



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 6th February

Present: -

- Rahul Prakash**, *President* (RP)
- Sarina Rivlin-Sanders**, *Treasurer* (SRS)
- Jack Perry**, *Secretary* (JP)
- Ben Cooper**, *Custodian* (BC)
- Martha Muir**, *Director of Debating* (MM)
- Sarah Kuszynski**, *Social Secretary* (SK)
- Connor Forster**, *Sponsorship Secretary* (CF)
- Dan Egglestone**, *President-Elect* (DE)

Meeting began in The Debating Chamber at 1:30p.m

RP in the Chair and JP minuting.

RP opened the meeting, noting the past week's events.

The Durfess issue was discussed. **RP** noted a meeting with the admin of Durfess tomorrow. He noted the press statements coming up.

JP noted an upcoming Palatinate article.

SRS noted she has read it and it is very boring.

The Committee agreed that Durfess can write whatever they like after the election.

Ground Campaigning and members' views were discussed.

RP noted the charity debate on Monday. The tendency of the Steward to shout 'all rise' before the President enters was discussed.

SRS stated it would be good if membership numbers went up.

BC noted the General Committee Social, door shifts and the new campus card collection scheme.

SK noted the menu for the Gala Dinner:

Starter: Chicken pate

Main: Roast beef OR roasted pepper tart and mushroom (V)

Dessert: Profiteroles

She urged the Committee to encourage friends to attend.

DE and **RP** discussed a meeting with Durham Women in Politics later this week.

RP noted the Complaints Panel Amendment.

It was agreed to thoroughly publicise the Complaints Panel once passed.

RP noted the need to set up a Gmail and start the selection process for members of the Panel.

SRS outlined the procedure for applying to be an Equity Officer but noted it should be different to this.

The procedure for interview and an application form was discussed.

Members who would be eligible were listed, including Tohid Ismail, Henry Warner and Gabriel Kalcheim.

It was agreed to loosen the application criteria to allow two former Officers or two current or former Rules Committee members to apply.

The prospect of removing the 'Suspension and Expulsion' Section of the Constitution and replacing it with the Complaints Panel was discussed.

RP closed the meeting.

Secretary: **J. Perry**

President: **R. Prakash**