

STATUTES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

V. JUNIOR MEMBERS AND LIFE MEMBERS

[Statute 6 and Statute 1.2(d)]

THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

[Statute 2.7(e), 6.2]

11. (a) (i) Junior Members of the College in residence who have obtained a B.A. degree of this or another university, or are of equivalent academic standing, shall be members of the Middle Common Room unless they have made a personal decision to opt out of membership.

(ii) Undergraduates may elect to be a member of the Middle Common Room if either (a) they are over 25 years of age or (b) three years have passed since the date of their matriculation provided that they shall have been continuously on course.

(b) (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) the Middle Common Room shall determine its own Constitution, and shall have power to make its own Regulations on matters which fall to it.

(ii) Any change to the Constitution of the Middle Common Room shall require the approval of the Governing Body before it comes into effect. Further, pursuant to section 22 of the Education Act 1994 the Constitution of the Middle Common Room shall be reviewed by the Graduate Committee on behalf of the Governing Body at intervals of not more than five years.

(c) The Graduate Committee shall ensure the College's compliance with the Education Act 1994 as regards the Middle Common Room as further set out in Bylaw VII.24(d)(vii).

(d) (i) Persons who meet the criteria set out in this Bylaw shall be eligible for selection as Associates of the Middle Common Room. Associates shall be of two categories, Category A and Category B.

(ii) (a) Associates in Category A shall be EITHER persons who are doing research at a senior level in the University but who are not reading for a degree of the University and are not members of another College, Hall or Society of the University OR persons who are reading for postgraduate degrees of other universities who are visiting Oxford for a short period to work with a Fellow of the College.

(b) A person proposed for selection as an Associate in Category A must be sponsored by a Fellow.

(c) An Associate in Category A shall be entitled to take up to four meals, including no more than two dinners, per week in Hall; to make use of the Middle Common Room and the College bar in the same manner as members of the Middle Common Room; and to make use of the College's sporting facilities.

(d) An Associate in Category A shall not be entitled to College accommodation or to use College computing facilities or libraries.

(e) There shall be a limit of fifty Associates in Category A at any one time.

(iii) (a) Associates in Category B shall be EITHER persons who have been Junior Members of the College within the preceding four years and are engaged in a programme of study at any university and are resident in Oxford OR persons who are the domestic partners resident in Oxford of members of the Middle Common Room who are resident in Oxford.

(b) An Associate in Category B may be reading for a degree of the University and may be a member of another College, Hall or Society of the University.

(c) An Associate in Category B shall have no right by virtue of being an Associate to take meals in the Hall.

(d) An Associate in Category B shall be entitled to make use of Middle Common Room facilities and of the College's sporting facilities, but not of other Junior Common Room facilities, and shall be entitled to attend formal Middle Common Room functions.

(e) An Associate in Category B shall not be entitled to College accommodation or to use College computing facilities or libraries.

(f) There shall be a limit of thirty Associates in Category B at any one time.

(iv) Any Fellow or officer of the Middle Common Room may nominate a person as an Associate. The Dean of Graduates and the President of the Middle Common Room shall review the nominations and shall agree on those to be selected as Associates. In making their selection they shall seek the advice of the Graduate Officer and the Treasurer of the Middle Common Room.

(v) The Dean of Graduates and the President of the Middle Common Room shall report to the Graduate Committee the names of those selected as Associates.

(vi) Associates must be re-nominated at the beginning of each academic year if they wish to continue as Associates, and no one shall continue as an Associate for more than five years.

(vii) A person's status as an Associate may be terminated at any time by a decision of the Dean of Graduates and the President of the Middle Common Room or by the Governing Body.

(viii) Associates shall be charged subscriptions payable to the Middle Common Room at rates agreed by the Governing Body.