



Defending Free Debate since 1815

**Lottie McNally**  
Secretary, Lent 2017

The Cambridge Union Society  
9A Bridge Street  
Cambridge, CB2 1UB

Email: [secretary@cus.org](mailto:secretary@cus.org)

### **Cambridge Union Society Full Committee Minutes**

The Fairfax Rhodes Room, Cambridge Union Society

10:00 am, Monday 16th Jan 2017

Week 0

#### **In the Chair**

Katherine Dunbar - PRESIDENT- (KD)

#### **Present**

Leyla Gumusdis - VICE PRESIDENT (LG)

Charles Connor - EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CC)

Anna Bockmuehl - SPEAKERS OFFICER (ABM)

Tom McArthur - TREASURER (TMcA)

Harry Stovin-Bradford - PRESIDENT-ELECT (HB)

James Burn - EXECUTIVE OFFICER-ELECT (JB)

Jonah Surkes - SPEAKERS OFFICER-ELECT (JS)

Seun Adekoya - TREASURER-ELECT (SA)

Hattie Allison - SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER-ELECT (HA)

Alasdair Donovan - DEBATING OFFICER (AD)

#### **In Attendance**

Bill Bailey - THE BURSAR (WB)

Lottie McNally - SECRETARY (LM) (*taking minutes*)

Rhianna Voice - DEPUTY HEAD OF EVENT MANAGEMENT (RV)

Nancy Thorpe - DEPUTY HEAD OF EVENT MANAGEMENT (NT)

Dan Edwards - SENIOR GUEST LIAISON (SPEAKERS) (DE)

Jonas Dein - SENIOR GUEST LIAISON (SPEAKERS) (JD)

Penelope Jones - SENIOR GUEST LIAISON (DEBATES) (PJ)

Keir Murrison - SENIOR GUEST LIAISON (DEBATES) (KM)

Ana Radomirescu - DEPUTY GUEST LIAISON (SPEAKERS) (AR)

Owen Jack - DEPUTY GUEST LIAISON (SPEAKERS) (OJ)

Jali Packer - DEPUTY GUEST LIAISON (DEBATES) (JP)

Aatif Syed - DEPUTY GUEST LIAISON (DEBATES) (AS)



Defending Free Debate since 1815

**Lottie McNally**  
Secretary, Lent 2017

The Cambridge Union Society  
9A Bridge Street  
Cambridge, CB2 1UB

Email: [secretary@cus.org](mailto:secretary@cus.org)

Henry Mitson- HEAD OF AUDIO-VISUAL  
Jason Lee - HEAD OF AUDIO-VISUAL  
Adam Grant - DEPUTY HEAD OF AUDIO-VISUAL  
Will Smart - DEPUTY HEAD OF AUDIO-VISUAL  
Tom Whittaker – DIGITAL MEDIA EDITOR

Reza Rohani - HEAD OF PRESS (RR)  
Miles Kekwick - HEAD OF PRESS (SA)  
David Orr - DEPUTY HEAD OF PRESS  
Jade Charles - DEPUTY HEAD OF PRESS

Harry Michalakakis - HEAD OF PUBLICITY  
Hani El-Bay- HEAD OF PUBLICITY

Khushali Dodhia - DEPUTY HEAD OF PUBLICITY  
Frederick Nielson - DEPUTY HEAD OF PUBLICITY  
Chris Williamson – CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Page Nyame-Satterthwaite- HEAD OF MEMBERSHIP (PNS)  
Sam Longton – DEPUTY HEAD OF MEMBERSHIP  
Joe Fiber- HEAD OF MEMBERSHIP

Camiella Basu - DIVERSITY OFFICER (CB)

Ellie Howcroft - ACCESS OFFICER  
Xiaman Wu- ACCESS OFFICER DESIGNATE

Etsuko Lim- HEAD OF DEBATE TRAINING

*Meeting opened at 10:02 am*

**1. Welcome from the President (KD)**

Meetings will be 8:15 Monday or possibly Tuesday from now on. Explanation of format: will go through events coming up in the week ahead. IF anyone needs something put on agenda, let Leyla know.

**2. Welcome from the Vice President (LG)**

Any questions about how things have done in the past; agenda items

**3. Welcome from the Bursar (WB)**

Any long-term issues (institutional memory)

**4. Welcome from the Debating Officers (AD)**

Contribution points – attending debating workshops or judging schools' rounds (the latter is really appreciated). It is hard to get these points in Easter term so do it this term if you want to run for election.

Cambridge Schools is the main access and outreach event – this Saturday we need lots of people to help out. Forms will be sent out to sign up.

**5. Welcome from the Treasurer and expenses (TM)**

To claim back expenses, fill out from (in pigeon hole) and leave with receipts.

**6. Welcome from the Ents Officer and Spring Ball Publicity (AB)**



Defending Free Debate since 1815

**Lottie McNally**  
Secretary, Lent 2017

The Cambridge Union Society  
9A Bridge Street  
Cambridge, CB2 1UB

Email: [secretary@cus.org](mailto:secretary@cus.org)

Not present. Full committee must BUY a ticket (buy them now before the second release).  
It would be great if everyone could come.

Ticket release on Thursday at 6 – if you are not involved in debate, make sure you share on Facebook. Emails will be going out too.

LGBT night – not run by union but it is a great chance to meet people.

Pilates is an addition to Zumba and Yoga.

(KD)

#### **7. Welcome from the HoEM and fire training (DG)**

Heads of Event Management not present, deputies present.

In order to steward an event at the union, you must have fire training. FC is needed to steward sometimes so we should do the training. Take a screenshot to show you have done it and send to HoEM. You get a £5 bar tab so it is worth it. These positions should be advertised. Stewarding is the best way to meet people on committee and will make you look good if you are looking to be appointed in the future.

(RV, NT).

#### **8. Welcome from the Heads of Press and non-disclosures (RR and MK)**

If the press contact any member of FC, they should get in touch with Heads of Press and CC for them to speak rather than us.

#### **9. Welcome from the Heads of Publicity and term-card distribution (CC, HEB and HM)**

Term-card distribution is tomorrow – a list has been made and has allocated everyone a college (some our own, some not). The schedule will be posted in the Facebook group. Further away colleges get taxis (must be on time) which will leave around 2pm but will confirm later on Facebook group. Some people will go in twos to big colleges.

Bring a suitcase for the termcards. If you are around the building this afternoon, please help with heavy lifting (KD).

If things don't go well with porters, let KD know (Downing is usually tricky) and she will call the porters lodge (LG and KD).

Some systems are challenging especially those with numbers instead of names (CC).

Publicity: someone will post in committee group asking us to share, we should do that asap.

Keen to try something different: post links and articles about speakers (given on fb group) rather than just sharing the event so people don't see it constantly. The idea behind this is that those in the Union will already have been invited as we invite them individually. People will be more likely to come if they see something interesting about the speaker and a personal response to it. Don't do union spam that people just glaze over. (ABM)

#### 10. **DEBATE: American Inauguration Debate, Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> (CC)**

This will be one of the main debates. If you are going to the dinner, you must go to the debate.

145 people have clicked 'going' on Facebook so far; we have invited 1.1 k.

We will try a publicity wave later this week.

Will be a strong debate – looking at 200 plus.

Will be a challenge for HoEM - must be lots of stewards.

There will be a speaker via video link and this is difficult

They are all interesting speakers so if you share the event on Facebook, try to highlight one of them or an interesting combo (LG, CC).

First Emergency Debate: This house believes Donald trump is taking the piss – if you are interested in speaking, let HSB know. It is a fun way to get involved throughout the term. If you come up with a topical motion, too, let HSB know (HSB).

#### 11. **SPEAKER EVENT: Stephen Moffat and Mark Gatiss, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> (ACB)**

Coming on Friday – Mark Gatiss is bringing his dog and it will be a big event with a lot of Doctor Who and Sherlock fans so HoEM need to make sure everything is smooth. There will be a lunch instead of a dinner and invitations will be sent later Monday.

**12. SPEAKER EVENT: Canadian High Commissioner, Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> (ACB)**

This will be run in conjunction with Canadian club (will boost turnout), will be a reasonable size, drinks reception afterwards, low key in comparison with mark gatiss, fewer stewards.

**13. AOB**

To HoEM deputies: Tell HoEMs to tell the bar how many stewards there are at any given event so they know how many sandwiches to make.

*Meeting closed at 10:22 am*