

Ratified Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee

2nd Week Hilary Term 2019

Monday 21st 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 Shining Zhao** (University), **Ms Mahi Joshi** (Trinity), **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), **Ms Beth Chamberlain** (Worcester)

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), **Mr Liam Frahm** (DRO, Jesus), **Ms Charlie Willis** (DRO, Wadham)

Appointed Officials

The Chief of Staff (Mr Ray Williams, Wadham), **The Director of Operations** (Ms Amber Seaward, Magdalen), **The Director of Sponsorship** (Mr John Glance, The Queen's), **The Director of Digital Operations** (Mr Hugh Bellamy, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Cameron Bovell** (Invitations Officer, St Edmund Hall), **Mr Hugh Nicholl** (Deputy CCC, Pembroke), **Mr Jeremy Bararia** (Sponsorship Officer, Lady Margaret Hall), **Mr Jamie Johnson** (Logistics Officer, Pembroke), **Mr Marcel Satria** (Logistics Officer, Exeter), **Ms Miriam Feldman** (Press Officer, New), **Mr Oliver Tushingham** (Logistics Officer, St John's), **Mr Nils Lovegren** (Logistics Officer, Magdalen)

Ordinary Members

Mr Luke Chester (Balliol), **Mr Francesco Galvanetto** (Exeter), **Mr Daniel Antonio Villar** (Wadham), **Ms Alexandra Galloway** (Magdalen), **Mr David Graham** (St John's), **Mr Troels Boesen** (St John's), **Mr Jack McClure** (St Anne's), **Mr Daniil Ukhorshiy** (Brasenose)

Late:

The Returning Officer (Ms Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall)

Apologies:

None.

Absent:

Mr Chaitanya Kediya (Exeter), **Mr Sundeep Singh** (St Hilda's),

Consultative Committee opens at 1.16pm

1. Minutes

The CCS notes that the minutes being ratified will include two revisions made since they were originally posted, corrected the Term of the meeting (erroneously given as Michaelmas) and the college of Mr Chester (erroneously given as Balliol).

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 1st Week Hilary Term 2019 be ratified.

Passes nem. com.

2. Absences

Ms Chamberlain states that an illness prevented her from attending the previous meeting of the Committee.

The President moves that the absence of Ms Chamberlain at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 1st Week Hilary Term 2019 be passed on the grounds of a disabling or infectious illness.

Passes nem. con.

Ms Barr states that herself and Ms Molyneux were unable to attend the previous meeting of the Committee as they were serving as judges in the Oxford Schools debating competition.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the absence of Ms Barr at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 1st Week Hilary Term 2019 be passed on the grounds of pursuit of service to the Society agreed to be of paramount importance.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the absence of Ms Molyneux at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 1st Week Hilary Term 2019 be passed on the grounds of pursuit of service to the Society agreed to be of paramount importance.

Passes nem. con.

The Chair of Consultative Committee moves that the absence of Mr D'Souza at the Ordinary Meeting of Consultative Committee in 1st Week Hilary Term 2019 be passed on the grounds of attendance at a pressing and extraordinary engagement agreed to be unavoidable.

Passes nem. con.

3. Business of the President

The President says that the next day (21 January) is expected to be extremely busy, so members of committee not on duty should not obstruct the duties of those that are.

The Returning Officer and the Chief of Staff enter at 1.19pm.

The President says the following:

- The entire committee is expected to be present for bench-moving at the Burns Night social on Wednesday (23 January).
- On Friday Plush will be reopening in the Union cellars, so a committee social will be held in the President's Office – committee members should inform the Treasurer should they like to attend.
- Nominations for Deputy Returning Officer will be closing at 3pm.

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 reminds the committee that an information event for the Schwartzmann scholars programme will be held on Wednesday (23 January), and invites the committee to attend and bring their friends.

12. Questions to the Treasurer

None.

13. Business of the Treasurer-Elect

None.

14. Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

None.

15. Business of the Secretary

The Secretary reminds the committee of the pub quiz taking place in the evening and invites them to attend.

The President suggests that James Haskell host a round of the quiz.

The Secretary says the following:

- He encourages the committee to continue to advertise tickets to the Burns Night social.
- Ball tickets will be on sale at 1pm on Friday (25 January).
- All committee members must work the ball – attempts to work around members' Halfway Hall events will be made.

16. Questions to the Secretary

The Director of Digital Operations is interested in applying to join the Bar Strategy Committee, and thus asks when its next meeting will be held.

The Secretary suggests a meeting will be held in the following week, as well as another at the end of term.

17. Business of the Chair of Consultative Committee

The CCC says that he will discuss his business at the end of the meeting.

18. Questions to the Chair of Consultative Committee

The CCS asks that the CCC put him on the mailing list for the President's Drinks and meet-and-greet 'omniform'.

The CCC agrees to do so.

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 says that an election and a by-election to the Finance Committee will take place. She says that the Director of Digital Operations was the only person to nominate, and asks that he give a hustings speech.

The Director of Digital Operations says that his love of finance, his experience turning his college shop into a profit-making organisation and his love of committees qualifies him for the role.

The Returning Officer asks for questions.

The Treasurer asks when the Android version of the Oxford Union app will be released.

The Director of Digital Operations replies that the Android version works on his computer emulator and will ask members of the committee to beta-test it.

Mr Brennan asks if he owns Chelsea boots.

The Director of Digital Operations confirms that he does.

The Returning Officer announces that the Director of Digital Operations is automatically elected to the Finance Committee.

The Returning Officer turns to the ordinary election to the Finance Committee and says that Mr Boesen was the only person to nominate. She asks that he give a hustings speech.

Mr Boesen says that he hopes to encourage transparency in the Union's finances and prevent any financial drama or scandals. He also notes that he is the treasurer of his local association in Denmark.

The Returning Officer asks for questions. There are none.

The Returning Officer announces that Mr Boesen is automatically elected to the Finance Committee.

The Returning Officer notes that speeches given in the after debate on the previous Thursday (17 January) will not count as nominating speeches as it was not a Public Business Meeting.

24. Questions to the Returning Officer

The Librarian asks whether an up-to-date version of the Rules will be forthcoming.

The Returning Officer replies that she is waiting to receive the wording of the President-Elect's recent changes.

The President-Elect notes that her changes are on the Standing Committee agenda.

25. Business of the Appointed Officials

None.

26. Questions to the Appointed Officials

None.

27. Business of Ordinary Members

Mr Galvanetto is unhappy that Cherwell and the Oxford Student have reported that he was asked not to translate certain parts of Beppe Grillo's remarks at his recent address; rather, the pace of Mr Grillo's speaking meant that some things could not be translated. In addition, he has read in the Italian press that it is now more likely for Italian politicians to address the Union, so hopes that he can offer translation services should former prime minister Matteo Renzi visit.

After an informal election, it is decided that Ms Barr's outfit best fits the theme for the meeting as chosen by the CCC.

The CCC announces that the Member of Secretary's Committee of the week is Ms Barr and informs Ms Chamberlain that she was announced as Member of the Secretary's Committee of the vacation in the previous meeting.

28. Questions to Ordinary Members

None.

29. Selection of Emergency Debate Motion

Mr Boesen suggests the topic of the debate be on foreign aid.

The Librarian does not like foreign aid.

Mr Wilkinson-Hill suggests a motion on supporting a political union with former dominions.

Ms Barr suggests the motion "This House would strengthen Commonwealth trade partnerships as an alternative to EU trade".

The Treasurer moves that the Emergency Motion be "This House supports freedom of movement within the Commonwealth", seconded by Mr Peckston.

Passes nem. con.

30. Any Other Business

The CCC says the following:

- There were a number of issues during the previous week.
- The events rota is very important and committee members should check it every day.
- In the previous week there were too many instances of forgetfulness and lateness.
- He warns the President is responsible for signing off on their claims to have facilitated events and will not do so if their work is sloppy.
- Committee members' perks will be taken away if they do not do their duties.
- Minor inconveniences are no excuse for failing to perform duties as he is not doing his degree in order to be CCC.
- All members of committee should stay off their phones during debates.
- Members of committee should introduce themselves to staff as many of them are still unknown to the staff.
- Members of committee should dress appropriately for events.

Meeting closes at 1.39pm.

Samuel Burns

St John's College

Secretary to Consultative Committee