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## **Cambridge Union Society Standing Committee Minutes**

Dining Room, Cambridge Union Society

08:15, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### **In the Chair**

Oliver Mosley PRESIDENT (OM)

### **Present**

William Fitzalan Howard VICE PRESIDENT (WFH)

Fred Vincent EXECUTIVE OFFICER (FV)

Sachin Parathalingam SPEAKERS' OFFICER (SP)

Charlotte Ivers TREASURER (CI)

Asia Lambert SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER (AOL)

### **In Attendance**

Bill Bailey BURSAR (BB)

Page Nyame-Satterthwaite SECRETARY (*taking minutes*) (PN)

Oliver Yeates HOEM (OY)

Daniel Chouchena HOEM (DC)

Naomi Magnus DEPUTY HOEM (NM)

Leyla Gumusdis DEPUTY HOEM (LG)

Louise Bratchie SGL SPEAKERS (LB)

Sarah Sheard SGL DEBATES (SS)

Katherine Dunbar SGL DEBATES (KD)

Florian Kressyig HEAD OF AV (FK)

Tim Adelani HEAD OF PRESS (TA)

Eleanor Hegarty HEAD OF PUBLICITY (EH)

Rainy Wongprasert DIVERSITY OFFICER (RW)

Till Schoefer ACCESS OFFICER (TS)

*Meeting opened at 08:23*



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## 1) Welcome from the President

- a) Thank you for attending this morning and to all those who volunteered their time for the weekend's freshers' ball.
- b) **Week behind**
  - Freshers' ball was a huge success-congratulations to AOL
  - All events last week went well
- c) **Week ahead**
  - General note about the week ahead, on the wall planner it looks very empty, in reality it is very busy due to last minute additions/release dates (Vivienne Westwood, referendum debate and referendum, Baz Luhrmann).
  - So as usual **\*please sign up to steward where you can.**

## 2) Events this week

- a) **Vivienne Westwood, Today, 20/10/15 at 6pm(SP)**
  - **Arriving at the Cambridge Union at 5pm, not 4:15pm**
  - **Photograph is 5:20pm, so be in the office by 5:15pm if you requested to be involved.**
  - Press with the three main student papers (Tab/TCS/Varsity), TA confirms that nothing has been heard back from BlewsWire yet.
  - **Format will be a speech followed by questions-like Yoko Ono event, but without a lectern so she can walk up and down the middle.**
  - **OM notes that she should not walk further than three quarters down the aisle, as she'll go out of camera shot**
  - **SP confirms that the event is starting at 6pm, 700 are attending according to online publicity**
  - SP checks arrangements for SC members who are in the 5:20pm photograph and also want to attend the event. OM notes that we will not reserve seats, but committee members can enter the Chamber straight after the photograph.
  - OY and LG confirm that they are HOEMs for the event.
  - BB checks if we are expecting and hosting overflow, OM confirms that this will be in the bar (as library not ready) and note made that **chairs for the bar need to be brought downstairs.**
- b) **Assange debate, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:15pm(OM)**
  - Four speakers are now confirmed
  - **There is no obligation to invite people to the event if you do not feel comfortable.** There has been a high rate of acceptance by those who have been invited so, if you can, please do invite-high turnout important because we want this event to be meaningful.



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- OM checks that NM and DC are HOEMs, this is confirmed and OY notes that more stewards are needed.
- DC checks that the appeal for stewards can be made in the same way for this debate as with others, which OM confirms, noting that we expect a full chamber and lots of speeches from the floor so stewards are vital.
- BB asks about CUSU's involvement

*08:31 RW arrives*

- **CI confirms that CUSU are sending a statement in absentia and abstention**, OM confirms that if no one from CUSU attends, he will not force anyone to read out their statement - as that is not our role.
- TS asks for clarification about publicity of the debaters, in regards to referring to people's names and OM confirms that first names only will be used.
- CI highlights that anything produced by student press is searchable and TA asked to communicate to the press that **first names only should be used**.
- OM confirms that all four speakers are not speaking purely as competitive debaters, but on the side they believe in.

### c) China debate, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm(FV)

- We need to push publicity-it was going to be the only event, now drowned by other events **\*please share and invite-target is to have at least 1000 people invited.**
- 250 people currently attending on the online event
- OM highlights the **really good speakers** that AOL secured
- **FV notes that one speaker is speaking via video link. OM and FK to follow up AV issues with Nathan to check that the video link** is definitely going ahead.
- FV notes that the issues from last week have apparently been fixed.
- FK needs to help to pin this down, OM noting that this is important as we lost a speaker last week to AV problems and emphasises **\*this must be tested today.**
- **OY and NM are the HOEMs for this debate.**

### d) Assange Referendum, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> polls from 9am-10pm.

- **Vote is online, as with elections. Polls open from 9am to 10pm.**
- From Tab TV coverage, it appeared that people were confused about the question, what a referendum is and how to vote; amongst other matters-**so important that online vote (and how to do this) is clear.**
- BB asks about press and OM confirms normal press policy applies, if an outlet wants to cover the event they must ask.



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- **OM notes that the result will be sent out via email, scheduled for the following morning.**
  - **OM reminds committee members to be respectful** (for example about announcing celebrations for either side of the referendum result), especially on Union message threads, which people cannot choose to see.
- e) **Baz Luhrmann, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3pm(SP)**
- He is flying into Heathrow at 12:35pm and a pick-up service direct from Heathrow to the Union has been arranged (SP notes the very tight timing and has requested an earlier landing if possible).
  - **The event is starting at 3pm.**
  - **Format is interview then Q&A**
  - **Open to all press**(so student papers, BlewsWire, CamFM all welcome)
  - **700 on the event already, so expecting full Chamber**
  - AOL checks that press and interviews will be after the event, which SP confirms
  - BB checks about driving directions regarding the bollards and OM confirms that directions around the bollards have been given; SP reiterates that clear instruction has been communicated.
  - **2 stewards currently signed up-more expected(and needed)**
- f) **Yanis Varoufakis, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm(OM)**
- **OM notes that this is expected to be very busy**
  - **There is an exec committee meeting, following SC today about this** ☐ **If you want a seat, either steward or arrive early.**
  - **2000 are attending according to the online event, so full Chamber and considerable overflow expected.**
- g) **Big Fish: Murder in the Chamber Halloween event, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**
- OM and AOL have seen nothing regarding ticket sales
  - AOL notes that it is not a significant concern, as it is their event and not within her role to manage this external event.
  - OM notes that with such a strong term of events, we do not want a bad event and asks AOL to chase Louise (Big Fish contact) about this.

❖ Next Standing Committee is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 8:15am in the Dining Room.

*Meeting closed at 08:42*

