

# *the* DURHAM UNION

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## MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1:00p.m*

*RP in the Chair and JP minuting.*

**RP** opened the meeting, noting the address of Norman Lamb tonight and the debate on Assisted Dying on Friday. He also discussed the upcoming Epiphany Gala Dinner.

**RP** was pleased with the collection of campus cards at 24 North Bailey Club, noting that Rosie Vorri missed a shift but will reschedule.

**BC** discussed the campus card collection system at 24 North Bailey Club. He said there will be a Mugwump voucher as a prize for the person who has done the most shifts by the end of term.

**RP** noted the potential for a prize at the General Committee social.

**RP** talked of the need for more people to help with Durham Schools.

**RP** discussed the potential members of the complaints panel.

**RP** returned to the issue of the Complaints Panel. Members of the committee expressed their support for the potential members:

**DE** suggested Chris Clarke and Yago Lleonart Mateu

**RP** suggested Chris Clarke and Rory Flynn (**RF**)

**JP** suggested Chris Clarke and Yago Lleonart Mateu

**MM** suggested Chris Clarke and either Rory Flynn or Yago Lleonart Mateu

**SK** suggested Chris Clarke and Yago Lleonart Mateu

**SRS** suggested Chris Clarke and Yago Lleonart Mateu

**CF** suggested Chris Clarke and Yago Lleonart Mateu

**BC** suggested Chris Clarke and either Gabriel Kalcheim or Yago Lleonart Mateu (**YLM**)

**RP** said that **RF** has a better understanding of the role

**BC** said that **YLM** possesses more neutrality.

**CF** agreed and stressed the importance of how the panel members are perceived.

**SRS** said she has seen **RF** work with dedication in resolving disputes in debating matters.

**MM** asked if **RF's** conduct during the recent election presented problems.

**BC** pointed out **RF** hus' which could be construed as an attack on character.

**CF** noted comments on Durfess were not important.

**RP** asked about the precedent going forward with respect to members not being involved in elections in the past.

Members discussed what members of the Complaints Panel would do if they were to be involved in elections in the future.

**MM** suggested putting the precedent in writing. She wondered whether ordinary members might not have faith in the panel if **RF** were to be on it.

A vote was taken. Chris Clarke was elected unanimously and Yago Lleonart Mateu was elected by five votes to three.

The ratification of this in General Committee was discussed and the members agreed to answer questions if need be.

**RP** discussed the idea of appointing Technologies Officer or elected said officer from the wider membership.

**SRS** suggested an interview process for Technologies Officer conducted by the General Committee.

**MM** suggested voting people before the General Committee elections and producing a shortlist of candidates.

**RP** noted that members would have to meet basic requirements.

**SRS** noted the potential issues of a Tech Officer not understanding coding.

**RP** outlined the agenda for the meeting of the General Committee.

There being no further business, **RP** closed the meeting.

Secretary: ***J. Perry***

President: ***R. Prakash***