

Minutes of

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Week, Hilary Term 2011

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011

**Present:** **The President** (James Langman, *University College*), **The Librarian** (Hasan Ali, *Christ Church*), **The Treasurer** (Jack Sennett, *Lincoln College*), **The Secretary** (Izzy Westbury, *Hertford College*), **Ms Ernst** (*St Catherine's College*), **Mr Ahluwalia** (*St Benet's Hall*), **Mr Bhalla** (*Keble College*), **Mr Thomas** (*Balliol College*), **Mr Freeland** (*Brasenose College*), **The President-Elect** (Ash Sangha, *The Queen's College*), **The Librarian-Elect** (Lauren Pringle, *Wadham College*), **The Treasurer-Elect** (Cyrus Nasser, *Exeter College*), **The Ex-President** (Laura Winwood, *Hertford College*), **The Senior Treasurer**, **The Bursar**, **The Returning Officer** (Mr Whitelaw, *Christ Church*) **The Access Officer for Women** (Carla Thomas, *St Anne's College*), **The CDSC** (Hugh Burns, *St John's College*)

**Attending:** **Sammy Talalay** (Member of the Cherwell, Student Press, *Somerville College*)

**Apologies:** **The CCC** (Mr Goldberg, *St Benet's*), **The Senior Librarian**, **The Access Officer** (Miles Coates, *Worcester College*),

**Absent:**

*Committee opens at: 17.12*

**Ratification of minutes**

**MOTION:** This TSC ratifies the minutes from TSC in 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Hilary 2011.

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

**Absences from Previous Meeting**

No absences.

**Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

**The Secretary** raises the application of Mr Neil Richardson and says that he replied to her e-mail asking whether he lived within 25 miles of Carfax Tower and that he does indeed.

**The President** asks **The Secretary** to put up his application on the notice board.

**The Librarian** says that, following up from last week, that Mr Gerhardi applied for permanent membership.

**The President** notes that **The Secretary** used to bind all minutes and membership applications at the end of term and that **The Ex-President** (Luke Tryll, *Magdalen College*), was the last person to do so.

**The President**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

**Business of the The President**

**The President** says that Mr Robert Knibbs (*Lincoln College*) has taken over from Mr Adams (Ex-Standing Committee, *Brasenose College*) to become 'Mr Technology' for the society. He

says that as long as you give him notice then he is happy to see to any technical problems that you may have.

**MOTION:** This TSC appoints Mr Robert Knibbs (*Lincoln College*) as Technology Director

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

**The President** says that he would also like to discuss Cardinals Cocktails. He says that they have been to see him several times about hosting the event again this term. He notes that one of the issues that came up was the fact of hosting two large events on the same weekend. He says that we do not have any Saturday evenings free apart from the night after the ball. He asks TSC to give their points of view on this matter.

**Mr Ahluwalia** points out that the Union loses bar revenue on the night and it will also have a negative effect on the ball. He says that this is very important. He also adds that the council issue should also be taken into account.

**Mr Freeland** asks whether the council issue is just regarding loud music.

**The President** says that it is a combination of factors.

**Ex-President** says that there is already a speaker on this night so the event would clash.

**The Secretary** reiterates the impact on the ball, especially as she thinks that this is such a hard term to sell ball tickets.

**Mr Freeland** disagrees and says that from his experience there is not much overlap between the two events.

**The President-Elect** says that instead they can contribute far more in a stand alone cost towards the ball than in previous years, and have a contract with very stringent details with regard to what they are responsible for.

**Mr Thomas** asks what the repercussions may be on future terms.

**The President** responds that they will certainly look elsewhere to host it in the future, but that there are other factors that we hold more highly than hosting Cardinals every term, including reputation, relationship with the council and hosting a good ball.

**The Senior Treasurer** agrees with everything that has been said and that Cardinals Cocktails detract from the ball.

**The Treasurer** disagrees and doesn't think there is much of a conflict of interest.

**The Librarian** says that typically at Cardinals 300 of 500 people will be at Christchurch so not as many will be detracted from other colleges.

**The President** says that on Saturday of 6<sup>th</sup> we have a respected speaker in the chamber and would rather have him attend than Cardinals. He points out that on other weekends we are full and therefore cannot offer an alternative date.

**The President** asks whether he can go and continue discussions with Cardinals as to the price that we will offer them for the event.

**The Librarian-Elect** notes that hosting Cardinals also upsets the regular visitors of the Union bar at the week-end.

**The Bursar** also adds that if people are always throwing up throughout the night then there is also a damage consideration.

**The President** says that if there is an event that can be hosted, we have to consider it seriously before preventing it happen.

**Mr Freeland** also points out that the council noise issue is serious and needs to be considered, as our license can be withdrawn.

**The Treasurer** asks how much money the Cardinals made last time around.

**The President** responds that it was not much.

**The Ex-President** asks whether there is not a date in the middle of the week that the event can be hosted?

**The President** replies that we are very busy for the rest of term during the week. He also says that they have an absolute maximum of £1500 for the event if they didn't have a marquee. He asks what number he can go back with in which people of TSC would be comfortable to go ahead with.

**The Librarian-Elect** asks what the contribution was to the ball last term?

**The President** says that it was £1000 last term and he would be happy to do the same this term.

**The Secretary** replies however that she would rather sell more tickets

**The President** asks who would be in favour of going ahead with proceedings if he offered a figure of £3000.00.

**STRAW POLL:** This TSC who would be in favour of going ahead with Cardinals Cocktails proceedings if **The President** offered a figure of £3,000.00  
Straw Poll voted in favour by the majority.

**The President** also makes TSC aware that there will be a JDC in camera at the end of the meeting.

**The President** also says that the money for stash is also due so please could those who have purchased stash pay their dues.

Questions to the President

**The Librarian-Elect** asks when fines for vac days are due.

**The President** responds that he will be announcing the vac days in the chamber in 6<sup>th</sup> week.

**The Librarian**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of the Librarian

No business.

Questions to the Librarian

No questions.

### **The Treasurer**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

#### **Business of the Treasurer**

**The Treasurer** says £435.78 of debater expenses have been declared.

**MOTION:** This TSC passes £435.78 in debate expenses

Proposed: The Treasurer

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con.*

#### **Questions to the Librarian**

**The Librarian-Elect** asks whether members of committee can win floor prizes?

**The President** responds that if the speech is of note and good enough then yes, it should indeed warrant a floor prize.

**The Librarian-Elect** says that she won a floor prize last year but was never awarded the price.

**The President** urges hr to chase it up.

### **The Secretary**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

#### **Business of the Secretary**

**The Secretary** says that she would like to pass her ball budget through TSC.

**The President** asks whether MR Thomas or any other members of TSC see any problems.

**MOTION:** This TSC passes the budget for the Hilary Term Ball

Proposed: The Secretary

Seconded: The Librarian

Motion passed *nem. con.*

#### **Questions to the Secretary**

No questions.

### **Ms Ernst**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

#### **Business of Ms Ernst**

No business.

#### **Questions to Ms Ernst**

No questions.

### **Mr Ahluwalia**

*Meetings missed: 0      Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of Mr Ahluwalia

**Mr Ahluwalia** says that he would like to pass his budget for his Standing Committee social.

**MOTION:** This TSC passes the budget for the Champagne & Valentine's Social

Proposed: Mr Ahluwalia

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con.*

Questions to Mr Ahluwalia

No questions.

**Mr Bhalla**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of Mr Bhalla

**Mr Bhalla** says that his social is in the next few hours so urges those on TSC to attend.

Questions to Mr Bhalla

No questions.

**Mr Thomas**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of Mr Thomas

**Mr Thomas** says that his budget is a work in progress.

**The President** urges **Mr Thomas** to get this done as quickly as possible.

Questions to Mr Thomas

No questions.

**Mr Freeland**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of Mr Freeland

**Mr Freeland** says that he will present his budget to TSC next week for his social.

Questions to Mr Freeland

**The Treasurer** asks whether the social is actually on Pancake Day.

**Mr Freeland** responds that in fact it is not, it has been forwarded to 7<sup>th</sup> week, where he believes there will be more interest.

**President-Elect**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of the President-Elect

No business.

### Questions to the President-Elect

No questions.

### **Librarian-Elect**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

### Business of the Librarian-Elect

**The Librarian-Elect** says that the Library Review has been sent to the President but there has been no response.

**The President** says that he has not received anything.

**The Librarian-Elect** says that in the absence of the CDSC she would like to ask for the buildings to be closed for the upcoming IV.

**The President** asks whether they actually need access to the Library during the day. He says ideally he would like to keep the Library and Bar open on Friday and that he has no desire to close the bar.

**The Senior Treasurer** asks whether we are making money?

**The Treasurer** responds that he has negotiated £2300.00 +VAT of sponsorship of the IV, plus subs.

**MOTION:** Propose the closure of all rooms of the building, apart from the bar, for the duration of the Friday and Saturday of 4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Barclays Capital Women's Inter-Varsity IV competition.  
Proposed: The President  
Motion passed *nem. con.*

### Questions to the Librarian-Elect

No questions.

### **Treasurer-Elect**

*Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0*

### Business of the Treasurer-Elect

**The Treasurer-Elect** says that he will present a membership drive report next week to TSC.

**The President** asks whether **The Treasurer** can present his membership drive report for Michaelmas last term.

### Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

No questions.

### **Ex-Officio**

### Business of the Ex-Officio

No business.

Questions to the Ex-Officio

No questions.

**Senior Treasurer**

Business of the Senior Treasurer

No business.

Questions to the Senior Treasurer

No questions.

**The Senior Librarian**

Business of the Senior Librarian

No business.

Questions to the Senior Librarian

**The President** says that he would encourage all applicants should there be a vacancy for the position, and notes that Father Felix has expressed an interest. He also says that it is traditional that the outgoing Senior Librarian finds his own replacement.

**The Bursar**

Business of The Bursar

No business.

Questions to The Bursar

No more questions.

**RO**

Business of the RO

**The RO** says that there is a list now up on the board of the 6 new DROs. He also notes that there will be a JDC in camera at the end of TSC.

Questions to the RO

No questions.

**CCC**

Business of the CCC

No business.

Questions to the CCC

No questions.

**Access Officer for Women**

Business of the AOW

**The AOW** says that she has been in discussion with the President of the Other Place's Union, who incidentally is a woman, who gave her a number of tips as to how to improve female interest in the society.

**Mr Ahluwalia** suggests that the AOW should complete vac days to implement such an initiative.

**The Librarian-Elect** says that the AOW did indeed invite a number of female speakers.

**The President** says that there are 5 women and 1 man.

**Mr Freeland** notes that he has a number of women who will be speaking in the debate which he organized.

**The Librarian-Elect** says that it is all very well inviting more female speakers to speak, but that it doesn't necessarily mean that all women will attend.

**The AOW** says that nonetheless it would be good to have more female speakers in the term card. She also notes that if TSC wanted the **AOW** to be more involved in inviting speakers, then in the future they should be invited earlier, to give them a real opportunity to invite speakers successfully.

**The President** says that he agrees.

**The AOW** asks when the post is advertised.

**The President** responds that it is advertised in 7<sup>th</sup> week and appointed in 8<sup>th</sup> week.

**The President** also notes incidentally that the Cambridge Union President also wrote a very nice letter to him with a copy of the term card and notes that they have poached some of our speakers in creating a very good term card.

#### Questions to the AOW

No questions.

#### Access Officer

##### Business of the AO

No business.

##### Questions to the AO

No questions.

#### CDSC

##### Business of the CDSC

No business.

##### Questions to the CDSC

No questions.

#### Any Other Business

**MOTION:** TSC thanks Mr Adams (Ex-Standing Committee, Brasenose College) for his input to the Society

Proposed: The President  
Motion passed *nem. con.*

**Mr Thomas** asks whether there will be a reception for the Syrian ambassador.

**The President** says that there will be some drinks and if anyone wishes to attend then they should contact the President. He says that he will notify those in due course if they are successful.

*TSC moves in camera at 18:05*

*The Librarian leaves the room at 18:05*

*TSC moves out of camera at 18:55*

**Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, The Gladstone Room, 17.00.

*Committee closes at 18.56*

Signed:



Isabelle Westbury

*Hertford College*

**Secretary**