**Student Council 1st Week Hilary Term 2022**

**Tuesday 18th January 2021**

**hybrid-model – 5:30PM**

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| **Item** | **Agenda** | **Actions** |
|  | **Welcome and Apologies**    Otto Barrow (Chair of Council) welcomed council members to the the first hybrid council meeting and explains how Student Council will run, and some ground rules. The chair explains that Student council this term will be moving to a hybrid-model, with in person meetings planned for the duration of term. Members are encouraged to attend at the SU at 4 Worcester Street, OX1 2BX and there will be pizza provided during the meeting. Face coverings will be worn and social distancing will be maintained. Futhermore, attendees will be encouraged to take a lateral flow test beforehand, in line with Government and University guidance. There will also be an option to attend virtually for those who are isolating or otherwise unable to attend.  The chair explained that as no amendments were submitted called upon the returning officer to discuss elections. | 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 were no matters arising | To receive |
| **C** | **Elections in council**  Chair hands over to Wesley Ding (Returning Officer) who introduces the role of 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 returning officer continues to inform members of the main [SU Leadership elections](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/elections/) | 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/22ht1w/). Sabbatical Trustees supplemented their written reports with a short verbal update.  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on officer reports** | To receive |
| **E** | **Reports from and questions to Disabilities Campaign**  **Key highlights from Disabilities Campaign:**  Our primary goal as a campaign currently remains as being to ensure we provide support and advocacy to disabled students at the University of Oxford. There was interest in the DisCam freshers fair stand by a number of freshers (as well as second years who had previously been unable to attend a freshers fair) and our annual DisCam Families scheme is currently underway. Unfortunately, the ‘Meet DisCam – accessible board games and tea’ was not particularly well attended in second week, but we will look to hold other events later in term. By-elections and appointments allowed us to fill most positions in the campaign, including having a full executive committee (2x co-chairs, sec and treasurer) which we hope will allow us to improve how we are able to run events and activities through this term and beyond.  **Disabilities Campaign** submitted a[written report](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22ht1w/) which can be found online  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on International Students Campaign**  There were no questions from delegates.  **Reports from and questions to LGBTQ+ Campaign**  No report was submitted. Campaign will submit at 3rd week council | To receive |
| **F** | **Reports from and questions to PG and UG Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Graduate Report**  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments for the PG Rep.**  There were no questions from delegates.  **Key highlights from Victor Vescu UG Div Rep:**  HT 2022 attended by Mike Bonsall (Associate Head of Division -  Education), course reps from all MPLS departments, and UG MPLS  Rep  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments for the UG Rep.**  There were no questions from delegates  Both PG and UG submitted a [written report](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/22ht1w/) which can be found online. |  |
| **H** | **Items for resolution**  Otto Barrow (Chair) explained opened up the floor to members to discuss these items | To receive |
|  | **Policy and its Development at Oxford SU**  **Council notes:**   1. As student council currently stands - Student Council is the most appropriate and best space for detailed discussions of policies to take place - Motions for policy do not need to be in a completed state to come to Student Council - The members of Student Council must have the expertise to cover all policy areas - No other committee is required to complete the policy business of Student Council 2. Ben Farmer, the Ex-Oxford SU VP Charities and Communities (2020-21) brought this representation review as an item for discussion to student council in TT21 and Anvee Bhutani the current President brought this review as an item for discussion in 5th week council this term.   **Council believes:**   1. This item for discussion was received well both times. 2. Student Council is not the most appropriate and best space for detailed discussions of policies to take place 3. Motions for policy should not need to be in a completed state to come to Student Council 4. The members of Student Council do not have the expertise to cover all policy areas 5. There should be other committees required to complete the policy business of Student Council   **Council resolves:**  1. To alter the democratic processes at the SU to those outlined in this presentation via the new byelaw on policy and its development at the SU  2. Approve the new byelaw on appointed officials, which outlines the operational structure of staffing these committees  3. Strike any other byelaws that conflict with the new byelaws  **Proposer:** Anvee Bhutani, SU President  **Seconder:** Otto Barrow, Chair of Student Council  **Opening statement from** Anvee Bhutani, SU President  **Chair opens floor for discussion:** |  |
|  | **Change term dates of SU Student Trustees**  **Council Notes:**   1. The current bylaw around Student Trustees reads   22 Student Trustees  22.1 A Student Trustee elected at   1. (a)  Annual Elections serves in office from the start of 9th Week of the Term in which the   election was held to the end of 8th Week of the same Term in the following Academic  Year.   1. (b)  a By-election serves for the remaining portion of the term of office of the Student   Trustee whose vacancy is being filled.  For the purposes of (b), one or more vacancies are deemed to have occurred when not all the required Student Trustees are elected at Annual Elections.   1. Student Trustees takeover in a different term to Sabbatical Trustees 2. Student Trustees only began to receive training this year and do not receive a handover   **Believes:**   1. All Student Trustees should be given a base level of training and a handover for their role and this would be best done in conjunction with the Sabbatical Trustee onboarding 2. Trustee Boards function best with limited disruption and entry/exit of Trustees 3. Student Trustees should have more time to work on their own projects and manifesto pledges and the summer is the most conducive to having the time to do this and be supported by SU staff 4. Increasing SU Trustee Board effectiveness is a long term priority for the SU   **Resolves:**   1. Change Bylaw 22.1 to read as follows   22 Student Trustees  22.1 A Student Trustee elected at   1. (a)  Annual Elections serves in office from the start of 10th Week of Trinity Term following   election to the end of 9th Week of Trinity Term in the following Academic Year.   1. (b)  a By-election serves for the remaining portion of the term of office of the Student   Trustee whose vacancy is being filled.  For the purposes of (b), one or more vacancies are deemed to have occurred when not all the required Student Trustees are elected at Annual Elections.  **Proposer:** Anvee Bhutani, SU President  **Seconder:** Wesley Ding, Student Trustee & Returning Officer  **Opening statement from** Anvee Bhutani, SU President  **Chair opens floor for discussion**  This conclusion to both motions was we bring them back at 3rd week for voting and discussion due to lack of enough time for members to read the documents | To receive |
| **H.** | **Items for discussion** | To receive |
|  | **Title:** Consultation: Sabbatical Officer Role Review  **Council Notes:**  Council is asked to note:  1. As the sabbatical officer structure currently stands - Oxford SU hasn’t had a sabbatical officer role review since the late 90s whereas the standard is to do this every 5-10 years - SU campaigns and projects are not currently looped into the sabbatical officer structure - There is a workload discrepancy between sabbatical officers in that some roles are very committee heavy whereas others have more time to work on projects  2. A new proposed sabbatical officer structure has been developed in consultation with current and former SU Sabbatical Officers, JCR & MCR Presidents and Campaign Chairs.  3. The President presents a new Oxford SU sabbatical officer structure to be noted by student council and invites a conversation on how students can be better represented and supported by the sabbatical officer portfolios that exist internally.  **Proposer:** Anvee Bhutani, SU President, Magdalen College  **The chair opened the item up for discussion** | To receive |
| **I** | **Any Other Business**  **Chair opens the floor for AOB to members** | To note |
|  | **Chair declares meeting finished at 19:45** | To note |