

The Ratified Minutes of  
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
5th Week Hilary Term 2018  
Monday 12th February  
President's Office, 16:00

**Present:** **The President** (Ms Laali Vadlamani, *Trinity College*), **The President-Elect** (Mr Gui Cavalcanti, *Pembroke College*), **The Librarian** (Ms Sabriyah Sayeed, *Somerville College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Ms Shivani Ananth, *St. Anne's College*), **The Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Horvath, *New College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Mr Daniel Wilkinson, *Oriel College*), **The Secretary** (Ms Molly Greenwood, *St. Hilda's College*), **The Elected Member**, (Mr Shanuk Mediwaka, *Lincoln College*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Adam Watson, *Hertford College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Charles Wang, *Hertford College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Charlie Cheesman, *St. Edmund Hall*), **The Elected Member** (Ms Izzy Risino, *St. Catherine's College*), **The Elected Member** (Mr Chris Garner, *St. Peter's College*), **The Chair of the Consultative Committee** (Mr Julian Kirk, *Magdalen College*), **The Returning Officer** (Mr Harry Samuels, *New College*), **The Bursar** (Ms Lindsay Warne), **The Senior Treasurer** (Mr Stephen Dixon, *Downing College, Cambridge*), **The Senior Librarian** (Mr Sean Power, *Oriel College*), **The Chair of the Debate Select Committee** (Mr Andrew Seow, *Lincoln College*),

**Attending:** **Mr Michael Harkness** (Ex-Returning Officer, *Magdalen College*)

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

*The President opens this Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee at 16:00.*

**Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings**

The President deems Mr Cheesman's absence from the Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee in 2nd Week of Hilary Term 2018 as to have been with good reason, due to an immovable academic commitment.

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The President moves to pass Mr Cheesman's absence from the Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee in 2nd Week of Hilary Term 2018.

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**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

There are no matters arising from previous minutes.

**Ratification of Minutes**

**The Secretary** apologises that the minutes are not yet ready for ratification. She explains that due to the ball the previous week and the exceptionally long meeting of the Standing Committee, which

due to its subject matter was complex and must be minuted in particularly great detail, she has not yet had time to complete them to the standard she believes that they warrant.

**The Treasurer-Elect** asks about the timings and deadlines for minutes, and **the Returning Officer** then explains these accordingly.

### **The President**

#### Business of the President

The President has no business.

#### 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, following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Standing Committee pass DSC expenses of £685.60.

Seconded by the President-Elect.

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#### Questions to the Treasurer

There are no questions to the Treasurer.

### **The Secretary**

#### Business of the Secretary

The Secretary has no business.

#### Questions to the Secretary

There are no questions to the Secretary.

### **Mr Shanuk Mediwaka**

Business of Mr Mediwaka

Mr Mediwaka has no business.

Questions to Mr Mediwaka

There are no questions to Mr Mediwaka.

**Ms Genevieve Athis**

Business of Ms Athis

Ms Athis has no business.

Questions to Ms Athis

There are no questions to Ms Athis.

**Mr Adam Watson**

Business of Mr Watson

Mr Watson has no business.

Questions to Mr Watson

There are no questions to Mr Watson.

**Mr Charles Wang**

Business of Mr Wang

Mr Wang has no business.

Questions to Mr Wang

There are no questions to Mr Wang.

**Mr Charlie Cheesman**

Business of Mr Cheesman

Mr Cheesman has no business.

Questions to Mr Cheesman

There are no questions to Mr Cheesman.

**Ms Izzy Risino**

Business of Ms Risino

Ms Risino has no business.

Questions to Ms Risino

There are no questions to Ms Risino.

**Mr Chris Garner**

Business of Mr Garner

Mr Garner has no business.

Questions to Mr Garner

There are no questions to Mr Garner.

**The President-Elect**

Business

The President-Elect has no business.

Questions

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 Treasurer-Elect has no business.

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

There are no questions to the Treasurer-Elect.

**The Ex-Officio**

Business to the Ex-Officio

The Ex-Officio have no business.

### Questions to the Ex-Officio

There are no questions to the Ex-Officio.

### **The Senior Librarian**

#### Business of the The Senior Librarian

The Senior Librarian has no business.

#### Questions to the The Senior Librarian

There are questions to the The Senior Librarian.

### **The Senior Treasurer**

#### Business of the 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** presents the tribunal shortlist, which is a list of people who are eligible to sit on a tribunal panel. He explains that there are 18 members, and that he has attempted, as far as is possible, to make the panel gender balanced, even though this is difficult given the gender balance of the people eligible, He explains that he has attempted to include Ex-Officers and Ex-ROs of an ethnic minority background, and that there are a number of people who are legally qualified and there is a good balance of Ex-Officers and Standing Committee.

**The President-Elect** asks if there is possibility to object to the tribunal list.

**The Returning Officer** explains that if there are objections to individuals, those must be made at this meeting as the Standing Committee is able to remove names from the list. However, he stresses that he has vetted these people, and believes them to be suitable.

**The President** asks whether it is suitable for Niall Gallagher to be included on the list, given he is also on OLDUT.

**The Returning Officer** says there is no prohibition in the Rules for trustees to be on the tribunal shortlist. He adds that there may be objection on principle, but notes that there is no constitutional objection.

**The Senior Treasurer** notes that he does not believe Laura Winwood to be in England.

**The Returning Officer** explains that following email correspondence with her, she has informed him she may be back soon.

**The President-Elect** asks for how long must one have been a member to be on the tribunal shortlist.

**The Returning Officer** explains that this is eighteen terms. He explains he made an effort to include new people on the list, but that many young professionals are busy. He asks if there are any questions, or if anyone has any objections.

The Returning Officer moves that the Standing Committee pass the Election Tribunal Shortlist.

Seconded by the President-Elect.

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*Charlie Cheesman enters the room at 16:09.*

**The Returning Officer** notes the repeat in the Rules that has occurred due to the Rules changes of the previous week. He explains that much of Standing order D2 has now been inserted into Rule 34.

The Returning Officer moves that the Standing Committee remove Standing Order D2 (b).

Seconded by the President-Elect.

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**The Returning Officer** brings up issues about people enquiring about membership, and which institutions can have life or temporary membership. He notes that there is confusion surrounding long-term membership, and proposes a way of clarifying this. He suggests that we say anyone enrolled at the University of Oxford with a full-time course lasting more than a year should be eligible for life membership, although that this would not act in retrospect. He furthers this by suggesting that those on a part-time course for more than two years, or is here in a slightly different capacity, for example as a visiting student, should be eligible for course-length membership. He notes that he has edited some of the names of institutions in order to update them.

**The President-Elect** asks if **the Returning Officer** has removed the Department of Continuing Education from the list, since it falls under F5.

**The Returning Officer** explains that students on part-time courses from this institution would fall under F5, and full-time students under his proposed amendment.

**The Bursar** asks if there is crossover here with termly membership.

**The Returning Officer** explains that there isn't, and that all this change does is make the institutions equal in the Rules

**The Treasurer** notes that, while he completely agrees with **the Returning Officer's** proposal, he had submitted and passed changes to F7 last term after the Membership Drive in consultation with **the Bursar**. He believes many of the changes have already been made, and asks whether **the Ex-Returning Officer** left these out of the Rules.

*Ms Genevieve Athis enters the room at 16:13.*

**The Returning Officer** explains that the changes have not been made in the Rules, and that they must have got lost in the changeover period between Returning Officers.

**The Ex-Returning Officer**, Michael Harkness, *Magdalen College* suggests that a solution would be to pass and incorporate these changes.

**The CCC** asks if **the Returning Officer** is intending to extend these memberships to life membership, and enquires about the rationale behind this.

**The Returning Officer** explains that it is because it is extended to people at the Department of Continuing Education on certain courses, but not uniformly.

**The President** asks **the Bursar** about the rule for the Department of Continuing Education

**The Bursar** explains that it is quite confusing, but that some students studying certain things can have life membership, and those on part-time courses get termly membership. She notes there has been much trouble with the complexity of it.

**The President** suggests that if institutions' courses are more similar to shorter courses, then perhaps a uniformly shorter membership for such institutions would make the most sense.

**The Bursar** and **the Returning Officer** note that under Rule 3, those studying for diplomas in a recognised institution, which is also recognised by the Standing Committee, may also have membership, but the issue with this is that many presently recognised institutions are not recognised in the Standing Orders because they are new. **The Returning Officer** suggests we should refer to 'any institution' so that we need not consistently add names as Oxford expands and changes.

**The Bursar** says that diploma student members can upgrade to life membership if they go on to a further degree, but it is still confusing. She notes that there is not much information to be garnered from the Bod Card anymore, and it doesn't say whether a student is full- or part-time.

**The Returning Officer** says that he has just looked at the changes made by **the Treasurer** last term and notes that he will insert these into the Rules, but believes his changes still stand in light of them.

**The Treasurer** suggests that we pass these amendments in harmony with the previous unrecorded Rules change.

**The Returning Officer** agrees, and emphasises that he will implement **the Treasurer's** changes alongside this amendment.

The Returning Officer moves that the Standing Committee amend Standing Orders F5 and F7 as proposed.

Seconded by Mr Watson.

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#### Questions to The Returning Officer

There are no questions to The Returning Officer.

#### **The Chair of the Consultative Committee**

##### Business of The Chair of the Consultative Committee

The Chair of the Consultative Committee has no business.

##### Questions to The Chair of the Consultative Committee

There are no questions to The Chair of the Consultative Committee.

#### **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 has no business.

##### 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**

There are no changes to the composition of this Committee.

#### **Any Other Business**

**The Senior Treasurer** mentions that he would like to see reports from debates presented in Standing Committee, since we are a debating society and the debating is important, and he believes the performance of debaters should be recorded in the minutes.



**The President** agrees, and asks **the Chair of the Debate Select Committee** to put together a report for next week.

**Mr Watson** mentions that this was discussed in finance and agreed.

**The Returning Officer** reminds the Standing Committee that nomination packs are available from Wednesday at 08:30, and that nominations open on Friday at 08:30. He notes that if anyone has any questions, they should come to see him.

**The President** declares that the Puppy Party has sold out, and raised £1080 for charity.

**The Returning Officer** raises the issue that under Rule 32 (q), no Society funds may be given to charity.

**The President** explains that the money from this is not Society funds. She also reminds everyone that the tickets for the Martinis and Macaroons social will be going on sale on Friday.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- TBC

***The President** closes this Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee at 16:22.*

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Green', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Molly Greenwood**  
*St. Hilda's College*  
Secretary