**Student Council 3rd Week Michaelmas Term 2022**

**Tuesday 25th October 2022**

**Hybrid – 5:30PM**

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| **Item** | **Agenda** | **Actions** |
|  | **Welcome and apologies**  Yasmin Poole (Chair of Council) welcomed council members to the meeting and explains how Student Council will run, and some ground rules. | To note |
| **A** | **Minutes of the previous meeting**  Chair opened the floor to questions and comments regarding the minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising from the minutes. | To receive |
| **B** | **Matters arising from the minutes**  There are no matters arising. | To receive |
| **C** | **Elections in Council**  Chair hands over to the Returning Officer Joe Bell. The returning officer informs members We have nominations for all positions. The RO goes through all current roles are up for Student Council election.  **Elections Committee (x3):** 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.  **Scrutiny Committee (x2):**Scrutiny are elected at the start of Michaelmas to serve for the entire academic year. It is their task to interview the Sabbatical officers at the end of each term and ensure that they are doing the job they have been elected to do. Scrutiny will craft a report to be delivered to Council in 7th Week of each term.  **Steering Committee (x1):** Steering Committee is comprised of two elected student steering members, the Chair, the President, and the Returning Officer. Steering is the committee tasked with deciding the agenda for the coming Council. They meet the week before to discuss whether submissions should make it to the agenda, whether they need to be amended, or whether they require ‘steering’ to another committee first. Steering are also the group responsible for ensuring that an All Student Consultation is held, if called for.  The Ro continues by calling each candidate to give a 2 minute speech why members should vote for them. Full manifestos and statements can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/) of all candidates  Results  Post: **Steering Committee**  Total Valid Vote 11 Places 2 Quota 3.67  Candidate Stage 1 Result  Re-open Nominations (R.O.N.) 4  Atharva Mahajan 7 Elected @ Stage 1    Post:  **Scrutiny Committee**  Total Valid Vote 11 Places 1 Quota 5.5  Candidate Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 2 Total Result  Re-open Nominations (R.O.N.) 4 0 4 Excluded @ Stage 1  Umut Onen 7 0 7 Elected @ Stage 1  Non-Transferable Differences 0 0 0    Post: **Elections Committee**  Total Valid Vote 11 Places 3 Quota 2.75  Candidate Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 2 Total Result  Re-open Nominations (R.O.N.) 2.75 0 2.75 Elected @ Stage 1  Umut Onen 0 0 0 Excluded @ Stage 2  Sam Weiss 7 0 7 Elected @ Stage 1  Re-open Nominations (R.O.N.) #1 1.25 0 1.25 Excluded @ Stage 2    Non-Transferable Differences 0 0 0 | To receive |
| **D** | **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**  **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**  Chair informed members that officer written updates can be accessed on the website pages for the Sabbatical Trustees.. Reports from the Sabbatical Trustees can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/).  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on officer reports**  **No questions to sabbatical trustees** | To receive |
| **E** | **Reports from and questions to Disabilities Campaign and LGBTQ+ Campaign**  **Report from the Disabilities Campaign**  The Disabilities Campaign is not present, and sent in apologise. The report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/)  **Report from the Women’s campaign**  This term has seen us through an incredibly successful freshers week with great turnout at our two freshers events – self defence workshop, and welcome drinks. We have managed to massively increase our mailing list sign ups and promote the campaign. We have printed new posters, and taken part in radio interviews to boost the campaign. We have also conducted research into the current provision of sanitary products, and created 3 JCR/MCR motion templates which we have passed at some colleges. This term has seen improvements in sanitary product provision, with colleges such as Worcester beginning to provide them! We are also working closely with Oxperiod and are hoping to continue this relationship.  Full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/)  **Report from the Class Act campaign**  Our main targets for this term are  We started off Michaelmas on a great note thanks to a lot of planning that happened over summer. Introducing Class training on a university scale was a key objective for the campaign, as it was noted that some colleges run class awareness session however that is not universal. Next year we want to devise a plan of how to ensure that all colleges are running class training so that nobody misses out.  Our freshers events have gone well so far, including our presence at the Freshers Fair which really helped to increase campaign membership. Our Welcome drinks had an amazing turn out of over two hundred people which again, increased engagement and membership numbers. We also have done collaborative events with other University societies, including OUDS and The 93% Club which is helping to make the campaign more visible amongst students.  Full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/)  **The Chair opens the floor to questions for the Report from the campaigns.**  There are no questions. | To receive |
| **F** | **Items for resolution** |  |
| **1** | **Using ‘clear days’ in the Council schedule Rules often leads to mistakes.**  Council Believes:   * + 1. The current schedule for Council is unnecessarily spread out.     2. Members should have more time to vote.   Council Resolves:   1. To amend rules to remove mention of ‘clear’ days and relax deadlines. 2. Replace the footnote to make schedule clearer. Explicit amendments are detailed in [appendix](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22mt3w/).   **Proposer:** Joe Bell, Merton (Returning Officer)  **Seconder:** Niall Pearson-Shaul, Merton  **Results**  Votes 37  For 29  Against 0  Abstain 8  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED**  **Student Council to ratify the appointment of Charlie Palmer as External Trustee**  Council Notes:   * + 1. The Trustee Board must appoint an External Trustee.     2. This appointment must then be ratified by Council.     3. The External Trustee acts as a way to help scrutinise the operations of the SU and provide strategic direction for our operations     4. The Trustee Board have selected Charlie Palmer as the External Trustee.   Council Notes:   1. Charlie Palmer is well equipped with experience to fulfil the role of External Trustee.   Council Resolves:   1. To approve the appointment of Charlie Palmer as an external Trustee   **Proposed:** Ellie Greaves , Oxford SU  **Seconded:** Michael-Akolade Ayodeji, Oxford SU  **Results**  Total Votes 39  For 36  Against 0  Abstain 3  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED**  **Student Council to approve ratifying Divisional Representatives**  Each year Oxford SU selects 8 Divisional Representatives to represent students at a divisional level. We select two for each division, one for undergraduate students, and one for graduate students. This year the divisional representatives are:  Osita Malcolm Onyeabo (ContEd Non-Matriculated)  Sara Borghi (UG MPLS)  Rosie McDonald-Hill (Medical Sciences UG)  Zoe Edwards (UG Social Sciences)  We are asking student council to approve ratifying these students as divisional representatives for this year. “  Proposed: Jade Calder, Oxford SU  Seconded: Michael-Akolade Ayodeji, Oxford SU  **Results**  Total Votes 40  For 33  Against 3  Abstain 4  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED** |  |
| **H** | **Items for Discussion**   * + - 1. 2023 Leadership Elections Timeline   The RO presents to members the 2023 leadership elections timeline  Student council is asked to receive the 2023 leadership election timeline  Nominations Open  Friday 13th JAN | 00:00  Nominations Close  Friday 27th JAN | 23:59  Candidate Briefing  Mon 30th JAN | 17:30  Manifesto Deadline  Thur 02nd FEB | 12:00  Campaigning Begins  Friday 03rd FEB | 00:00  Hustings  Friday 03rd| FEB  Voting Opens  Mon 06th FEB | 08:00  Voting Closes  Thurs 09th FEB | 18:00  Results Announcement  Thurs 09th FEB | 21:00   * + - 1. (Approaches to) the Annual Elections   Council notes:  The SU’s Annual Elections will be held in Hilary Term. Whilst strides have been made in recent years, last year’s turnout was still under 20% (and under 10% for Postgrads). The candidate withdrawal rate last year was 46%. The Returning Officer invites discussion on ways the elections team could boost turnout and candidate retention, and ensure that the election process is fair, transparent, and accessible.  Proposer: Joe Bell, Merton College (Returning Officer)   * + - 1. Returning Officer Term Length   Council notes:  Currently, the Returning Officer is elected in Student Council each term. While the Returning Officer has regular duties running voting and elections in Student Council, their most significant role is chairing Elections Committee in each Michaelmas Term and running the Annual Elections in each Hilary Term.  Student Council should consider amending the governing documents to have the Returning Officer elected once a year rather than in each term (with a one-year term limit). It is worth noting that the three elected student members sitting on Elections Committee are elected to serve one-year terms. Given that the role of the Returning Officer is so heavily weighted towards Hilary Term, it may make more sense to bring the RO’s term limit in line with Elections Committee. Of course, there are other factors to consider, including the accountability of the RO if it becomes an annually elected position, and the interest in enabling more people to serve in Council roles.  Proposer: Yasmin Poole, Wadham College (Student Council Chair) | To note |
| **I** | **Any Other Business** |  |
| **J** | **Chair declares meeting finished at 19:40** | To note |