

DARWIN COLLEGE

Library Committee

A meeting of the Committee was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th June 2010.

There were present Margaret Cone (Chairman), Espen Koht (Computer Officer), Lindsey Friedman (Student Librarian), Elisabeth Leedham-Green (Archivist), Michael Scott, Hilary Powell, David Adams and Daniel Jew.

1. Apologies were received from Christopher Cullen and Alice Hall.
 - 1a There were no declarations of interest.
2. The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.
3. The Committee welcomed the new Student Librarian, Lindsey Friedman. Alice Hall has been instructing her in the various duties of the Librarian, and she would take over full responsibility in the next week or so.
4. EL-G reported that there has still been no definite news about a new and more convenient home for the archives.
5. The Student Librarian reported on:
 - purchases and requests — purchases are mainly through Amazon, where the latest gift certificate was for £76.23. The CUP balance is about £2300;
 - a donation of Economic texts in good condition (the committee suggested the Master or Dr. Narlikar should be consulted as to the best use of these volumes)
 - the need for more shelf space (the committee approved the idea of a low bookshelf to run below the David Blackburn painting, perhaps to be made by the College carpenters)
 - the DVD collection, which continues to grow steadily, as does the number of members; the on-line system is working well
 - suggestions from the Darwin College Green Committee and the Capoeira Society that they should purchase films, initially for showing to their members,

which could then become part of the Library DVD collection (the committee approved the idea, and proposed a matching fund to share the cost of purchasing the DVDs)
the use of the Study Centre;

6. MC drew attention to the non-appearance of the Library on the Darwin College Home page; she accepted responsibility for keeping the information about the Library Committee on the web-pages up-to-date (which it isn't at present). EK suggested that we should be involved during the proposed redesign of the College web-pages.
7. There was discussion about how best to spend our credit with CUP. DJ produced information about Cambridge Histories post-1990. It was agreed that committee members should state as soon as possible which volumes they would like to see in the Library.
8. The committee thanked DA for his informed and useful contributions to the committee during his year as Munby Fellow.
A date for the next meeting (in the Michaelmas term) will be proposed as soon as possible.