

Minutes of

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

5th Week, Hilary Term 2011

Monday 14th February 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 Senior Treasurer, The Senior Librarian, The Bursar, The Returning Officer** (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*), **The CDSC** (Hugh Burns, *St John's College*), **The Health, Safety, Fire and Clocks Officer** (Mr Anthony Boutall, *St Edmund's Hall*)

Attending: **Cherwell Reporter, Ben Ruddle** (Ex-Standing Committee, *Jesus College*)

Apologies:

Absent: **The Senior Librarian**

Committee opens at: 17.05

Ratification of minutes

MOTION: This TSC ratifies the minutes from TSC in 4th Week Hilary 2011.

Proposed: The President

Motion passed *nem. con.*

Absences from Previous Meeting

The Librarian-Elect asks whether her missing the last meeting is passed as extraordinary.

The President responds that no it was not, and neither was the Librarian's.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

The President says that Mr Gerhardi has applied to become a Life Member of the society, but under Standing Order F7 is not allowed under the rules to do so.

The Secretary responds that Mr Gerhardi would therefore like to apply to become a Residential Member and that she would therefore like to interview Mr Gerhardi for this purpose.

The President

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the The President

The President says that his business concerns the JDC which he will hold at the end of the meeting.

The President also says that he thought that the speech by Dr Naik went well, and that the society was shown in a good light.

The President would also like to say thank you to the Seccies for last week, which was very hectic and that David Hasslehoff's visit was also a success.

The President also says thank you to Pete and the Bursar for installing the light above the gate.

Questions to the President

No questions.

The Librarian

Meetings missed: 2 Missed without good reason: 2

Business of the Librarian

The Librarian says that he didn't want to bring this up, but someone has upended a bin containing rotten food waste in his office.

The President asks the Health, Safety, Fire and Clocks Officer to liaise with **the Librarian** to try and sort out this matter.

Questions to the Librarian

No questions.

The Treasurer

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Treasurer

No business.

Questions to the Librarian

The Librarian-Elect asks how the Wi-Fi in the offices is going on.

The President responds that we discussed this last week.

The Secretary

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Secretary

The Secretary says that she has been approached by two bands who would like to perform in the bar and asks whether committee feels that they should be contacted and trialled.

The President asks the Secretary to find out a quote for these bands and investigate whether they can perform a trial run.

The President raises the fact that a caricature artist has been coming to debates for the last 3 weeks. He says that the artist has approached him for a lump sum for the night.

The AO says in principle this is not what debates are for.

The President agrees with **the AO**, as does the rest of TSC, and decides therefore that the artist should not be offered a lump sum.

Questions to the Secretary

No questions.

Ms Ernst

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Ms Ernst

Ms Ernst says that her Bavarian Beer Fest budget will be brought next Monday as she has run into a few technicalities with the sponsors.

Questions to Ms Ernst

No questions.

Mr Ahluwalia

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Ahluwalia

No business.

Questions to Mr Ahluwalia

No questions.

Mr Bhalla

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Bhalla

Mr Bhalla says that he has had trouble with the Number 2 from WikiLeaks who wanted to pull-out, but he managed to persuade him to come on the condition that the debate was well attended and urges committee to publicise it well.

Questions to Mr Bhalla

No questions.

Mr Thomas

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Thomas

Mr Thomas would like to congratulate **the Secretary** and **Treasurer-Elect** for a successful night last week for the countdown to the ball.

Mr Thomas says that it has set the precedent for a possible future relationship with Camera nightclub.

Questions to Mr Thomas

The President congratulates Mr Thomas on his poker event.

Mr Freeland

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of Mr Freeland

Mr Freeland says that he has been in contact with a number of schools about Target Schools visiting debates.

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: 1

Business of the Librarian-Elect

No business.

Questions to the Librarian-Elect

Mr Thomas asks the Librarian-Elect how the twitter account is going.

The Librarian-Elect says that it is actually going well.

Treasurer-Elect

Meetings missed: 0 Missed without good reason: 0

Business of the Treasurer-Elect

No business.

Questions to the Treasurer-Elect

The Treasurer asks **the Treasurer-Elect** whether he has delivered the letter he asked him to deliver to Verde.

The Treasurer-Elect responds that, contrary to popular belief, he actually has.

Business of the Ex-Officio

The Secretary says that Mr Dixon (Ex-President, *Oriel College*) e-mailed all officers asking why the DSC have not operated a novice quota for Euros.

The President says that this has been a long standing issue and that Mr Dixon (Ex-President, *Oriel College*) has strong views on the matter

The President asks **the Secretary** to liaise with Mr Dixon (Ex-President, *Oriel College*) on how to proceed, and whether he would like to write a strongly-worded letter which we could deliver on his behalf.

The President asks Mr Bhalla, the DSC delegate, to ask the CDSC to come to the next TSC to defend his decision so that we can consider the stance that we should hold for the future.

The Librarian-Elect asks what TSC's views are on the issue.

The President says that he personally agrees with Mr Dixon (Ex-President, *Oriel College*), but that this needs to be taken further when the CDSC is present.

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

No questions.

The Bursar

Business of The Bursar

No business.

Questions to The Bursar

No more questions.

RO

Business of the RO

The RO says that she has informed all officers and standing members that they need to have submitted their OPBM by Friday.

Ms Ernst asks whether they need to include every single speaker which they have invited.

The RO says that they should do so as it will go up on the board.

The RO says that she also has the tribunal shortlists in case there may be a tribunal after the election.

The President says that Standing Committee can object to the list on any grounds.

The President says that Simon Bowmer is not listed as having a position and therefore is unsure as to his suitability for sitting on the tribunal.

The Treasurer asks how Tobi Rufus became Ex-Treasurer-Elect and whether he too is suitable for sitting on the tribunal shortlist.

The RO says that if we are in any doubt then we should remove that person from the shortlist.

The President asks who on the shortlist they would like to object to and on what basis.

Mr Thomas says that he would like to remove Mr Bowmer from the shortlist as we don't know his status. Votes for: 7, votes against: 2.

The Treasurer says that he would like to remove Mr Rufus from the shortlist on the grounds that he did not fulfil his duty. Votes for: 4, votes against: 6.

The President proposes Mr Adam Marsh and Mr Timothy Stafford to be brought onto the list, which they subsequently are.

MOTION This TSC approves the tribunal shortlist with the proposed changes

Proposed: The Access Officer

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con*

Questions to the RO

No questions.

CCC

Business of the CCC

No business.

Questions to the CCC

The Secretary asks whether the CCC could please ensure that the mini-disc player is returned to its rightful place after every event.

The President agrees with this and also asks whether the CCC could also ensure that the seccies appointed also clean up the chamber after debates as last week **Mr Thomas** and himself had to do it.

Access Officer for Women

Business of the AOW

The AOW says that there is a public speaking workshop for women on Wednesday and appeals to TSC to help publicise the event.

Questions to the AOW

No questions.

Access Officer

Business of the AO

MOTION: This TSC passes the budget for the charity dinner

Proposed: The Access Officer

Seconded: The Secretary

Motion passed *nem. con*

Questions to the AO

No questions.

CDSC

Business of the CDSC

No business.

Questions to the CDSC

The President asks Mr Bhalla to ensure that the CDSC is present next week.

Any Other Business

The AO says that last week he was mandated to produce an order of precedence for sporting events to be watched in the bar.

The AO says that after some discussion, it appears that the list needs to be amended for next week, which he will do so.

TSC moves into camera at 18:07.

TSC moves out of camera at 18:25

The President-Elect says that **the Librarian's** ball account was brought to Finance Committee and would like to pass it.

MOTION That the account for last term's ball be passed through TSC.

Proposed: The President-Elect

Seconded: The Treasurer

Passed *nem. con.*

Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 21st January, The Morris Room, 17.00.

Committee closes at 18.26

Signed:



Isabelle Westbury

Hertford College

Secretary