

The *Ratified Minutes* of  
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACCESS COMMITTEE  
5<sup>th</sup> Week Trinity Term 2019  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
TV Room, 13:00

**Present**

**The President** (Genevieve Athis, *Christ Church*), **Access Officer** (Rabii Malik, St Anne's College), **Access Officer** (Felicity Graham, *Christ Church*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (Adam Wilkinson-Hill, *Jesus College*), **The Standing Committee Delegate** (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*), **The Graduate Officer** (Cassandra Sullivan, *Linacre College*), **The Bursar** (Lindsay Warne), **The Socio-Economic Officer** (Mehr Farhan, *Christ Church*), **The LGBTQIA+ Officer *cum* Returning Officer** (Joseph Sisson, *St John's College*), **The Elected Member of Access Committee** (Mohammed Alam, *Lady Margaret Hall*), **The Elected Member of Access Committee** (Coralie Lolliot-Bright, *St Anthony's College*), **The Elected Member of Access Committee** (Kofo Braithwaite, *Christ Church*)

**Apologies**

**The Disabilities Officer** (Fletcher Ransberry, *Oxford Brookes University*), **The Secretary** (Spencer Cohen, *Brasenose College*), **The Treasurer** (Charlie Coverman, *Brasenose College*), **The Temporary Members Officer** (Maxwell Quinn Stewart, *Oxford Brookes University*)

**Requests to Pass Absences from Previous Meetings**

The Standing Committee Delegate (George Hargrave, *Hertford College*) move that the Standing Committee Delegate's absence is passed for a pressing and extraordinary engagement

Seconded by the Senior Access Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The President moves that the LGBTQIA+ Officer *cum* Returning Officer's absence is passed for a pressing and extraordinary engagement agreed to be unavailable

Seconded by the Senior Access Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The President moves that the President's absence is passed for pursuit of service to the Society agreed to be of paramount importance

Seconded by the Senior Access Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The International Officer moves that the International Officer's absence is passed for a pressing and extraordinary engagement agreed to be unavailable

Seconded by the Senior Access Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

The Junior Access Officer moves that the Junior Access Officer's absence is passed for a pressing and extraordinary engagement agreed to be unavailable

Seconded by the Senior Access Officer

*The motion passes nem. con.*

*The Chair of Access Committee opens this ordinary meeting of Access Committee in the TV Room at 13:07*

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**The Senior Access Officer** asks that the reason for the apologies of the Standing Committee Delegate and that it show that it was for a

### **Ratification of Minutes**

The Senior Access Officer moves that the Access Committee ratify the draft minutes of the Trinity Term 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Meeting pending changes

Seconded by the President

*The motion passes nem. con.*

### **The President**

**The President** asks the Senior Access Officer asks when rules changes for Access Committee are being brought

*The Disabilities Officer enters the room at 13:13*

**The Senior Access Officer** says it will be brought to the next Standing Committee meeting

**The Returning Officer** says the main rules are all sound, but does affect some other parts of the rules and further rules changes will be required to show this, such as the name of the Temporary Membership Officer

**The Senior Access Officer** says that there will be further discussion about changing the relation of the Oxford Union to OUSU and, allowing the changes to reflect any welfare changes made

### **The Access Officers**

**The Junior Access Officer** says that there were problems with the Standing Order passed by the Standing Committee

**The Junior Access Officer** outlines that the Standing Order said that should the Union want mental health posters, they should talk to the Student Union

**The Junior Access Officer** says that OUSU only has a student advice sheet and doesn't really focus on mental health, which doesn't reflect the aim of the Standing Committee Member (Ayman D'Souza) in his initial Standing Order proposal

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer *cum* Returning Officer** says that from discussion at Standing Committee, the idea was that posters should come from external sources, rather than internally within the Union, adding that they are not supporting either opinion, but that this is what was discussed

**The Junior Access Officer** says that there is no source for that so it should be changed

**The Junior Access Officer** says OUSU said they don't provide mental health provisions

**The LGBTQIA+ Officer *cum* Returning Officer** says the counselling service provides resources

**The President** adds that the ex-Treasurer (Amy Gregg, *Somerville* College) is also a Junior Dean at Magdalen College and says the Counselling Service is good for resources

**The President** says we shouldn't be making them ourselves, but we can get resources from others

**The President** says we are not providing our own information but that we can collate something and that it would be inappropriate for us to act on that because of the consequences

**The Junior Access Officer** says the posters are good but not what we were wanting

**The President** says the Standing Order was surrounded around mental health and the Counselling Service can help with that

### **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

### **LGTBOIA+ Officer**

**The LGTBOIA+ Officer** asks as many people as possible to share the Pride Social and hopefully the event can be as successful as possible

### **The Women's Officer**

*Business of the Women's Officer:*

The Women's Officer has no business

### **The Graduate Officer**

**The Graduate Officer** wants to give a quick update for next Friday's event as the Saïd Business School has a private event being held in the Union, but which is open to all graduate students

**The Graduate Officer** adds that should capacity not be overflowing, committee members can come.

**The Graduate Officer** says that Cambridge students are visiting and that there are refreshments before and after

**The Graduate Officer** reminds Access Committee that the event is taking place 13:00-15:30 and more details are on the Facebook page

**The Graduate Officer** asks anyone to let any graduates they know know about the event if they may be interested

**The Graduate Officer** says that they are having a meeting with the ex-Treasurer (Amy Gregg, Somerville College) to talk with MCRs

### **International Officer**

*Business of the International Officer:*

The International Officer has no business

### **The Temporary Membership Officer**

*Business of the Temporary Membership Officer:*

The Temporary Membership Officer has no business

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

**The Socio-Economic Officer** says that staggered membership for lifetime members should be done with permanent membership too, especially as the current base non-access membership prices are broadly similar

**The Junior Access Officer** says it would make sense be done at same time

**The Bursar** says that it can't be done retrospectively and that those transferring from 3 year membership to permanent cannot retroactively apply for staggered

**The Elected Member of Access Committee** (Coralie Lolliot-Bright) asks why we can't set the payment by installment as an option on the website

**The Bursar** says that the difficulty in setting up a standing order requires a signature and thus the prospective member must come to the General Office in person

**The Elected Member of Access Committee** (Coralie Lolliot-Bright) asks if it can be clarified on the website

**The President** says many people buy membership and never use the facilities such as libraries, so having to come and familiarize oneself with the Union is a positive thing

**The Bursar** says it does say on the website that it is clear that people can pay in installments and that it directs people to email or visit the General Office

#### **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**

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the TV room at 13:00

*The Chair of Access Committee closes the meeting at 13:21 in the TV room.*

Signed,



Adam Wilkinson-Hill

*Jesus College*

Secretary of Access Committee