# 5th Week Michaelmas Term 2022 Student Council

**TIME: 17:30**

**DATE: Tuesday, 08 November 2022**

**LOCATION: Hybrid**

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Chair of Student Council on **chair@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk**or the Student Engagement team on[**studentengagement@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk**](https://unioxfordnexus.sharepoint.com/sites/OUSU-StudentUnion/Shared%20Documents/.Oxford%20SU/Student%20Engagement%20and%20Communications/Student%20Council/Student%20Council%20Meeting%20Archive/Student%20Council%202020-21/Student%20Council%20MT20/1st%20Week%20MT20/studentengagement%40oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk)**.**

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Trigger Warning:

1. Rape
2. Sexual assault
3. Sexual assault survivors

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Click [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/minutes/) for minutes

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. **Elections in Council**

**Elections Committee (x2):** Elections Committee work behind the scenes during Oxford SU’s Leadership Elections to ensure they are run fairly and properly. From making rules on the use of social media, to the use of mailing lists, to the rules surrounding endorsements. Elections Committee is only its second year so you can play a key role in shaping its future and how it should operate.

1. **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**
2. **Report from and questions to It Happens Here Campaign**
3. **Reports from and questions to International Students’ Campaign**
4. **Items for resolution**

1. Supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill

**Council Notes:**

1. The Climate and Ecology Bill, formerly named the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, is a private member's bill before the Parliament of the United Kingdom aimed at tackling the climate and biodiversity crises
2. The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the climate emergency.
3. The science behind the Bill was developed and supported by several scientists at the University of Oxford, including Professor EJ Milner-Gulland (Department of Biology), Professor Joseph Bull (Department of Biology), Professor Yadvinder Malhi, Professor Amy Dickman, and Professor Michael Bonsall.
4. The Bill is a cross-party bill, with the support of over 160 Peers and MPs from all major political parties; it is not associated with any particular political party.
5. A number of students and staff within the University also support the Bill.
6. The Bill is seeking support from institutions to show MPs and the Government desire for the Bill’s adoption.

**Council Believes**

1. In alignment with the Oxford Student Union and University of Oxford’s commitment to achieve Net Zero and become Nature Positive, the Climate and Ecology Bill is an important piece of legislation that should be supported to further climate action in the UK.
2. As a global university, the Student Union should support the Bill to promote climate justice internationally.
3. In supporting the Bill, the Student Union would evidence to the University students’ desire for climate action, encouraging the University itself to pledge support.

**Council Resolves**

1. To formally support the Climate and Ecology Bill by signing up to Zero Hour Oxfordshire's open letter to all Oxfordshire MPs (<https://www.ceebillallianceoxon.co.uk/open-letter/>) which asks that they back the Bill.
2. To campaign that the University of Oxford also pledges support to the Bill.
3. To work with Zero Hour Oxfordshire on a joint press release to document the passing of this motion and its implications

**Proposer** Nell Miles, Hertford College

**Seconder** Mia Clement, Christ Church College

2. Student Council to ratify the re-appointment of Emilie Tapping as External Appeals Officer

**Council Notes:**

1. The Trustee Board must appoint an External Appeals Officer (EAO).
2. This appointment must then be ratified by Council.
3. The EAO acts as an appeals body in regards to complaints regarding the Returning Officer and appeals against the Returning Officer’s resolutions.
4. The Trustee Board have selected Emilie Tapping as the EAO. Please read information about Emilie in the appendix.

**Council Resolves:**

1. To approve the re-appointment of Emilie Tapping

Proposed: Michael Ayodeji Oxford SU

Appendix A

**Emilie Tapping– Chief Executive Officer, Oxford Brookes Students’ Union**

Emilie Tapping is the current Chief Executive Officer at Oxford Brookes Students’ Union having taken up the post 10 months ago. Prior to being the CEO at Brookes, Emilie worked at LSE/Arts Students’ Union for 4 and a half years, a joint Students’ Union with over 80 staff members, across 13 sites supporting students at both the University of Arts London and the London School of Economics. Emilie oversaw the elections at both LSE Students’ Union and Arts Students’ Union.

Emilie’s most relevant experience to this role is the 5 years she spent as a Student Conduct and Appeals Manager at Kings College University. Supporting students and staff through complex complaint and appeals processes.

1. **Items for discussion**

**Returning Officer Reforms**

We are planning to bring forward a motion for resolution next term on changes to the Returning Officer’s term length, and Election Committee powers. We would love anyone’s opinions on this, especially on the following:

1. When should the Returning Officer elections occur (end of Trinity or beginning of Michaelmas)?
2. Should (as is currently proposed) a unanimous Elections Committee have the power to remove the Returning Officer, for greater accountability?
3. Might it be worth separating the RO role into one for Council Elections (perhaps combined with the Chair), and one for the Annual Elections, Bye-Elections and Referenda?

Proposed by: Yasmin Poole, Chair Student Council

**Changes to the consent workshop structure**

Appendix A highlights the issues that the Catz JCR had when organising and preparing ourselves for the consent workshops in fresher’s week. At the end of this report I will suggest some amendments to the consent training for Michaelmas 2023.

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1. Management
2. SU resources
3. Proposal for 2023

Proposed by: Awa Ndour (she/her) - Women\*’s Welfare rep of Catz JCR

1. **Any Other Business**