



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 26th February 2020

Present: - Miss Sarah Kuszyński, *President*
Mr Fergus Barker, *Treasurer*
Mr James Wroe, *Secretary*
Miss Tamara Herrington, *Sponsorship Secretary*
Miss Lucy Jackson, *Social Secretary*
Mr Alexander Buxton-Carda, *Custodian*
Miss Amy Mitchell, *Alumni Officer*

Apologies: - Mr George Filippopoulos, *Director of Debating*
Mr Eduardo Enamorado, *President-Elect*

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

Miss Kuszyński in the Chair, Mr Wroe minuting.

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

Miss Kuszyński referred to the upcoming events including the AI debate tomorrow. Remaining possible addresses include Christine Allen Dench, James Timpson and Lord Adonis.

Miss Kuszyński stated that the DSU Ron emergency debate had been cancelled due to inability to get speakers to come along and lack of time.

Miss Kuszyński stated that there will be an emergency debate on the university strikes. She stated that it is suitably dissimilar from the 'This House Believes university is worth the money' debate in Easter.

Miss Mitchell referred to the success of the Alumni Weekend and her plans to develop a database for alumni of the Society. She stated that a survey had been sent to the alumni.

Miss Jackson similarly noted the success of the event but proposed that the event should not be done every year as it would be difficult to get consistently high numbers of alumni in attendance. She proposed that it could be written into the constitution that the alumni weekend takes place every second year in Epiphany term.

Miss Jackson stated that there had been several sponsorship offers from alumni.

Miss Jackson stated that the final profit for the gala would be around £300.

Miss Herrington stated that she had handed over and that she had some plans to change around the sponsorship package.

Mr Wroe stated that Mr Pahl would minute the event tomorrow.

Mr Wroe stated that there would be a Consultative Committee meeting on the weekend.

Mr Buxton-Carda stated that members of Debates Committee and Debates Selection Committee are refusing to do their door duty in 24s.

The Committee discussed how this could be rectified.

Miss Jackson referred to the poll on the Facebook page for which stash items the Society should order.

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

Secretary: ***J. Wroe***

President: ***S. Kuszynski***