**Student Council 5th Week Trinity Term 2022**

**Tuesday 24th May 2022**

**5:30PM**

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| **Item**  | **Agenda**  | **Actions**  |
|  | **Welcome**  Ciaron Tobin (Chair of Council) welcomed council members to council meeting of the term.  |   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. Minutes to the previous meeting can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22tt5w/).  | To receive  |
| **B** | **Matters arising from the minutes** There were no matters arising | To receive  |
| **C** | **Elections in council**There were none | To receive  |
| **D** | **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees** Chair informed members that full officer written reports can be accessed on [student council website](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22ht7w/).**Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on Sabbatical Trustee Reports**  | To receive  |
| **E** | **Reports from and questions to It Happens Here Campaign**Women’s Campaign Co-Chair supplemented the written report available on the website with a short verbal update on past actions and events upcoming targets. It Happens Here full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22tt5w/). **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on officer reports** No further comments for It Happens Here Campaign**Report from International Students Campaign**International StudentsCampaign Co-Chairs were not present but will receive questions on their report via email and social media. Co-Chair’s full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22tt5w/). **Report from Medical Science, Undergraduate or Postgraduate** **Students Campaign**Medical Science, Undergraduate or Postgraduate Students Campaign Chairs were not present but will receive questions on their report via email and social media. Co-Chair’s full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22tt5w/).  | To receive  |
| **G** | **Items for Resolution** | To receive  |

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| **1.**  | **Motion to introduce policy on conflicts of interest and affiliations****Council Notes:** 1. Currently, Oxford SU does not have a formalised policy on conflicts of interest in any of its governing documents - Candidates running for positions in the SU do not have to declare any organisations which they are currently serving on the committee of, or have been elected to
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3. A similar motion to cover the first steps of the process, regarding the pre-approval stages, passed in Student Council in Week 1 of Trinity Term 2022

**Council Believes:**  1. Conflicts of interest due to roles or affiliations elsewhere risk compromising the integrity of some of the most essential officers within the SU
2. Furthermore, especially high commitment additional roles may compromise the quality of work in the Sabbatical role, worsening student satisfaction with the SU
3. Whilst Sabbatical Officers/Sabbatical Officer candidates have a right to associate with whatever organisations they choose, their constituents should equally have the right to scrutinise them for this both before and after their election
4. The roles a candidate chooses to take on once elected remain highly relevant, as it may impact the choices they make as a Sabbatical Officer
5. These concerns are most relevant for Sabbatical Officers as the only paid elected representatives of the student body within the Oxford SU, instead of also applying these to trustees or NUS delegates

**Council Resolves:** Add the following clause to the Election Rules document: 1. 17: Roles and affiliations When the campaign period begins, candidates must declare any roles within any relevant organisations to which they were elected or appointed since their matriculation. Relevant organisations are those which have the reasonable potential to influence a candidate’s behaviour in office, including but not limited to: - Student societies, both Oxford exclusive and for the UK more widely - College JCRs or MCRs - The Oxford Union Debating Society - Student publications (e.g., The Oxford Student, the Cherwell, This list need not include any roles where the candidate was under paid employment. This information should be publicly visible as part of a candidates’ manifesto, listed as relevant experience or disclosures.**Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.**No questions and comments were raised.**Chair opened the floor for speeches for and against the motion.** No speeches for and against were made.**A procedural note from president regarding changes to election process was given.****Motion to introduce policy on conflicts of interest & affiliations**Total Votes: 37For 30Against 5Abstain 2 **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED.** |    |
| **H**  | **Motion to introduce Postgraduates Consultation Group (PGCG) as Co-Chair****Council Notes:** 1. This project aims to engage more postgraduates and to enable full postgraduates would be represented at the university level in terms of diversity because postgrads are a very diverse punch. It's not just your defaults, masters, but ten different degree levels. Not to mention they're more international than your average undergraduate population.
2. Postgraduate opinion is directly accessible to the university and the university is not just hearing from one postgrad i.e. the SU Postgraduate representative. The group is now called Postgraduate Consultation Group.
3. £30,000 was secured from the university to fund it until 2024-2025. It is the first step in the SU VP Graduates lobbying the university. This is not to replace MCR representation system with more, but to facilitate it.
4. The funds will be used to reimburse or reward the group in some way for the services.

**Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.**Question 1: Has this group been created already?Devika: The group existed since November. The next SU VP Graduates will be the chair of the group.**Chair opened the floor for speeches for and against the motion.** | To note  |
|  | Support was shown for this group, as graduate and postgraduate voices are challenging to find, and it is great to have their voices be represented.**A procedural note from president regarding changes to election process was given.****Motion to support Postgraduates Consultation Group (PGCG) as Co-Chair**Total Votes 34For 29Against 0Abstain 5**The motion was deemed to be CARRIED.****Vote count did not reach quorum.** | To note  |
| **H**  | **Motion of No Confidence**Proposer Tom (Keble JCR President): The aim of this motion is to make a broader point about the connection between JCR's and student union.**Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.**No comments and questions were raised.**Chair opened the floor for speeches for and against the motion.**It was highlighted that there is a need a communication handover for the SU Sabbatical Officers. VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities was asked to clarify why they mentioned that they would not be able to do a handover. Keisha: The VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities will leave their post before the new officer will take it on, so the 2 week handover period will not be possible.Why is there a need for the motion considering that there has been communication between the SU and the motion proposer? Tom: There is a need for some kind of reconciliation to the issue so that it will not happen again.How do annual leave procedures work at the SU and how does work get reassigned if a SU officer goes on leave.Hannah: It works as it does in any other place of work: annual leave gets requested and the work gets reassigned based on whatever other staff is available.Do it to you personally believe that it's better to have a handover between Keisha, successor and someone that you're JCR considers unfit for the role, for whatever reason, or for there to be no handover at all?Tom: The Keble JCR president has been mandated to bring this motion to the floor. It's best to at least pass the motion in this meeting so we can acknowledge the importance of the failing instead of happened hereTotal Votes 36For 25Against 7Abstain 4**The motion was deemed to be CARRIED****Motion on policy on college inequalities**Riley Sanborn noted that the motion commits the SU to communicating to the Council Colleges its support for \_\_ inclusion in the college contribution scheme. It also calls upon heads of common rooms to advocate to your heads of house, to support and to vote in favor of PPH inclusion in the scheme.**Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.**How would this college contribution scheme affect colleges?Introduced PPH would introduce healthy competition for the funds available.Do permanent Private Halls have representation in the Conference of Colleges?No.**Chair opened the floor for speeches for and against the motion.**Students at PPH deserve of same treatment as those at permanent colleges.**Motion to renew and update policy on college inequalities**Total Votes 34For 31Against 2Abstain 1**The motion was deemed to be CARRIED****Any Other Business** **Chair declares meeting finished at 19:30 p.m.** | To note  |