

Court Chair's report
A note by Hamish Common

This is the note from the least hard-working of the three *ex officio* Trustees, given that the Court has had a single hearing and a single ordinary meeting since last October.

The hearing involved a reference from the President about the procedure of a student disciplinary hearing. The Union Court considered the nature and status of disciplinary charges, the separation of roles within the committee and the importance that its members are, and seen to be, wholly impartial, the question of apparent prejudice, and the admissibility of hearsay evidence. A separate question of the President's right to withdraw extant proceedings was also considered. Those Trustees eager to find out more are welcome to read our 65 paragraph determination on the issues.

The Union Court had one meeting "in committee" where all its members meet to consider topical and administrative issues, as it is required to do each term. We discussed recruitment, previous cases and some relatively minor amendments to our standing orders, some of which will need the Trustee Board's approval.

We have made an appointment of the sabbatical elections' returning officer on the President's recommendation, as we are now required to do so under the revised election regulations.