



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 7th November 2018

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

Meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 1:40 p.m.

CC in the chair, and JP minuting.

CC opened the meeting, noting the Saudi debate has faced several dropouts. He stated the main problem is that they are reluctant to come up at the moment. He outlined speakers he does have confirmed.

CC outlined the issue with the Publicity Officer, Oskar Evers (OE) not publicising events. He also noted excessive Points of Information and causing divisions. He outlined the details of other mistakes and his final warnings.

The possibility of a Vote of No Confidence was discussed.

The Constitutional role of the Publicity Officer was outlined.

The Constitutional procedure for a Vote of No Confidence was outlined.

It was agreed that a Vote of No Confidence would be Constitutionally valid.

SK outlined the Michaelmas Ball, noting transport logistics and costs. She stated she will try and get a member of Standing or an Officer on each of the coaches. She noted the band are transporting instruments on the coach, and that one band member and the photographer will travel with the coach.

CF noted the Teach First brand managers who may attend, but he clarified that he is uncertain about this.

CC outlined how he will do a Vote of Thanks at the Ball.

CC noted Jack Gilmore's (JG) quip at the debate last night directed at Rosie Vorri (RV).

MM asked if he would be speaking at debates regularly.

CC noted he will speak at the Farewell debate but otherwise no. He stated that he has apologised to **RV** on **JG**'s behalf.

DE arrived to discuss the Vote of No Confidence.

CC reiterated **OE**'s dereliction of duty and how he received several final warnings. He considered how **OE** may refute the motion.

CC asked if he had to propose it.

DE outlined the Constitutional procedure.

CC stated he will propose the motion.

Standing Committee unanimously agreed to second the motion.

It was discussed as to how **OE** will be notified. **DE**, as Returning Officer and on behalf of the Standing Committee, sent official notification by email.

DE publicised the Vote of No Confidence in the usual places.

CC proposed a Vote of Thanks for **MM**, Maddy Copley (Debates Competitions Secretary) and Alastair Sledge (Co-Convenor) for organising the Durham IV.

CC closed the meeting.

Secretary: ***J. Perry***

President: ***C. J. Clarke***