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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

The attached minutes have been accepted by The Debates Committee by resolution as a true and accurate record of the events of the meeting held on 4 November 2008.

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Chair – Patrick Bateman

12/2/09
Date



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INCOMING DEBATES COMMITTEE
HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008
IN THE READING ROOM, HOLME BUILDING**

PRESENT

MEMBERS: Ruchir Punjabi, President (*ex officio*)
Patrick Bateman, Chair
Douglas Thompson, Deputy Chair
Daniel Wodak, Outgoing Director of Debates (*non-voting*)
Steven Hind, Incoming Director of Debates
Stephanie D'Souza
Angela Evans
Ellen Ferrington Michaelis
Alice Hudson
Kishan Jasani
David Mann
Jacques McElhone
Sriram Srukumar
Andrew Thomas

VISITORS: Courtney Tight, Director

UNION STAFF: Alistair Cowie, Director Student Programmes
Khym Scott, Committee Secretary

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:02pm.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

DC 177/08 RESOLVED that apologies be accepted from Ms. Alice Dixon, Ms. Naomi Hart and Mr. Tim Mooney, and that late arrival be granted to Mr. Ruchir Punjabi.

Angela Evans / Stephanie D'Souza

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Appointment of Office Bearers

The Chair reiterated that the most important part of the Committee inductions was regarding meeting procedure, and urged the Committee to make sure they were on top of it.

[Mr. Daniel Wodak arrived at the meeting at 5:04pm.]

The Chair called for a round-table introduction. He further outlined that each role could have one or two people appointed to it at the Committee's discretion.

The Incoming Director of Debates advised that this decision would be with the proviso that those co-appointed would work together and not pass the buck.

The Chair advised that new roles may be further created during 2009, such as a Public Speaking Officer and Sponsorship Officer.

[Mr. Ruchir Punjabi arrived at the meeting at 5:07pm.]

The Incoming Director of Debates reminded the Committee that at the previous meeting of the Committee the Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures had been amended to set position descriptions for each portfolio for the first time.

DC 178/08 RESOLVED that Mr. Alistair Cowie be appointed as Returning Officer for the duration of the meeting.

Ellen Ferrington Michaelis / Douglas Thompson

2.1.1 Honorary Treasurer for Debates

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Honorary Treasurer for Debates.

Nominations: Jacques McElhone
Steven Hind / Andrew Thomas
Kishan Jasani
Ruchir Punjabi / Douglas Thompson

DC 179/08 RESOLVED that only one Member of the Committee be appointed as Honorary Treasurer for Debates.

Steven Hind / Angela Evans

DC 180/08 RESOLVED that voting be conducted by secret ballot for the duration of the meeting.

Angela Evans / Douglas Thompson

DC 181/08 RESOLVED that Mr. Jacques McElhone be declared appointed as Honorary Treasurer for Debates.

Acclamation

2.1.2 Intersarsity Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Intersarsity Director.

Nominations: Stephanie D'Souza
Steven Hind / David Mann
Tim Mooney
Douglas Thompson / Kishan Jasani
Sriram Srukumar
Angela Evans / Jacques McElhone

DC 182/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Intersarsity Directors.

Moved from the Chair

DC 183/08 **RESOLVED** that Ms. Stephanie D'Souza and Mr. Sriram Srukumar be declared appointed as Intersarsity Directors.

Acclamation

2.1.3 Women's Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Women's Director.

Nominations: Alice Hudson
Stephanie D'Souza / Steven Hind
Ellen Ferrington Michaelis
Alice Hudson / Angela Evans

DC 184/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Women's Directors.

Moved from the Chair

DC 185/08 **RESOLVED** that Ms. Alice Hudson and Ms. Ellen Ferrington Michaelis be declared appointed as Women's Directors.

Acclamation

2.1.4 Communications Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Communications Director.

Nominations: Kishan Jasani
Stephanie D'Souza / David Mann
Sriram Srukumar

Steven Hind / Angela Evans

DC 186/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Communications Directors.

Moved from the Chair

DC 187/08 **RESOLVED** that for all portfolios an individual Member of the Committee may hold more than one position.

Moved from the Chair

DC 188/08 **RESOLVED** that Mr. Kishan Jasani and Mr. Sriram Srukumar be declared appointed as Communications Directors.

Acclamation

2.1.5 Union Competitions Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Union Competitions Director.

Nominations: Andrew Thomas
Steven Hind / Douglas Thompson
Stephanie D'Souza
Steven Hind / Douglas Thompson

DC 189/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Union Competitions Directors.

Moved from the Chair

DC 190/08 **RESOLVED** that Mr. Andrew Thomas and Ms. Stephanie D'Souza be declared appointed as Union Competitions Directors.

Acclamation

2.1.6 Schools' Programmes Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Schools' Programmes Director.

Nominations: Angela Evans
Ellen Ferrington Michaelis / David Mann
Andrew Thomas
Steven Hind / Jacques McElhone
Ellen Ferrington Michaelis
Kishan Jasani / Douglas Thompson

Ms. Ellen Ferrington Michaelis declined nomination.

DC 191/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Schools' Programmes Directors.

Moved from the Chair

DC 192/08 **RESOLVED** that Ms. Angela Evans and Mr. Andrew Thomas be declared appointed as Schools' Programmes Directors.

Acclamation

2.1.7 Social Director

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Social Director.

Nominations: David Mann
Stephanie D'Souza / Angela Evans

DC 193/08 **RESOLVED** that Mr. David Mann be declared appointed as Social Director.

Acclamation

2.1.8 Development Officer

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Development Officer.

Nominations: Tim Mooney
Steven Hind / Sriram Srukumar
Naomi Hart
Steven Hind / Sriram Srukumar

DC 194/08 **RESOLVED** that two Members of the Committee be appointed as Development Officers.

Moved from the Chair

[Angela Evans voted against.]

DC 195/08 **RESOLVED** that Mr. Tim Mooney and Ms. Naomi Hart be declared appointed as Development Officers.

Acclamation

3. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair congratulated all 2009 Office Bearers.

The Director Student Programmes stated that he looked forward to meeting with the Schools' Programmes Directors and Honorary Treasurer for Debates with the Incoming and Outgoing Directors of Debates.

The Incoming Director of Debates advised that the first meeting of the Committee in 2009 would be held to discuss a reform of the points system.

The Outgoing Director of Debates added his belief in the merit of having a meeting early in the year, advising that those unable to attend could still have their thoughts raised.

The Director Student Programmes put that given the current economic climate that the Committee can not be guaranteed of large Debates scholarships so it is increasingly important to look at generating its own funds.

The President advised that the Board had requested the Director Student Programmes, the Outgoing and Incoming Directors of Debates and the Chair to meet to discuss scholarships.

Mr. Kishan Jasani raised the suggestion of ESL classes, proposing that the Development Officers could cater for these.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 5:00pm on Thursday 12 February 2009 in The Reading Room, Holme Building.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

With no other business to be attended to the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:49pm.