

New Hall Society AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the New Hall Society was held on Saturday 28 September 2019 at 5pm in the Buckingham House Lecture Theatre, Murray Edwards College.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 22 September 2018 were approved.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

3. Election of Committee members

Camilla Chueng (2001, Medicine) was co-opted as Vice Chair.

The following alumnae were elected as committee members from October 2019:

- Edna Murphy (1978, Law)
- Ingrid Iverson (1980, Economics)
- Olga Kouri (1991, Law)
- Lizzie Allen (2011, History)
- Amarpreet Kaur (2016, Sociology)

4. Report from New Hall Society Chair, Tessa Kilvington-Shaw

The Chair thanked the following members of the committee who had served full terms, and thanked them for their service to the alumnae community.

- Claudia Bray (1993, MML) committee member 2009-2018, Vice Chair 2018/19
- Abbe Brown (1989, Law) committee member 2010- 2019
- Catherine Picardo (1992, MML) committee member 2015-2019

The Chair welcomed the five new committee members elected at this meeting.

The Chair gave a brief overview of activities in the last year and thanked the College development team and members of the Committee for their work. The Chair congratulated the College on the achievement of several awards from the University for environmental activity. These include a Gold Green Impact Award for the College, a Community Action Award for the gardening team for their work with students and the wider community and a Student Leadership Award for Grainne Hutton (xxxx) who established the Green Formal Halls at College.

The Chair noted the success of all the alumnae events through the year which had attracted increasingly good numbers of attendees. The Alumnae Weekend 2019 was sold out many weeks in advance and it was noted that plans are well in hand for celebrating with the anniversary year groups for 2020.

The Chair noted that despite the large numbers of alumnae who were at College that weekend, there were very few Society members in attendance at the meeting. The Chair proposed that the next Annual Meeting is held in March 2020 in order to coincide with the alumnae event to celebrate International Women's Day.

5. Reports from President of the College and College Officers

The President, Director of Development and Senior Tutor gave reports on strategic developments in the College during the past year. Final year results continued to be very good – with 95% of students achieving a first class or upper second degree. The Development Director thanked all alumnae and friends for their continuing financial support and gifts of their time towards key priorities. The College finances are currently stable, breaking even on income and expenditure in 2018/19. The value of investments had increased by £5million to £105million.