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**Cambridge Union Society Standing Committee Minutes
Dining Room, Cambridge Union Society, 8.15am, Tuesday 14th October**

In the Chair

Tim Squirrell : PRESIDENT (TS)

Present

Nick Wright: VICE-PRESIDENT (NW)
Freddie Dyke: EXECUTIVE (FD)
Oliver Brecher: TREASURER (OB)
Christof Epaminondas: SPEAKERS (CE)
Eloise Oakley: ENTS (EO)
Thomas Simpson: DEBATING OFFICER
Matt Hazell: DEBATING
Amy Gregg: PRESIDENT ELECT (AG)
Roisin Hannon: TREASURER-ELECT (RH)
James Hutt: SPEAKERS-ELECT (JH)
Sachin Parathalingam: ENTS-ELECT, RECRUITMENT (SP)

In Attendance

Bill Bailey: BURSAR (BB)
Chloe Coleman: SECRETARY (taking minutes) (CC)
Ted Loveday: RECRUITMENT (TL)
Amy George: WOMEN'S OFFICER (AG)
Rachel Tookey: WOMEN'S OFFICER (RT)
William Fitzalan Howard: HOEM (WFH)
Fred Vincent: HOEM (FV)
Patrick Kirkham: SGL SPEAKERS (PK)
Na'im Peyman: SGL SPEAKERS (NP)
Ash Nandi: CAMPUS PUBLICITY (AN)
Georgia Kandunias: CAMPUS PUBLICITY (GC)
Nicky Collins: PRESS (NC)
Katherine Reggler: PRESS (NC)
Max Twivy: ONLINE PUBLICITY (MT)
Helen Lam: ONLINE PUBLICITY (HL)
Rachel Tookey: WOMEN'S OFFICER (RT)
Ruby Holmes: ACCESS OFFICER (RH)
Shounok Chatterjee: DIVERSITY OFFICER (SC)
Jasmine Wall: DIVERSITY OFFICER (JW)
Chris Williamson: PHOTOGRAPHER (CW)
Isabella Watney: AUDIOVISUAL (IW)
Daniel Huf: AUDIOVISUAL (DH)
Anna Carruthers SUPPCOMM (AC)
James Flesher: SUPPCOMM (JF)

Discussions:

Week behind and week ahead:

Week behind: **Zawe Ashton** well attended despite low levels of publicity (CE). Two successful speaker events on Friday, both well attended and positive feedback (TS). **Christopher Nolan** on

Monday well attended and interesting, **Women in Science** also popular with people arriving at the end.

Week ahead: Varsity Debate today (14th) – AV all ready to go. (TS/WFH). Final push for recruitment in form of **freshers' ball** – all officers to help with this through online publicity making clear RDJ, price going up at end of open period etc (TS).

Freshers' Ball Ticket Distribution (15th) – queue management needed from 1pm, at least 10 people with laptops needed for event. Officers cannot bring someone else's card to get ticket – this is for NEW MEMBERS ONLY.

Debating Workshop (15th).

Debate: This House Believes that World War One has been Unnecessarily Glorified (16th) – emergency debate set to be contentious and popular – officers requested to be present to as many debates as possible (TS).

Screening: The Judge at Vue Cinema (16th) – needs to be at least 1 Standing Committee member there to answer questions/deal with membership cards etc.

Robert Downey Jr (17th) – all officers required to be present and ready to help if necessary at about 5.30. Make clear that a CARD is required for entry – poss something in email about joining *before Thursday evening (SP)*. Maybe get a members list for new joiners who hadn't got cards yet (JH). Temporary membership cards suggested but can be forged (AG). TS decided to set deadline of Thursday and print members list – members without cards to bring ID

Israeli Ambassador (20th) – hopefully will be released today in an individual email (KS). Will be a talk for JSOC before. Bag checks and security necessary – question of whether phones will be allowed (BB). Protests expected (TS).

Open Period to finish on Friday BEFORE Robert Downey Jr – CUSLive to be behind password wall before this (OJ).

Freshers Ball: call for help tomorrow from 1ish WITH LAPTOPS. Lots of help needed on Sat either for decorating/help on door/general help on night. (EO).

Campus Publicity: posters designed and ready for individual speakers/week's events – one for every college plus a couple for faculties – 40 agreed upon (WFH/TS).

Online Publicity: currently 'Week 2 event' and others for main events. 'Week 2 event' not hugely popular – possibly put main speakers into the title instead (TS). Possibility of setting up a google calendar that can sync with members' calendars (JH).

Vice President's Report: Baltic Conference difficulties and damages – only trained AV volunteers to use equipment (NW). Failure of communication between CUS and CUSL – underlining the importance of ExComm (NW). Suggested that there should be a meeting between CUS officers (HOEV/AV) and CUSL/third parties to discuss logistics in same manner of Africa Day (KR).

Deloitte wanting a performance report about how their involvement in union is making impact – attendance records to be monitored by HOEM. Suggested that this is done on weekly basis (BB) – standing committee minutes to include figures (TS).

Emergency debates: whoever running AV to speak to AG before. Speakers/debates committee starting this week (AG). 2015 Ball applications now open until Saturday (AG). Need to make clear that this is a no platform debate and not an abortion debate.

ExComm: now on Mondays. Israeli Ambassador to have its own ExComm (FD).

Speaker's Officer Report: emphasis on getting speaker release forms signed (CE). Two big speakers to be announced but Israeli Ambassador to be sent in separate email (OJ/CC).

Debating Officer's Report: lots of interest at debating launch but not massive turn out – will continue every Wednesday, sign ups for this weekend's competition – point all interested debaters in direction of MH/TS. Deloitte partnership schools issue in giving kids mentors from Deloitte – mentors must be trained (TS).

Recruitment: Bike covers – officers to cover bikes around Sidgewick etc (TL). Officers also to put photos up in colleges and take photo for Hogan Lovells (GK). Importance of online publicity for upcoming events/freshers' ball – share from the Cambridge Union page (TS).

CUSLive: members wall to be advertised in midweek email (CC).

Bursar's report: AV issues reiterated. Leak in Chamber – BB and Paddy to fix. Bar hugely popular this weekend but repeated requests for louder music – hiring in new speakers for a trial period, to be upgraded if successful (BB). There are now 5 corporate 'Friends of the Union' – be aware of business cards – feasible that they may turn up to events this week, but full T&Cs to be distributed (BB). Analysis of members per college to bring up numbers. Israeli Ambassador- police have been informed but threat likely to come from within uni, officers to keep ear out for potential protests (BB).

Press: TCS article to be out this week – it will be news, but don't share any comment articles inciting protest (KR).