



# *the* DURHAM UNION

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## MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2:00 p.m.*

*CC in the chair, and JP minuting.*

CC opened the meeting.

CC noted the Michael Crick address on Monday and the debate on Friday which only has two proposition speakers and no opposition speakers at the moment. He noted the two dropouts and set out the potential for getting Tom Eaton or Richard Lawrie to speak, asking for ideas for speakers.

Various suggestions of academics were raised.

JP noted the need to change the Facebook event accordingly.

CC stated he will confirm speakers for the Saudi Arabia debate. He noted how MPs tend to double book and that he will chase those due to speak on the UK Less United debate.

SK noted the booking of a minibus, as well as tech from Collingwood and the need to find someone to set this up. She stated she is working on cutting costs with SRS. She noted she will circulate the programme of events so standing can help with the running of the Ball. She discussed timings with DE.

CC noted the figures of 220 attendees and outlined the Officers' table of Standing Committee plus Freddie Hyde (Assistant Secretary), Ben Cooper (Assistant Custodian) and Samrat Pasriccha (Steward).

SK noted Teach First.

SRS noted people trying to respond to individuals messaging the page attempting to reserve a ticket.

SK noted the waiting list.

CC stated he will put George Jackson and Jack Gilmore on the Officers' table.

**SRS** noted Worlds funding is provisionally done.

**CC** outlined difficulties due to expensive flights. He stated we should draft a policy.

**SRS** noted the next Worlds are in Thailand, and South Korea are bidding for the one after that.

**CC** agreed with the need for consistency.

**CC** noted the Diane Atkinson address next week and the need for Louise Pickenhan (Technologies Officer) to set up a PowerPoint projector.

**CC** noted the Emergency Debate before the Second Chance debate practice, on the motion This House Would Impeach President Trump. He noted Alastair Sledge (Equalities Officer) on the proposition and Jack Gilmore on the opposition thus far.

Ideas for additional speakers were discussed.

**CF** outlined the situation with Womble Bond Dickenson who have not much funding left in their budget for sponsorship.

**CF** pointed out that **CC** and **SK** did not attend the Teach First event.

**CC** stated that Ian was aware he wasn't going to be there.

**CC** noted Josephine Butler have asked about an outreach programme regarding public speaking up there.

**CC** noted the Constitutional Amendments.

**DE** outlined the Amendments, with most focusing on spelling and grammar.

**CC** noted Amendments 10 and 11 and changing it from the Secretary to the Custodian. He stated noting happens on the Committee of Management of 24s.

**CC** closed the meeting.

Secretary: **J. Perry**

President: **C. J. Clarke**