

Oxford SU

Conference of Common Rooms

17:00-18:00, Tuesday 9th June

HB Allen Centre, Keble College

Minutes

Prior to CCR, Oxford SU held its Annual General Meeting. As a charity, we are legally mandated by our governing documents to ensure that you as members are able to review the organisation's activities over the last year and have transparent access to our income and expenditure. You can find attached the presentation slides which details Oxford SU's Trustee report, financial accounts, and affiliations. It also includes information on our Transformation project and interim strategic objectives throughout the past couple of years. The full presentation can be found [here](#).

Present: Shermar Pryce (SP), President for Communities and Common Rooms; Seun Sowunmi (SS), SU President for Undergraduates; Alisa Brown (AB), SU President for Welfare, Equity & Inclusion; Wantoe Wantoe (WW), SU President for Postgraduates

Chair: Shermar Pryce (President for Community & Common Rooms)

Deputy Chairs:

- Vacant, elected in room (JCR President)
- Rhys Inward (MCR President)

In attendance:

Christ Church MCR
Merton MCR

Reuben MCR
St. Anne's JCR

St. John's JCR
Wadham SU

Apologies: Rhys Inward

1. Introduction

- SP welcomed attendees and provided a summary of the agenda.

2. Governance Matters

- The Chair outlined the process to elect a Deputy Chair to CCR and welcomed nominees for JCR and MCR Deputy Chair.
- Isaac Gavaghan (Wadham SU) was elected as JCR Deputy Chair.
- The minutes from TT W3 were introduced and ratified with no objections.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Officer Updates

- SP explained all attendees should have received the Action Log Updates table in advance of the meeting. Asked for questions.

3.2 Officer Impact Reports

- Each of the four Officers provided a summary of their work during the 2025–26 academic year. Members were directed to the published [Impact Report](#) for a full overview of outcomes and activity.

Questions:

- No questions were raised.

Items for Discussion

4. University-Wide Sanitary Products Provision

Proposed by: Isabella Taylor, Magdalen JCR President

Seconded by: Helena Zhao, SU Women*s Officer; Rhys Inward, Jesus MCR President; Alec Elias Siguardarson, Wadham MCR President; Alisa Brown, President for Welfare, Equity and Inclusion

Decision Type: Conference Mandate

Presented by: Isabella Taylor and Alisa Brown

This motion mandates Oxford SU to lobby the University of Oxford to provide free period products in all Bodleian libraries toilets as a minimum standard, and to advocate for the same standard across all student-facing departmental buildings. The motion further mandates the SU to ask the University to introduce a clear, consistent and visible system for period product provision, including agreed responsibility for procurement, restocking, signage and reporting when products run out.

Comments:

- SP expressed strong support for the motion and noted that sufficient resources had already been identified to support wider provision across the collegiate University.
- A member welcomed the motion and asked whether the University could require colleges to implement sanitary product provision in college spaces.
- The proposer reported that provision currently varies significantly between colleges, with some colleges providing products in public and shared bathroom facilities and others offering no provision.
- AB clarified that the University cannot mandate provision within colleges but confirmed that the issue would be raised through appropriate collegiate channels, including the Conference of Colleges.

- SP noted that the Domestic Bursars' Committee would be a particularly appropriate forum for further discussion.

5. NUS Referendum Term Discussion

- Members were invited to discuss the timing of the referendum on affiliation to the National Union of Students (NUS); the decision to hold a referendum was passed at W3 CCR TT 2026.

Comments:

- SU LGBTQ+ Officer suggested that a referendum could take place during Michaelmas Term to utilise the high engagement from the Freshers' period.
- The JCR Deputy Chair noted that alignment with the Students' Union Elections timetable may be beneficial to maximise engagement in one activity.
- It was noted and agreed that the incoming Sabbatical Officer team would determine next steps.

6. Student Life Subcommittee Representation

- JCR and MCR nominations were sought for student representation on the Student Life Subcommittee. This opportunity has been raised in line with the 'Wider Access to University Committee' motion. Those interested were asked to speak to their suitability.
- Isabella Taylor (Magdalen JCR) was elected as the JCR representative.
- The request for MCR representation will be taken to the upcoming MCR PresCom.

Below the Line (final approval – not for discussion unless requested)

7. Expired motions

- Independence from OLDUT and Oxford Union Society
- Support of student-led action

Comments:

- Christ Church MCR noted that disparities in college rent remain a significant concern and suggested that previous policy relating to rent advocacy should either be retained or replaced with updated policy. Christ Church MCR confirmed they would bring a proposal to a future CCR meeting.
- The Deputy Chair highlighted an example of rent support at Wadham College that is linked to household income.
- Christ Church MCR asked whether more consistent rent metrics could be adopted across colleges.
- SP suggested that, at minimum, greater transparency and consistency in rent-setting processes should be encouraged.
- LGBTQ+ Officer noted that rent negotiations should form part of the responsibilities of Common Room Presidents.
- Magdalen JCR highlighted that rent negotiations are already a substantial part of committee activity within Magdalen JCR.

AOB:

8. Strategic plan update

- SP provided a brief update on the Students' Union Strategic Plan under Theme 5 and confirmation that funding had been secured for a Common Rooms Coordinator position.
- SP stated that a broader strategic update will be presented at the Week 3 CCR Michaelmas Term meeting.

9. Common Room Support Working Group

- Members were informed that Common Room Presidents' would be invited to participate in a working group ahead of September, with approximately three to four meetings planned with Common Room leaders. Further information to be circulated shortly.

10. Exams Survey Recommendations

- SS outlined the 12 recommendations that had been developed from the survey findings. SS noted that the recommendations reflected both undergraduate and postgraduate perspectives, but that further work was required to ensure postgraduate experiences were more fully represented, as the majority of responses had come from undergraduate students.

11. Water Safety and Think TWICE

- Members were asked what education, development opportunities or training would help them feel better equipped to promote water safety within their roles.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th October (Week 3), 19:00-20:00, location to be confirmed.