

## DARWIN COLLEGE

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

A meeting of the Library Committee was held in No. 1 Newnham Terrace on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

Those present were Dr Viejo-Rose (Fellow Librarian), Elisabeth Leedham-Green (College Archivist), Paul Anderson (Fellow), Gulay Bozkurt (Student Librarian), Espen Koht (Computer Officer), Anke Timmermann (Munby Fellow), and Jagjeet Lally (Finley Fellow)

1. Apologies were received from Martina Kulvalja (Deputy Student Librarian).
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The Minutes of the last meeting, circulated prior to the meeting, were approved.
4. The Fellow Librarian reported on donations that had been made by Fellows to the Library of their own publications as per a request made to the Governing Body in December. These were made by Dr Chris Sandbrook and Dr Jenneke van der Wal. Also responding to a request for recommendation of books to acquire for the library through our CUP agreement and Amazon scheme we received suggestions from Dr Chris Sandbrook, Dr Jenneke van der Wal, Dr Sara Baker, and Dr Dacia Viejo Rose. The Fellow Librarian reported that, in collaboration with housekeeping and maintenance, it had been possible to clean the exterior of the lower windows of the Study Centre (accessible from the shore). The state of the upper windows and those immediately above the river remains to be considered. She also reported that as a result of a conversation with the President of the DCSA, Eamon Callison would be the student representative to the Library Committee.
5. The Archivist, Elisabeth Leedham-Green, reported on a temporary exhibition in the Old Library. The possibility of having a display case in the atrium of the library to have temporary exhibits highlighting particular books or collections, especially in relation to the Darwin College lecture series was discussed. It was noted that the College once had several such display cases but that they were loaned to the University Library. It was suggested that we might be able to borrow one back.
6. The Student Librarian, Gulay Bozkurt, reported that the library continued to be well frequented and that the DVD collection was particularly popular. She presented the lists of recommendations made by Fellows for books to be ordered from CUP and it was agreed to select a least two books (those that it was deemed would attract the most use and interest) from each list.
7. The Computer Officer, Espen Koht, had nothing in particular to report. To the suggestion that a 'News' section be added to the Library's website he suggested that the Library Fellow contact the webmaster and be ready to provide input.

8. Another item presented by the Fellow Librarian was a recent case in which a box of eight books had arrived addressed to the Librarian from John A. Lloyd Williams wishing to return the books to Emeritus Fellow Dr Philip McNair from whom he had borrowed them some years earlier. With the assistance of Sue Vale Dr McNair was contacted and a letter sent to him explaining the situation, in that exchange Dr McNair offered to donate to the Library a book that he recently published of letters which his father wrote to his mother while serving in the First World War: *A Pacifist at War*.