



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 18th March 2020

Present: -

- Miss Sarah Kuszynski, *President*
- Mr Fergus Barker, *Treasurer*
- Mr James Wroe, *Secretary*
- Miss Tamara Herrington, *Sponsorship Secretary*
- Miss Lucy Jackson, *Social Secretary*
- Mr Alexander Buxton-Carda, *Custodian*
- Mr George Filippopoulos, *Director of Debating*
- Mr Eduardo Enamorado, *President-Elect*
- Mr Tristan Pahl, *President-Elect designate*

The meeting began in the Union Society Office, 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 have stated that the Trustees have stated that they agree in principle with the loan of £6500 to compensate for the cancellation of Durham Schools. She noted that we must press the urgency of this money being deposited as soon as possible in the Debating account.

Miss Kuszynski noted that many of the Trustees are self-isolating and so a physical meeting will not be possible and so she recommended a conference call. She stated that the Trustees have reiterated their support for debating and providing funds so that people can still attend competitions such as Euros and Worlds despite the financial cost of cancelling Durham schools.

Mr Barker outlined the actions he would take to facilitate this.

Miss Kuszynski referred to the provisions of the emergency motion before the General Committee, allowing the Union to continue operations even if Easter term is cancelled.

Miss Kuszynski stated that the General Committee that is currently elected will carry on into Easter and that the election for Epiphany 2021 President will be online only. Committee elections for Easter will be cancelled.

The Committee discussed what could be done in Easter term in place of events in the chamber.

Mr Enamorado discussed the possibility of moving some debates to Michaelmas if Mr Pahl agreed and stated that he will elaborate on this in his report.

Mr Barker stated the Treasurer's report will be published on the General Committee Facebook page.

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

Secretary: ***J. Wroe***

President: ***S. Kuszynski***