

Minutes of

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

4th Week, Hilary Term 2011

Monday 7th February 2011

Present: **The President** (James Langman, *University College*), **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 Senior Treasurer**, **The Senior Librarian**, **The Returning Officer** (Ms Katherine Sidders, *Trinity College*), **The CCC** (Mr Goldberg, *St Benet's*), **The Access Officer for Women** (Carla Thomas, *St Anne's College*), **The Access Officer** (Miles Coates, *Worcester College*), **The CDSC** (Hugh Burns, *St John's College*)

Attending: Constantin Calavrezos (**Ex-Junior Steward**, *Somerville College*), Jocky McLean (**Ex-Standing Committee**, *Christ Church*), Chris Adams, (**WSCC**, *Brasenose College*) Vidhi Doshi (*The Cherwell*), Tom Whitelaw (**Ex-RO**, *Christ Church*), Nikhil Mukherjee (**Ex-CCC**, *Christ Church*)

Apologies: **The Librarian-Elect**, **The Bursar**, **The CCC**, **The Senior-Librarian**

Absent: **The Librarian** (Hasan Ali, *Christ Church*)

Committee opens at: 17.10

Ratification of minutes

MOTION: This TSC ratifies the minutes from TSC in 3rd Week Hilary 2011.

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

Absences from Previous Meeting

No absences.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

The Secretary says that a porter at Pembroke College, Mr Richard Gerhardi, who is currently a Temporary Member of the society, has applied to extend his Temporary Membership to Permanent Membership, and has written a letter asking for this to be done.

The President asks the application to go up on the board and that in the next TSC there will be a vote to decide whether Mr Gerhardi can become a Permanent Member.

The President

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the The President

The President says that number one on his agenda is the upcoming speaker meeting with Zakir Naik which he will go through *in camera*, so he will delay it until the end of the meeting.

The President says that the second thing he would like to discuss is Cardinals. He says that there has been a night, which is Saturday 6th Week, which has been freed and where the event can be hosted. The agreeable figure that he has come to is £1500 + VAT and they will provide the cleaning, security, first aid and rental of the chamber for this sum.

The Ex-President (James Kingston, *Christ Church*) notes that there were a few queries on the number of security guards that need to be present.

The President says that there need to be a sum total of 15 security guards.

The Ex-President (James Kingston, *Christ Church*) says that last time they took 6 off.

The President says that when he discussed this it was 15 but he is happy to talk about it further with the Events Manager.

Mr Freeland says that there is a concern with conflicting sales for ball tickets and Cardinals tickets.

The President replies that there will not be an overlap.

Mr Ahluwalia notes that last term our staff were used in the event and that they were not treated very nicely. He asks whether our staff will once again work at the event.

The President replies that they will indeed if they would like to.

The Ex-President (James Kingston, *Christ Church*) says that he has not heard of any allegations of harassment and is surprised that it has been brought up.

The President would like to pass a motion for the hosting of the event.

MOTION: This TSC will offer Cardinals £1500 +VAT for the use of the premises for Cardinals Cocktails on Saturday 26th February 2011

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

The President then says that his next item to discuss is Library Committee. He says that he was very disappointed that he was approached by two members of Library Committee who noted that not a single member of TSC were present. He says that this is a very crucial time in the Library and TSC needs to be represented in Library Committee and that such actions are unacceptable, so urges member of TSC to respond.

The President then raises the issue of President's Drinks. He then says that there were two complaints about the conduct of two officers which he is not happy about and if it happens again then action will be taken.

The President notes that the television has now been erected in the bar and that the Six Nations looked very good on it. He thinks it should be on for the 6 o'clock News, 1 o'clock News, Prime Minister's Questions and national sporting events.

Mr Ahluwalia notes that when he was there in the evening last week, MTV was playing on the TV and it went down very well and would recommend that this was kept for the future.

The Access Officer says that he thinks this is also a good idea, but only at certain times.

WSSC is given speaking rights.

Mr Freeland notes that it may be wise to include highlights of sporting events.

The Ex-President says that he isn't sure that everyone will want to watch sport in the bar.

The President says that he likes rugby so this will certainly be on.

The Access Officer asks whether we can have a list of sports in order of preference.

The President asks the AO to compile a list for next week.

Mr Thomas suggests that the Ex-President sits with his back to the TV.

The Senior Treasurer asks whether there will be an individual who will have control of being able to turn off the television.

The President recommends that we at least pass a small list of when it can and can't be on for. He would like it to include the 6 o'clock News, 1 o'clock News, Prime Minister's Questions, national sporting events and music videos on Friday & Saturday evening.

WSSC asks whether this will be with or without sound and subtitles.

The President says that currently there is no sound.

The Ex-President says that there have been requests for live footage of parliament to be on all day.

MOTION: The television will be turned on for: the 6 o'clock News, 1 o'clock News, Prime Minister's Questions, national sporting events and music videos on Friday & Saturday evening.

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

The President says that he would like to also remind TSC that no one can speak to the Press without his express written permission

Questions to the President

No questions.

The Librarian

Meetings missed: 2 *Missed without good reason: 1*

Business of the Librarian

No business.

Questions to the Librarian

Mr Calavrezos asks whether the Librarian's ball account is going to be presented any time soon.

The Secretary adds that she would also like to see the ball account as it would be very useful to her preparations for the ball that she is organizing. She notes that although **The Librarian** does not need to present the official account until the end of this term, that he should have presented a provisional account of the social event one week after the event, and that this was not done.

The President asks whether Mr Calavrezos could talk to the Bursar about the matter and try and assist **The Librarian** in the matter, considering the current circumstances.

The Treasurer

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

Business of the Treasurer

The Treasurer says that Ms Hannah Dingle would like to become a member of the Library Committee and that he would like to add her to the waiting list.

MOTION: Ms Hannah Dingle will be added to the waiting list for Library Committee

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

The Treasurer says that there are also debate expenses to be passed.

MOTION: That TSC passes the amount of £616.24 for the previous week's debating expenses

Proposed: The Treasurer

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con.*

The Treasurer notes that Capgemini have provided sponsorship to the society.

The Treasurer also says that he had said that he would look into expanding wi-fi into the OO's but that it looks as though it may be rather more complicated than he first thought.

Questions to the Librarian

No Questions.

The Secretary

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Secretary

No business.

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 has already sold a few tickets for his social and that he has also got some sponsorship for the event.

Questions to Mr Ahluwalia

No questions.

Mr Bhalla

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Bhalla

MOTION: TSC congratulates Mr Bhalla for a very successful social event

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

Mr Bhalla says that there had been an issue where TSC thought that DSC were not informing people sufficiently of the closure of the buildings for debating events.

The President says that he agrees and that there have been issues. However he says that this is now resolved. He says that the structure is that whenever there is a debating competition then they need to tell the President, and then bring it to TSC where the Secretary will then put it on the board.

Questions to Mr Bhalla

No questions.

Mr Thomas

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Thomas

Mr Thomas says he would like to pass his budget for the Poker Night social. He says it was passed through Finance Committee and would like to do the same in TSC.

MOTION: To pass the budget for the Social.

Proposed: Mr Thomas

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con.*

The Senior Librarian notes that we have made a small contribution and he wonders where the money for this night is going.

Mr Thomas replies that he wanted to employ professional dealers to make the night run smoothly.

Mr Thomas appeals to TSC to get involved and asks them to help publicise the event.

Questions to Mr Thomas

The Secretary says that she would like to thank Mr Thomas for helping her carry the large box of stash down from the shop to the Union as she wouldn't have been able to do it by herself.

Mr Freeland

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

Business of Mr Freeland

No business.

Questions to Mr Freeland

No questions.

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: 1 *Missed without good reason: 0*

Business of the Librarian-Elect

No business.

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 was going to present a membership drive report for Hilary but that he couldn't as **the Bursar** was not in the office today.

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

Mr Freeland says that there is a ball countdown night to be held at Camera and urges all members of TSC to come and join in the fun.

The Ex-President (James Kingston, *Christ Church*) says that one thing he forgot to mention earlier is that there are a number of floor prizes that have not been received from last term. He says that he would therefore like to follow up on these. He asks where they are.

The Treasurer responds that he has had discussions with the Ex-Treasurer (*Christ Church*) who says that she has awarded all prizes to those that won prizes who were not on committee.

The President says that it is not **the Treasurer's** place to decide whether committee members can or cannot receive the prizes. He also says that he has heard that some floor prizes have gone missing and asks whether **the Treasurer** has any knowledge of this.

The Treasurer says that he is not aware.

The President asks the RO whether he can himself rule whether committee members can receive floor prizes or whether this needs to be brought for the general members to decide and vote on.

The RO responds that this is not actually in the rules.

The President asks whether any other members of committee who were awarded a floor prize actually received them.

Mr Bhalla says that in fact he was.

The President therefore suggests that the Ex-President reads Rule 71 very carefully and then gets back to TSC.

Senior Treasurer

Business of the Senior Treasurer

The Senior Treasurer notes that **the Bursar** and **the House Manager** are both sick at the moment and asks for committee to help as much as possible.

Questions to the Senior Treasurer

No questions.

The Senior Librarian

Business of the Senior Librarian

No business.

Questions to the Senior Librarian

No questions.

The Bursar

Business of The Bursar

No business.

Questions to The Bursar

No more questions.

RO

Business of the RO

The President congratulates the RO on winning her position.

The RO says that she would like to submit the IDC list, which she promptly does.

The President says that TSC can only amend this list on grounds of accuracy and asks the RO to read the list of names for the recording tape, which she promptly does.

Mr Constantin asks whether as Ex-Junior Steward he is eligible for this list.

The President says that he is happy to include him on this list for this term.

The President says that when given the list he was happy with it in terms of accuracy.

MOTION: To pass the IDC list on ground of accuracy.

Proposed: The President

Passed *nem. con.*

The RO says that the SDC list is about to expire and that a new list needs to be compiled shortly. She says that she will e-mail the Secretary with the lists.

The RO says that the number of DROs has dropped below 6 and therefore she is obliged to propose a number of people to become DROs in order to bring the number up to 8. She then names those that are being considered for appointment.

The Treasurer asks whether only 2 of these will be appointed.

The RO responds that last term the election was very understaffed and that they would therefore like to appoint more.

The RO also says that she would like to emphasize that objections can only be brought on the grounds of capability.

The President says that he has no objection on the grounds of capability and asks anyone who has objections on grounds of suitability to contact him within 48 hours.

The RO says she would like to present the SDC list.

The President notes that there have been 2 places left unfilled and why this is the case.

The RO says that she would like to leave these open to allow suggestions to come through.

The Senior Librarian asks whether anyone knows how many lawyers are on this list.

The RO responds that approximately half the list are lawyers.

MOTION: TSC would like to put this list of 23 names with Michael Dowling and Chris Farmer to be the binding SDC shortlist for the next 3 years.

Proposed: The President

Passed *nem.con.*

Questions to the RO

No questions.

CCC

Business of the CCC

The CCC says that he met, along with **the President** and **the Secretary**, a group of College Secretaries and that this was success and that people should welcome them and keep them involved.

The President agrees that they are very keen and helpful and to use them appropriately.

Questions to the CCC

No questions.

Access Officer for Women

Business of the AOW

No business.

Questions to the AOW

No questions.

Access Officer

Business of the AO

The AO says that he will bring the budget for the Charity Dinner to TSC next week and asks for TSC to help publicise the event.

Questions to the AO

No questions.

CDSC

Business of the CDSC

CDSC tells TSC of the successful results at the most recent debating competition.

Questions to the CDSC

No questions.

Any Other Business

The President says that Michaelmas 2011 is looking to be a very good term so urges committee to stay involved in this term.

The President notes that Facebook invitations need to get better.

Committee moves in camera at 18:13.

Committee moves out of camera at 18:20

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 14th February, The Gladstone Room, 17.00.

Committee closes at 18.23

Signed:



Isabelle Westbury

Hertford College

Secretary