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

**Tuesday 1st February 2021**

**Hybrid-model – 5:30PM**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **Agenda** | **Actions** |
|  | **Welcome and Apologies**    Otto Barrow (Chair of Council) welcomed council members to the first hybrid council meeting and explained how the 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 the 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. Furthermore, 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 isolated 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.  RO invites candidates to address members:  **Ishaan**  I think I would be good at helping set agendas.  RO opens the floor to questions for the position. There are none.  **Results**  **Election of a Member to Steering Committee**  Ishaan Parikh -2  RON -1  Ishaan Parikh elected.  **Nominations Committee: (x2)**  Nominations Committee (x2): The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to support and assist the organization to make sound decisions in relation to the appointment of External Trustees and to advise the Board and Council on appropriate courses of action in this area.  The Nominations Committee is a subcommittee of the Board which compromises a range of stakeholders.  This business of the committee will include, but not exclusively: Criteria against which potential nominees for External Trustee must be considered and  the procedure for identifying potential new trustees. The Committee will usually only meet when an external trustee vacancy arises.  Additional meetings may be called as required to support succession planning.    The returning officer continues to inform members of the main [SU Leadership elections](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/elections/)  RO notes that they have seen the highest number of nominations for Oxford SU elections 2022-23. Presently there are 54 candidates in total, which include:  7 candidates for president  5 candidates VP access and academic affairs  6 VP women  7 NUS delegate candidates  4 charities and communities  9 for graduates  5 welfare and equal opportunities  5 student trustees  RO announces that voting for SU Elections opens on **Monday and closes by 5 PM on Friday** | 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/22ht3w/).  Full report of Presidential Report can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/HT22-Week-3-President-Report.docx).  Full report of VP Access and Academic Affairs can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/Safa-Council-Report-HT3.docx).  Full report of VP Charities and Societies can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/HT22-Week-3.docx).  Full report of VP Women can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/Student-Council-Officer-Report-Kemi-6-31st-Jan-2022.docx).  Full report of VP Graduates can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/Devika-Vice-President-Graduates_HTW3.docx).  Full report of VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/HT-W3-Officer-Report-_-Vice-President-Welfare-and-Equal-.docx).  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on Sabbatical Trustee Reports**  There are none | To receive |
| **E** | **Reports from and questions to LGBTQ+ campaign, Class Act and Women Campaign**  Full report of LGBTQ+ campaign can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/LGBTQ-Campaign-Report-HT22.docx)  Full report of Class Act can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/HT-22-Class-Act-Campaign-Report.docx.pdf)  Full report of Women Campaign can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/Campaign-Report-1-Womens.docx)    **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on officer reports**  There are none | To receive |
| **F** | **Reports from and questions to PG and UG Social Sciences**  Full report of UG Social Sciences can be accessed [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/pageassets/representation/student-council/22ht3w/Otto-Barrow-Div-Rep-Report.docx).  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments for the PG Rep.**    There were no questions from delegates. |  |
| **H** | **Items for resolution**  Otto Barrow (Chair) explained opened the floor to members to discuss these items | To receive |
|  | **1. 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  Highlights:  **Chair opens floor for discussion:**  **Policy and Its Development at Oxford SU**  Total Votes 35  Yes 30  No 4  Abstain 1  This motion passes (88%). |  |
|  | **2. 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 serve 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**  **Change Term Dates of Oxford SU Student Trustees**  Total Votes 5  Yes 5  No 0  Abstain 0  This motion passes (100%). | 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 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 for discussion | To receive |
| **I** | **Any Other Business**  None raised | To note |
|  | **Chair declares meeting finished at 18:50 PM** | To note |