



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 22nd January 2020

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

Apologies: - Miss Helen Paton, *Treasurer*
Miss Kristen Price, *Sponsorship Secretary*
Miss Rosie Vorri, *Director of Debating*

The meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at ten minutes 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 referred to the meeting with the Trustees of the Society that took place the day before, noting that she was pleased with the outcome.

Mr Enamorado stated that he believed that reforms should be made to the eligibility requirements for someone to run for a position on Consultative Committee. He stated that for someone to be a representative for a college they are not themselves in, they should first attain the signatures of a certain number of people from that college.

Miss Kuszynski expressed her fear that under such a system, some colleges would have no representation.

Mr Enamorado stated that bad representation was not necessarily better than no representation at all. He proposed that Consultative Committee's role and the description of the committee in the Constitution should be changed to reflect a greater role in the publicity of the Society.

Mr Wroe concurred that Consultative Committee was in need of significant reform. He stated that he had many ideas for reform and had been discussing them with former secretaries such as Mr Perry. Mr Wroe stated that he would bring forward significant constitutional amendments before the end of the year.

Mr Enamorado stated that he had 3 speakers confirmed for his term and was sending out emails.

Miss Jackson stated that there were only 15 tickets left for the Gala.

Mr Enamorado proposed the idea of a raffle for gala tickets.

Mr Jackson outlined a proposal to replace the Easter ball with a boat party club night.

The Committee discussed the merits of this change.

Miss Jackson stated that given the profit from socials this year the Easter Garden Party might be free of charge for members. The cost of the boat party would be around £10, subsidised by the social reserves.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Alumni weekend.

Miss Jackson outlined the fundraising opportunities from the Alumni weekend and proposed that leaflets should be made to outline precisely what the Society needs. She also referred to the launch of the Preservation Project.

Mr Wroe referred to the possibility of sending regular emails to alumni to update them on what the Union was doing and urge them to donate money.

Miss Jackson stated that all alumni who had expressed interest in the Alumni Weekend but were unable to come would be sent an email outlining the events of the weekend and urging them to donate money.

Mr Pahl referred to the upcoming Star Wars and Star Trek pub quiz.

Mr Wroe stated that he will urge Consultative Committee to promote the pub quiz.

Miss Jackson asked if posters for 24s could be produced and distributed to the colleges to advertise the bar.

Mr Wroe stated that he would talk to the Publicity Officer, Miss Herrington, to ask if it was possible.

Miss Kuszynski noted that over 1000 people had stated that they were 'going' or 'interested' on the Facebook event for the Bill Bryson address. She outlined the plan for an overflow room and book signing.

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

Secretary: ***J. Wroe***

President: ***S. Kuszynski***