

# OUDS Committee Meeting

## TT19 WEEK 4 20/05

20th MAY 2019 / 1:15PM / GRAVES ROOM, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

### PRESENT

Amitai Landau-Pope, Joel Stanley, Ben Millard, James Gurd, Aurelia Aslangul, John Watts, Bethan Chalmers, Chris Burr

### APOLOGIES

Seb Dows-Miller, Cesca Echlin, Laura Henderson-Child

### AGENDA

#### 1. Action point updates

CE to email TSK and organise Bid Social.

This is going ahead.

CE was not present and thus unable to give a specific update, but she asked JS to communicate to the committee in her absence that as long as there was still support for the event, it will go ahead as planned. The committee still supports the event, so it will go ahead as planned.

JS to begin advertising Cuppers co-opted committee roles.

JS posted a call-out in the OUDS Newsletter and in the OUDS Facebook Group. So far there has been one response, but the call-out has only been public for less than 24 hours.

Deadline for applications is 26th May - will report back to committee during the general meeting on the 27th.

JS to create Google Drive with handover packs.

This has been done with all the available handover packs. JS is still waiting for NWF handover pack. He has been in contact with the old reps whose job this

is - they assure him they will do this soon. ALP suggested setting a deadline for the end of the term.

Unassigned: determine which college reps from this current year are willing to continue in the role for next year.

CE posted in the OUDS/TAFF College Reps 2018-19 Facebook group, asking people to like her post if they would like to reprise their college rep role for the 2019-20 academic year. Of a group of 41, 5 members liked the post. This is a good start, however we will need to do some further recruiting to secure new reps for the rest of the colleges.

BM spoke to TAFF about working together on this. He was informed that last year OUDS organised the majority of this.

It was suggested that OUDS should ask TAFF to submit a call-out for college reps to their mailing list.

We will check back in in 5th/6th week on our progress. OUDS will put out a general call at that point if we have not met the numbers.

## **2. Updates From all Reps**

JS: RB suggested last week that we begin to include a section of the meeting requiring updates from all reps, as it encourages everyone to attend the meeting. There is probably little to report at this stage, but I will include it from now on to encourage us to get in the habit of doing it.

### President

Deborah Warner emailed ALP asking what she could do to help/contribute to Oxford Drama. ALP is thinking about asking her to assist the Senior Members in judging the Juliet Bernard Memorial Prize<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Some concerns were raised by committee members about the potential difficulty with respect to verifying claims made by applicants in the cases where prize judges or assistants had not seen any performances mentioned. These concerns were not specifically related to DW's potential involvement, but applied more generally. It was suggested that the OUDS Showcase this year might slightly alleviate this issue, as RB and JW both attended and it is thought that many potential applicants performed there.

### University Drama Officer

CB: there will be a workshop with DW towards the end of the term - subject TBC.

There will also be a general Q&A session in the same week aimed at 2nd years (towards the end of term).

CB has post in his office relating the the JB Memorial Prize. He will bring it to the next meeting to pass on to the Senior Members.

CB and O'Reilly theatre technician will be running training sessions for theatre in 5th and 6th week for Keble O'Reilly. This will be compulsory for bidding applicants.

### **4. AOB**

CB: Is there anything the committee would like discussed at the TAFF/OUDS executive committee meeting happening this week?

Topics suggested:

- Fringe fund
- Oxford theatre venues
  - O'Reilly Theatre
  - Michael Pilch Studio
- Oxdram<sup>2</sup>
- OUDES/TAFF Relationship
- The future of the OFS showcase
  - There could have been more tech work, which would have made the showcase even more exciting.
- Cuppers
  - Props: clarify which basic props TAFF expect to provide (e.g. chairs), and therefore what teams will have to hire themselves
  - Expenditure: it was suggested the relationship between OUDES and TAFF should be reviewed to ensure that the expenditure ratio of both societies was not radically out of kilter with the profit shares allocated to each society.

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<sup>2</sup> Working title. This is the potential development of the OUDES website further to provide more services like Cambridge's [www.camdram.net](http://www.camdram.net) . Work began on this last year, which led to new features of the [www.ouds.org](http://www.ouds.org) such as the Auditions Portal.

ALP: The OFS plan for 70/30 box office split in the future. We made around £670 this time round. We could potentially think about having a student slot  
CB reminded the committee that an increase in student slots risks diluting extant teams rather than encouraging more.

JS handed OUDS jumpers out. ALP restated that OUDS will pay for the jumpers, but should the committee wish to keep them after they leave the committee, they will need to reimburse OUDS.

BM asked who paid for jumpers initially. JS explained that he did, expecting OUDS to reimburse him. BM agreed that this would be done.

## NOTES

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## ACTION POINTS

- JS to report back to committee on progress with cuppers co-opted committee role
- CE to continue organising the bid social.