

The *Ratified* Minutes of  
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE  
3<sup>rd</sup> Week Trinity Term 2019  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
TV Room, 13:00

**Present**

**Access Officer** (Rabii Malik, St Anne's College), **Access Officer** (Felicity Graham, Christ Church), **The Disabilities Officer** (Fletcher Ransberry, Oxford Brookes University), **The Temporary Membership Officer** (Maxwell Stuart, Oxford Brookes University), **The Standing Delegate** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, Jesus College), **The Socio-Economic Officer** (Mehr Farhan, Christ Church), **The Graduate Officer** (Cassandra Sullivan, Linacre College), **The Treasurer** (Charlie Coverman, Brasenose College), **The Women's Officer** (Varuna Mitra, St John's College), **The International Officer** (Noorie Abbas, New College)

**Attending**

**Ordinary Member** (Coralie Lolliot-Bright, St Anthony's College), **Ordinary Member** (Samir Baig, Trinity College), **Standing Committee Member** (Ayman D'Souza, Christ Church)

**Apologies**

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer** (Joe Sisson, St John's College)

**The Standing Committee Delegate** (George Hargrave, Hertford College) for playing in a Blues Cricket Match

**Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings**

**The President**

*The Chair of Access Committee opens this ordinary meeting of Access Committee in the TV Room at 13:01*

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**The Standing Committee Delegate** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill) says that they are changing the minutes to make the motion concerning the election of Elected Member of Access Committee (Kofo Braithwaite, Christ Church) more clear

**The President** says a lack of rules can make it difficult to envisage how the election of elected members is specifically

*The Bursar enters the room at 13:03*

*The Women's Officer enters the room at 13:03*

### **Ratification of Minutes**

The Senior Access Officer moves that the Access Committee ratify the draft minutes of the Trinity Term 2019 2<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Meeting of the Access Committee

Seconded by the President

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **The President**

*Business of the President:*

The President has no business

### **The Access Officers**

**The Senior Access Officer** tells Access Committee that there is a new Graduate Officer, Cassandra Sullivan (*Linacre College*)

**The Senior Access Officer** asks the Graduate Officer to talk about what they'll be doing

**The Graduate Officer** says that they want to help with the Graduate Access Membership programme which has already been discussed before and that they are very excited to get more involved, and meet the rest of Access Committee

*The International Officer enters the room at 13:04*

**The Graduate Officer** says that currently Saïd Business School (henceforth referred to as SBS) have membership fees built within their tuition fees and perhaps such a scheme would be good with other graduate groups, such as the Blavatnik School of Government

**The Graduate Officer** says they want to run specific Graduate access events

**The Senior Access Officer** asks for any contributions to help with graduate access initiatives

*The Librarian enters the room at 13:05*

**The Bursar** says that they set up SBS membership as SBS thought the talks held by the Union were very relevant to their students and asks the Graduate Officer to make sure we can keep co-operation and expand efforts

**The Senior Access Officer** wishes to discuss rules changes and says that they have a desire to formalise the rules of the committee, and that they and the Standing Committee Delegate (Adam Wilkinson-Hill) are looking at rules changes

**The Senior Access Officer** says that rather than little changes, one large rules change to make the changes is preferable

**The Senior Access Officer** wants to make the changes a team effort and encourages Liberation Officers to look at their role definitions and see what should change

**The Senior Access Officer** says there are problems such as no requirement for certain Liberation Officers to even attend the meetings of Access Committee

**The Senior Access Officer** says many of the changes are not overhauls rather reflective of how Access Committee works

**The Librarian** asks if the current Temporary Membership Officer role will have its name changed to reflect the new position of Brookes students

**The Senior Access Officer** suggests 'The Temporary Membership and Brookes Officer'

**The Senior Access Officer** asks for changes to be done as a committee, to work together

**The President** asks when the changes would be brought and if the changes would be brought to Access Committee first

**The Senior Access Officer** says they aim to bring it to next week's Access Committee but it can be somewhat difficult as The Standing Committee meet on Mondays, so if there are disagreements, it is delayed

**The Senior Access Officer** says they don't think the changes will be hugely controversial so they should pass relatively quickly

**The President** asks that changes and proposals are circulated with good time, to ensure everyone can read them before the meeting

**The Senior Access Officer** makes everyone aware of the Access Workshop taking place on Tuesday at 14:00 and says that if anyone knows anyone who wishes to get involved, to invite them

**The Senior Access Officer** says that previously there were only 3 attendees but that they all got a lot out of it, and workshops are a great way to get involved

**The Senior Access** says that there are people present who wish to run to become elected members of Access Committee

**The Senior Access Officer** says that through their understanding, the election is to be run under Ranked Preference Voting and that the candidates need to hust

**The Senior Access Officer** says that the timing of the husts are at the discretion of the Returning Officer for the election

**The Bursar** assumes the role of Returning Officer for this election

**The Bursar** says husts can last 1 minute

**The Ordinary Member** (Coralie, *St Anthony's* College) says that they wish to be involved in the Union because at the moment, the Union is one of the centres of knowledge at the University of Oxford

**The Ordinary Member** (Coralie, *St Anthony's* College) says that they have been able to meet inspiring people and have gained from that, and wish for everyone at Oxford to be able to gain that too

**The Ordinary Member** (Coralie, *St Anthony's* College) says that as a black woman, and a graduate, as well as an international student, can bring lots of points of view

**The Ordinary Member** (Coralie, *St Anthony's* College) says that as a result of their experiences, they can add a new, or add additional perspectives to discussions

**The Ordinary Member** (Samir, *Trinity College*) says that the Union is something greater than just speakers, and that it can change the outlook of many people

**The Ordinary Member** (Samir, *Trinity College*) says the Union has changed their outlook on the world

**The Ordinary Member** (Samir, *Trinity College*) says they come from a state school – the only Oxbridge student from their school which can help with their perspective

**The Ordinary Member** (Samir, *Trinity College*) says that many view the Union as elitist and out of touch, but that they disagree

**The Ordinary Member** (Samir, *Trinity College*) already serves as a Trinity College Access Ambassador and wants to have more events for how to get involved in the Union over a long term

**The President** suggests that Access do the same as in other committees, someone proposes, and someone can object but if there is no objection, the motion passes nem. con.

The Senior Access Officer moves that the Access Committee elect Coralie Lolliot-Bright as an elected member of Access Committee, pending the ratification by The Standing Committee

Seconded by the Access Committee Delegate (Adam Wilkinson-Hill)

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Senior Access Officer moves that the Access Committee elect Samir Baig as an elected member of Access Committee, pending the ratification by The Standing Committee

Seconded by the Temporary Membership Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

**The Senior Access Officer** that The Standing Committee is the governing body of the Union, who meet and need to ratify these new positions and that this is essentially a check on lower committees

**The President** says that the Senior Access Officer can update the two candidates on the outcome of Standing Committee

**The President** says is it worth talking about missing meetings as many people are keen but if you don't attend three meetings without a good reason, you are automatically deemed to resign

**The Senior Access Officer** says there is a distinction between good and bad reasons – a tutorial is a good reason, but an unplanned essay crisis is not a good reason and illness is also a good reason

**The Senior Access Officer** reminds that meetings are at 13:00 in Friday in the TV Room

**The Junior Access Officer** has other business but will discuss other items next week

**Disabilities Officer**

*Business of the Disabilities Officer:*

The Disabilities Officer has no business

**Ethnic Minorities Officer**

*Business of the Ethnic Minorities Officer:*

The Ethnic Minorities Officer has no business

**LGBTQIA+ Officer**

*Business of the LGBTQIA+ Officer:*

The LGBTQIA+ Officer has no business

**The Women's Officer**

*Business of the Women's Officer:*

The Women's Officer has no business

**The Graduate Officer**

*Business of the Graduate Officer:*

The Graduate Officer has no business

**International Officer**

*Business of the International Officer:*

The International Officer has no business

**The Temporary Membership Officer**

**The Temporary Membership Officer** wants to discuss distinction between year abroad students at Brookes

**The Senior Access Officer** says it would be good to mention here at Access what happened at The Standing Committee because not everyone at Access was at Standing Committee

**The President** says that they passed a clarification about change of permanent membership saying that those on 3+ year courses could get permanent membership

**The President** says that the President-Elect wished to include one- and two-year students

**The President** points out the difference that at Oxford, we distinguish between Visiting Students and normal students through Matriculation

**The Senior Access Officer** says there is no easy answer but we should still look into it

*The Elected Member of Access Committee (Kofo Braithwaite, Christ Church) enters at 13:19*

**The President** says that a change to standing order was made so that Permanent Membership cards could be issued by the General Office

**The Senior Access Officer** asks the Temporary Membership to bring a proposal to Access Committee

**The Temporary Membership Officer** says they will try

**The Temporary Membership Officer** says that from their understanding, it was agreed in principle that the distinction in card colour was obsolete by Standing Committee but that no motion was passed

**The Bursar** says that from a staff point of view, it's very necessary for votes, elections and events and changing the colour would make it far too difficult

**The Bursar** says there are several different colours – permanent is different

**The Temporary Membership Officer** says that the concerns of the General Officer are valid

**The Bursar** says that when the issue was addressed in 1<sup>st</sup> Week Standing Committee, there was no staff input as they weren't present and the Committee don't see the same type of practicalities as the staff

**The Senior Access Officer** says in the initial discussion, it was said that the General Office would be asked how it affects them as they have a better insight

**The Senior Access Officer** says they will put it on their agenda and can talk further about the practicalities with the Bursar

**The Bursar** says it has been spoken about in previous Access Committees in terms passed

**The Bursar** says to stop and read the small print on every card is really not practical

**The Bursar** reminds that there are lots of colours – contractors get green, educational get blue and that the difference is necessary

**The Senior Access Officer** thanks the Bursar for the valuable insight

**The Senior Access Officer** asks the Temporary Membership Officer if they still want the issue brought to Standing Committee

**The Temporary Membership Officer** says yes, and encourages it just for the posterity of having it in the minutes

**The Temporary Membership Officer** asks about any movements made into research for access membership for Permanent and Temporary

**The Senior Access Officer** says they do not know

**The President** asks when the issue was raised

**The Temporary Membership Officer** says it was

**The President** asks who was assigned the task

**The Standing Committee Delegate** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill) clarifies that no-one has

**The President** says that when the issue of a wheelchair arose, the Disabilities Officer was designated the task and it moved more quickly

**The Standing Committee Delegate** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill) says that perhaps it could be looked into by the Access Officers, the Socio-Economic Officer and the Temporary Membership Office

**The President** says this is a good idea

**The Senior Access Officer** says they have spoken with the Junior Access Officer and it can be discussed in the coming week

**The Temporary Membership Officer** asks about a specific date



**The Senior Access Officer** says it will take place before next week's Access Committee meeting to ensure something can be brought to it

### **The Socio-Economic Officer**

*Business of the Socio-Economic Officer:*

The Socio-Economic Officer has no business

### **Standing Committee Delegates**

*Business of the Standing Committee Delegates:*

The Standing Committee Delegates have no business

### **Elected Members**

*Business of the Elected Members:*

The Elected Members have no business

### **Any Other Business**

**The Senior Access Officer** reminds that people should put any relevant things on the agenda they want to be discussed

**The Senior Access Officer** says the two main things from this meeting are to look out for further discussion on Brookes and Temporary Members Access Membership and rules changes to be discussed next week

**The President** says that for any wording for rules changes, it may be worth consulting with the RO or the DROs

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the TV room at 13:00

*The Senior Access Officer closes the meeting at 13:29 in the TV room*

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Wilkinson-Hill', with a stylized, cursive script.

Adam Wilkinson-Hill

*Jesus College*

Secretary of Access Committee