is a good idea to help competitive debating thrive in the Union.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee notes that B13(2)(c)(i) states that it is the role of the Treasurer to present and approve the budget in each Trinity term.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee notes that B13(2)(c)(ii) states that the Treasurer monitors income and expenditure to ensure that it stays within budgetary constraints and, if not, to advise on an appropriate course of action.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee notes that B13(2)(d)(iv) ensures that socials and other recreational group activities are organised for Oxford Union debaters.

The Librarian asks if any changes need to be made.

The Bursar states that the budget is not normally approved until Michaelmas term.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee notes that they are happy to change the relevant rules changes to read week one of Michaelmas term. They add that they will send the Secretary the relevant details.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee moves that the Standing Committee ratify the proposed changes to the following DSC Standing Orders: B13(2)(b)(iv), B13(2)(c)(i), B13(2)(c)(ii), B13(2)(d)(iv), as discussed in the current meeting of the Standing Committee.

Seconded by the Librarian.

The motion passes nem. con.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee adds that the Access Committee had passed a motion enabling a budget of £75 for a prosecco and pro-am event for women's public speaking workshop.

The Access Officer notes that they were not present for that meeting of the Access Committee.

The Elected Member (Ms Mahi Joshi, Trinity College) states that the minutes are not released yet, and that it is best to wait until the next meeting for further discussion.

The Secretary asks for clarity on the £75 budget. **The Treasurer** responds that it was part of the women's public speaking workshop series.

The Bursar adds that the Access Committee does not have a budget. **The Treasurer** asks the Bursar what the budget for access events in freshers' week comes out of. **The Bursar** responds that the budget for those events comes out of a special freshers' budget.

The Chair of the Debate Selection Committee asks that the discussion of the budget changes be pushed back to next week.

Questions to the Chair of the Debate Selection Committee:

There are no questions to the Chair of the Debate Selection Committee

Changes to the Composition of this Committee

None

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

The Librarian states that the President will call the next meeting for Monday 4th February at 16:00.

The Librarian closes the meeting at 16:20

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Leah', written in a cursive style.

Nicholas Leah
Lincoln College
Secretary