



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 24th October 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 1:50 p.m.

CC in the chair, and JP minuting.

CC opened the meeting, noting Miss Paton has found Eamonn Butler, founder and Director of the Adam Smith Institute, to replace Lord Faulkner at Thursday's address. He also noted the LGBT+ Panel. He listed his confirmed speakers, including the one from Teach First. He stressed the importance of sharing events as some are looking quite quiet. He noted the social with the 80s theme this evening.

SK noted **SRS** has acquired a music speaker and outlined the interest in the social on Facebook. She stated she has instructed Social Committee to be vigilant.

CC noted recent changes and stated he is keen to have Consultative Committee members sitting under their respective College crests in the chamber. He also stated he would like to redesign the logo, outlining problems with it. He noted there is nothing in the Constitution about logos, so he plans to go ahead and ask Mr Meijer to run a consultation.

SRS asked about the timeframe.

CC stated his desire to finish consultation and approach a designer for the holidays so that a new logo is in place for **RP**'s term.

SRS noted she is ordering stash based on the old logo.

CC stated there could be another round of stash if members want the new logo on it.

DE noted 24s is going well.

CF outlined issues with sponsorship, with BCLP no longer being able to sponsor on Friday and with Lydia and MyTutor never really being contacted.

CC noted his disappointment that a lot of things have not been done that he was assured had been.

CF noted how little has been done so far given sponsorship is normally pretty much all done by now.

SK asked about Lydia sponsoring the Ball.

CF noted AL never actually called them.

CF and SK discussed the trade-off between Teach First and Lydia sponsoring the Ball with the former offering £300 to Lydia's £600.

RP noted he doesn't have anything to report.

SRS noted the issue with train fares is not that they don't get booked two weeks in advance but that they need to be booked (at minimum) one day in advance.

DE stated he likes the logo as it is.

CC stated there would be a consultation.

SK noted Oxford and Cambridge Unions don't even use their logo much.

RP distinguished between the Cambridge Union's logo and their crest.

Standing resolved to pursue this.

MM reported on debating, noting an upcoming competition in Cambridge and asking if it is too late to make the IV Final an Ordinary Meeting as discussed.

CC replied this would be possible.

MM noted it would be between 4-5p.m.

CC outlined the logistics of this.

CF noted in addition to the Teach First publicity package they have an event on 30th October which Standing will need to attend unless they have a valid excuse.

SRS reported on the Second Chance Debate, noting the low dropout rate between first and second week.

SK noted we are on 182 tickets and stated coach capacity is 210. She noted she, along with other members of Social Committee, will already be at the venue so she will reduce publicity after 213 tickets have been sold. She outlined logistics for transporting the band and equipment.

CC stated we should put up a post this evening stating there are 30 tickets left and remind people at the social this evening.

CC and RP discussed advertising for RP's term, particularly for the addresses by Anton Du Beke and Tanni Grey-Thompson.

CC closed the meeting.

Secretary: **J. Perry**

President: **C. J. Clarke**