



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 23rd January

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

Apologies: - **Ben Cooper**, *Custodian*

Meeting began in The Debating Chamber at 1:10p.m

RP in the Chair and JP minuting.

RP opened the meeting, noting the debate last week and the high-quality address from Baroness Grey-Thompson. He stated the social went very well last night. He noted an email from Amicus who want to host a debate on human rights.

JP noted the issue with elections last week, with the Returning Officer having difficulty hearing members' names due to the sheer number of attendees. The prospect of limiting nominations to email only or getting members to write down their names and hand in a physical nomination was discussed.

RP noted the Gala Dinner and urged members to buy tickets. He noted upcoming door shifts at 24s for the new General Committee.

DE noted a Financial Times journalist who would like to attend the EU debate in his term. He stated there are no changes to the addresses in his term since the last Standing Committee meeting.

RP noted the Fashion Show this weekend and the debate at the festival which involves Durham Union debaters.

SRS pointed out we were on BBC Radio last week.

RP noted we are hosting a charity debate on the 4th February and encouraged members to attend.

CF asked to deliver his Sponsorship report at the next General Committee rather than this afternoon. **RP** agreed this was a good idea.

Secretary: **J. Perry**

President: **R. Prakash**