Cambridge Union Society Standing Committee Minutes
Dining Room, Cambridge Union Society
08:17 am, Tuesday 2nd February 2016

In the Chair
James Hutt PRESIDENT- (JH)

Present
William Fitzalan Howard- VICE PRESIDENT (WFH)
Katherine Reggler- EXECUTIVE OFFICER (KR)
Joshua Ellis- SPEAKERS OFFICER (JE)
Ash Nandi- SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER (AN)
Page Nyame-Satterthwaite - SOCIAL EVENTS OFFICER-ELECT (PN)

In Attendance
Jody Fletcher- BAR MANAGER (JF)
Joe Burman- EVENTS MANAGER (JB2)
Rachel Mander- SECRETARY (taking minutes)
Daniel Chouchena- HEAD OF EVENTS MANAGEMENT (DC)
Tim Adelani- HEAD OF EVENTS MANAGEMENT (TA)
Andrew Ying- HEAD OF AUDIO VISUAL (AY)
James Burn- HEAD OF AUDIO VISUAL (JB1)
James Pascoe- HEAD OF ONLINE PUBLICITY
Vanessa Upton- HEAD OF ONLINE PUBLICITY (VU)
Shani Wijetilaka- HEAD OF CAMPUS PUBLICITY (SW)
Miles Kekwick- DEPUTY HEAD OF CAMPUS PUBLICITY (MK)
James Antell- DEPUTY HEAD OF PRESS (JA)
Aleksei Opacic- DEPUTY HEAD OF PRESS
Carrie Gothard- SGL (DEBATES) (CG)
Annabel van Daalen- SGL (DEBATES) (AD)
Ben Dalton- DEPUTY SGL (DEBATES)
Anna Bockmuehl- SGL (SPEAKERS)
Tom Whittaker- DIGITAL MEDIA EDITOR (TW)
Aditya Basrur- HEAD OF ONLINE MEMBERSHIP (AB)
Till Schöfer- ACCESS OFFICER
1) Welcome from the chair/Week Behind (JH)
   a) Speaker events with Stephen Merchant and Jeremy Vine went well
      Jeremy actually self-published a video with Laura Robinson, which got a very positive
      response
   b) JH, could a video also be made ahead of the Iran Debate?
   c) Campus Publicity
      SW emails sent out to all colleges, and the vast majority of colleges have now got
      posters
      Posters will be arriving a day late this week as Craig is ill
   d) JH thanks to MK for sorting out posters in the union building
      Could all members of Committee take responsibility for making sure posters are
      current within the building itself
   e) Online- Reminder about facebook events, everyone must invite people to all events,
      especially important for the Member’s Discussion Groups and Self Defence. Iran
      Debate event will be going up later today

2) Week ahead (JH)
   a) Iran Debate
      Unfortunately we have lost our headline speaker the Crown Prince of Iran
      Replacement speaker for proposition has been more difficult to fill, but one speaker has
      now swapped over
      KR sending out invites this morning to fill the remaining role. Events management team
      warned in case of audience being disappointed if they haven’t read the email about the
      drop-out
      DC HOEMs – now no high profile security issues.
      JB (and AY) both available on the night for AV.
      Press - AM and JA. Expressed interest from the Tab, Varsity and Blueswire. Need to
      know who the Duty Press Officer is, book the room, and confirm which speakers they
      want to speak to
      CG SGLs ready
      AD, speakers are often asking for video link when they sign the speaker’s release. Good
      to send a follow up link
      JH also usually have thank you cards where we have the address of a speaker
      KR only applies in one instance this term and in that case the speaker had expenses.
      Already sending a thank you email with a link to photos from the night
   b) Superbowl (AN)
      Meeting this week to finalise logistics. Only need bar people, and JF already knows.
      AN, buy tickets online before because £2 more on the door
KR asks whether we are co-hosts to the event (we are)

c) CUEUS Debate
WFH Should be a very good event
CUEUS are providing their own stewards; they are arriving and setting up as we would, and arranging all the speakers
Union are only paying for drinks reception, we will be controlling entry
Everyone should be out of the building by 9:00pm,
JA, confirms that this needs to be on press script for press interest
Posters on this coming this week
WFH Member of European Parliament has requested to attend (so let them in!)

d) Poly Speed Dating (AN)
Held in Blue Room and bar, contact arriving at 6pm
Mostly run as an independent event, so no need for stewards.
JH, need for AV?
AN, contact didn’t mention this before
Forward any press interest to JH

e) Breast Cancer Forum
KR would like this to be in the library
Free wine provided
Currently looking like a low turnout but could move event to half chamber if required
Issue with assuming the library is the consideration of access requirements for an open event, changing the venue quickly can cause issues
Spoken to contact to confirm
HOEMs, ask KR if questions/concerns

f) Sir Paul Nurse
JE doing the interview
Can forward any questions to JE
Message JE if interested in speaker’s dinner

3) Social (AN)
15th Feb at Union (previously considering 14th…)
Keep evening free, from about 8pm
Colleges Committee/Easter team also invited
A social for the ‘Extended Union family’

4) Will Gompertz (JE)
JE Not 16th Feb, now the 17th Feb (due to RAG Blind Date consideration)

5) Returning Officers (WFH)
Elections on the 4th March
18th / 19th Feb are when applications to stand in the elections can be made

6) AOB

WFH This Friday is the Public Consultation for the architectural team
A link to digital boards will be sent round via email
1:00-7:00pm
KR if anyone wants to help send debate invites then come to office
JB when is the tour by Bill Bailey?
Yet to be decided but will also be one on Friday at 1pm
JH thanks to TW for making videos promptly and AB and DG for setting up the online membership
WFH avg. of 120 watching events over the livestream.

Meeting closed at 8:47am