



# *the* DURHAM UNION

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## MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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

*Apologies:* - Mr George Filippopoulos, *Director of Debating*

*The meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 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 noted that Clara Ponsati had dropped out and the event will likely not be able to be rescheduled. She outlined the events for the coming week with Peter Hitchens and the AI debate.

Miss Kuszynski noted that Miss Herrington will be speaking in the AI debate.

Miss Kuszynski stated that the debate on Friday may be 3 vs 2, due to the inability to find an additional opposition speaker.

Miss Kuszynski further explained that the LGBT Panel had been cancelled as every speaker, but one had dropped out. It would be unfeasible to find replacements in such a short time period.

Miss Kuszynski outlined the plan for the Alumni weekend and explained the amendment coming before General Committee to abolish three officerships as they have become defunct.

Miss Kuszynski asked the Committee to give their support to the amendment.

The Committee unanimously agreed to second the amendment.

Miss Kuszynski referred to the amendment to make the Speakers Secretary appointed by the President.

The Committee discussed possible second-degree amendments.

Miss Jackson outlined the events of the Alumni weekend and asked for officers to come and assist with the set-up.

Miss Jackson explained a technical problem with the website and how this could be fixed.

Miss Jackson stated that the Easter ball would have to be moved because the current date was the day after University College's June Ball.

Mr Enamorado explained his plan to open the Reading Room during exams.

The Committee discussed the feasibility of this proposal.

Mr Pahl stated that some of the audio equipment is missing.

Miss Jackson stated this will create problems for the gala.

Miss Price noted that ELSA had transferred the full catering budget for the sponsorship event to the Union.

Mr Enamorado enquired if the Union could get some money from the strike fund.

Mr Wroe stated that it is his intention to bring forward a Consultative Committee amendment at the next General Committee meeting. He stated he would like to see how the General Committee would respond to the amendments today before deciding how bold the reform should be.

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

Secretary: **J. Wroe**

President: **S. Kuszynski**