

## Minutes of OULS Committee Meeting

8:00 pm, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Skype.



### Present:

Peter Savory – Chair (PS)  
Mark Baldwin – Mooting Co-ordinator (MB)  
James Sudworth – News Editor (JS)  
Joe Beet – News Reporter (JB)  
Sarah Couling – Systems Manager (SC)  
Lidia Dancu – Officer for Scotland (LD)  
Gwyn Hopkins - Mooting Co-ordinator (GH)

### Apologies:

Sophia Sari – Vice Chair (SS)  
Peter Bell – Secretary (PB)  
Sophie Terrington – Careers Coordinator (ST)

### Update:

Jamie Scott Wright resigned from his role of News Reporter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

### Discussion Items

#### *1. Elections:*

- The following are the proposed dates for the election timetable:

Monday 13th February – Nominations open

Sunday 5th March at 23:59 – Nominations close

Wednesday 8th March – Voting opens

Wednesday 22nd March at 23:59 – Voting closes

Sunday 26th March – Results announced

Friday 31st March – AGM at 8pm on Skype

These were agreed by Mark James and Sarah.

**ACTION:** All committee members are to read and improve job descriptions based on the work done this year.

- JS proposed that we ask the OU Law School to advertise elections. All present agreed that all documents and detailed info regarding the elections would only be sent to members and/or on OULS website, and a brief note informing that the elections are taking place will be advertised elsewhere including the OU law school and OU Students Association website. The reason for this was to curb many people who weren't generally interested from self-nomination.
- Mark Confirmed that he is to step down at the end of this year.
- Lidia, Joe, James and Sarah are to stay/nominate themselves.

### *2. Accounts:*

- As SS was not present; no in depth update as she had just taken over from SC, but it was relayed by PS that all is in hand and that SS is working on it.

### *3. Mooting:*

- MB gave an update on mooting, which is all in hand and doing well. Mooting has been very successful this term, with 5 moots that we are currently in, plus the 2 we're about to enter. Mark relayed that we have already done 3-4 moots, plus the internal moots too.
- MB stated that he is very happy to be involved on an ad hoc basis, running workshops, assisting with moots etc. in the future. And that he currently has a mailing list of 160+ people who have contacted mooting@ouls in the last year, around 70 of which have turned into regular correspondents, which will be an essential tool for future mooting coordinators.
- PS informed us that he got an email in to Paul Catley asking for more mooting money this year, but has not had a response of yet.
- GH expressed concerns about the University of Law's apparent change in Policy, and stated that an invoice has not yet been sent to us.
- Venues were discussed at length. It was suggested that we try to find sponsorship. Committee to consider this in more depth.

#### *4. Social Events:*

- JS confirmed that the Christmas social was a success, with 10 people in attendance, including four committee members
- ACTION- JS to consider doing a Social at the UKSC Meeting.
- It was discussed if OULS Scotland was to have its own twitter account or use the one we already have. It was decided that the one we already have was to be used in conjunction with hashtag #OULSScotland
- To comply with the social media policy a vote was made approving providing the Twitter account details to LD. MD, SC, PS and JS voted to approve.

#### *5. News Letter:*

- LD and JB to write a joint article on seminars.
- JB to attend Brexit seminar and write a report for the newsletter.

#### *6. Membership:*

- Member Location- SC to consider finding out member locations.
- PS, SC and LD to consider member location issues and renewals.

#### *7. Inner Temple Dinner:*

- Inner Temple Dinner information to go into the newsletter to see if there are any members interested. They will be required to write 100 words on why they deserve to go. There are two places available.

#### *8. AOB:*

- None

#### *9. Next Meeting:*

- TBC- SC to send Doodle Poll.

*Minutes taken and prepared by Sarah Couling.*