



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 15th January 2020

Present: - Miss Sarah Kuszynski, *President*
Mr James Wroe, *Secretary*
Miss Kristen Price, *Sponsorship Secretary*
Miss Lucy Jackson, *Social Secretary*
Mr Tristan Pahl, *Custodian*
Mr Eduardo Enamorado, *President-Elect*

Apologies: - Miss Helen Paton, *Treasurer*
Miss Rosie Vorri, *Director of Debating*

The meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at a quarter past one o'clock.

Miss Kuszynski in the Chair, Mr Wroe minuting.

Miss Kuszynski opened the meeting, thanking members of the committee for their attendance.

Miss Kuszynski began by stating that there had been a delay with the printing of the posters for the events in the first week of term – adding that she expected them to be ready by the end of the week. She stated that the term would be a very diverse one and that around 40% of the speakers would be female.

Miss Kuszynski described the large number of speakers in the term and the high costs that that would usually entail. She stated however that much of that additional cost would be offset by speakers who would pay for their own travel or who would not require overnight accommodation, such as Vince Cable.

Miss Jackson referred to the need to sell tickets for the alumni weekend and the ball and described the wide array of alumni who would be coming back to Durham for the event.

Miss Price described her plans for sponsorship during the term. She outlined the social media promotions and networking events that had been organised for the term. Miss Price referred to efforts to organise sponsorship for the balls and alumni weekend as well as for the LGBT Open.

Mr Pahl referred to the upcoming Bar Committee meeting.

Mr Enamorado made some comments regarding the advertisement of 24s events.

Mr Pahl stated that there are three rooms in 24 North Bailey Club which are yet to be rented out. He also stated that one of the six taps is not in use and that Bar Committee are considering what to install.

Miss Kuszynski asked Mr Enamorado how the work to prepare for his term was progressing.

Mr Enamorado stated that he had been contacting speakers and is focusing on speakers who were not able to come during Mr Sledge's term.

Miss Kuszynski asked what debates Mr Enamorado had selected.

Mr Enamorado stated he would do debates relating to the House of Lords, higher education and giving prisoners the right to vote.

Mr Wroe asked how many speakers Mr Enamorado had confirmed.

Mr Enamorado stated that there were no speakers currently confirmed.

Miss Kuszynski expressed her concern at this lack of progress and stated that Mr Lewis' Easter term had been practically finished by this point in the year. She stated that Mr Lewis had sent out around 150 invitations by this point, whereas Mr Enamorado had sent very few. Miss Kuszynski advised Mr Enamorado that he had nine weeks to organise his term.

Miss Jackson asked about the dress code for the upcoming term.

Miss Kuszynski responded that the dress code would be black tie for officers at the Friday night debate.

Mr Wroe referred to the Consultative Committee meeting that took place on Monday. He stated that walk-downs had been organised for the re-fresher's debate on Friday and outlined the other ideas that had been raised at the meeting.

Mr Wroe stated that it was his intention to propose a constitutional amendment at the next General Committee meeting to abolish proposal speeches for elections to junior officerships and asked if the other members of the Standing Committee would second the amendment.

All members of the committee who were present agreed to second the amendment.

There being no further business, Miss Kuszynski closed the meeting.

Secretary: **J. Wroe**

President: **S. Kuszynski**