OUSU
council minutes

**1st week Council held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 14th October 2009
at St Edmund Hall in the Jarvis Doctrow Hall**

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
b. Matters Arising from the Minutes
c. Ratifications in Council
d. Elections in Council
e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers
f. Reports from the Executive Officers who wish to make reports
g. Questions to Members of the Executive
h. Emergency Motions
i. Passage of Motions Nem Con
j. Motions of No Confidence or Censure
k. First readings of Motions to Amend the Constitution or Standing Orders
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m. Motions Authorising Capital Expenditure
n. Other Motions
    i. motions affecting ousu members as ousu members
    ii. motions affecting ousu members as students at Oxford University
    iii. motions affecting ousu members as members of the student movement
    iv. motions affecting ousu members as residents of Oxford
    v. motions affecting ousu members as residents of the United Kingdom
    vi. motions affecting ousu members as citizens of the world
o. Any Other Business

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a.   Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Madeline Stanley (LMH):
Proposes a procedural motion. Highly complicated procedural motion. We need to split the ratification into one ratification and two motions. We will be ratifying Technical details, and Junior Tribunal and Electoral Regulations will become motions.

No objections this passes.

No matters arising from previous minutes.

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c.   Ratifications in Council

Council notes and approves
1. Technical Details of the Voting System for the Michaelmas Term 2009 OUSU Statutory Elections (Appendix 2)

Ollie Linch (Lincoln):
This is just a formal way of saying that Mi-voice will be doing our elections.

No questions.

Passed.

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d.   Elections in Council

Returning Officer: There is one mistake on the Divisional Board Representative – Medical Sciences Ian Lyons should appear as an Undergraduate rather than under postgraduate.

I will be asking for husts for the contested elections and asking if council wants husts for the non contested ones. Hust for 3 mins then council can ask questions.

Election for DRO:

Two candidates:
Ronnie Collinson (Balliol)
Joseph Wales (St Hugh's)

Joseph Wales (St Hugh's):
Answer's to the standard questions, No, No, any weeks not out of term.
I am VP at St Hughs and thought I would like to run for DRO. I am a bit of a rules gimp and think I will make a good DRO as I enjoy reading up on the Constitution and Standing Orders.

Ronnie Collinson (Balliol):
Answer to standard questions, 4 - Oxford Conservative, National council for Civil liberties, National Conservative Party and additional one (unfortunately not captured by the minuter!)

I have presided over Balliol PDP's and have been Returning Officer at Oxford Union and presided over 2nd largest election in the Unions history. I like to think I ran them fairly and freely. I have also been an interested member of OUSU. Over vacation provided assistance to our Returning officer, also spent beginning of term reviewing the electoral regulations.

To what standard of impartiality will you hold yourself?
Joseph: To the highest standards
Ronnie: To highest standard, also don't think I know anyone involved or running in the OUSU elections.

Spirit or letter of the law?

Ronnie: Will be guided by the Returning Officer

Joseph: Letter when spirit fails, but will of course be guided by the Returning Officer.

Returning Officer advises that Council needs to elect 2 Deputy Returning Officers

Divisional Board Representative – Humanities Undergraduate

David Barclay (Worcester):
Answer to standard questions: Yes am a member of OULC and labour party, not censured and no.

Hi council, I am 3rd year historian at Worcester, and was JCR president last year, have experience on student fees board. Think important to have student representation on committees so things don't get past students. Also want to discuss academic feedback, re the provision of it, which is rubbish at this time. Given how much we contribute, should have a louder voice, can be through feedback sessions. Think should be spread across all colleges, as work very well. I know also working well in English faculty, should be rolled out. Also annoyed by how long collections take to get back to students should be a four week rule. I feel this could be my contribution hope you support me.

Divisional Board Representative – Humanities Postgraduate

Mandi Izadi
Answer to standard questions: No political party, not censured in council and no.

Decision that no hust required.

Divisional Board Representative – Medical Sciences Undergraduate

Mehak Mumtaz
Ian Lyons

Mehak Mumtaz was not in attendance.

Ian Lyons
Answer to standard questions: no, and no and No.

Returning Officer: This is a contested election so there will be a hust.

I am a Clinical Medical Student, doing an undergraduate degree; I have skills and experience to represent you. I have improved feedback in Teddy Hall JCR. I also worked on JCC, standardised DPhil relations. Want to improve our representation and get on more of the standing committees. Want to hold feed back sessions for students and finals forums for students across all divisions.

Divisional Board Representative – Medical Sciences Postgraduate

Natasha Malpani (St Catherine's)

Not in attendance, but election can still take place.

Jonny Medland (Queen's):
Just want to give you some idea about Divisional Board representatives, since some of you probably don't understand what you are actually voting for. Explains the system. If anyone wants to stand for these divisions, have to be part of this division but you could nominate now.

Essentially you will attend two meetings of divisional board per term, feedback to Sarah Hutchinson and myself can have an impact on the sort of teaching and graduate course you have at University. If no one stands remain unfulfilled.

Divisional Board Representative – Social Sciences Undergraduate

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds Hall)
Rachel Duffy (St Anne's)

Rachel Duffy (St Anne's):
Answer Member of Labour party, no and no.

This is a bit of the cuff, feedback from College parents, a quicker response from tutors, with regards to tutorial essays and collections, would be good, would be aiming for. Come from school, would be good to have feedback. Not that familiar with the system. That's what I stand for.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds Hall)
No, No and No.

My name is Dan Lowe, a fourth year and study law. I have been on sciences board before.

See it as taking feedback from the representatives. Feel have time and also best way to get information from reps, invite out to coffee. First thing would tackle is careers, would like to see alternative careers being pushed. Accenture also agreed to speak to RAG would like to see it extended. Also to do with Access, lots have tests, like to see that students from all backgrounds get help with these. Also students from other countries. Everybody should have feedback, on every essay.

Do you agree with prioritised reading lists, would you agree with this?

Rachel Duffy (St Anne's)
Yes as someone recovered from swine flu, it was really helpful that my tutor gave me a prioritised reading list.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds)

Wholeheartedly agree.

Divisional Board Representative – Mathematics, Physical & Life Sciences Undergraduate

Jack Matthews (St Peters)
Member of OCA, no, no.

No hust required.

Mature Students Officer

Candidates are not in attendance, but we can still vote.

Two Candidates
Kristi Cooper (St Hughs)
Rainbow Chang (Wycliffe)

Graduate International

Natasha Malpani (St Catherines)

Access & Admissions Officer

Nathan Jones (St Catherines)
Answer to Standard Questions: Member of National Conservative party not OUCA, no and no.

Hust required

I am a second year History and Politics student at St Catz, I went to a state comp in Birmingham and benefited from lots of access schemes, very passionate about access, have helped with many over the last year, including St Catherines access office. Gives me opportunity to see students and hear their myths and misconceptions and help to break them down. Good to see so many enthusiastic people and if got this position would like to tap into this, and get to know the different colleges passion for access are and how we can bring them together and use them to their full potential.

Do you have any concrete ideas?

Would like to see, that certainly in our college on our JCR no one specific responsible for this. Would like to ensure each college has one, and organise events where they can come together.

Graduate Welfare Officer

David Bowe (Somerville)
Answer to standard questions: No, no and no

First year graduate at Somerville was welfare rep at St Hughs, provoked a whole overhaul of welfare provision in college, and ensured that there was one place where people could go for assistance. We were central point of information. Graduates are more disparate, so information and point of contact, need to bombard with information, so people know what provisions are available, email shots, posters, if you are living far out you don't have time to visit college to find out. Fundamentally more information more readily available to stop grads feeling isolated.

Complaints Board

Jonny Medland (Queen's):
About complaints board, the complaints board about OUSU, need to have one. Speaking as an elected officer

feel important that there is a complaints board, quorum is three so if we could have 3 people standing for it would be good.

Questions on role:

Jack Matthews (St Peters)
I am a former Chair of the Complaints Board.

How often do people complain?
In my year dealt with 3 complaints. Once a complaint comes you have to deal with it to deal within in about 3 days, and it will take about 2 hours. Not often, not huge, but have to have. Quite fun, get to make loads of decisions. Position for a year. Get to email and demand information. Important for holding members to account.

Noor Rashid (St Edmunds Hall)
Answer to standard questions, OULC, no, and no
As OUSU rep for last year, have represented OUSU to my college, have a few debates when taken back to college, some people disgruntled with OUSU when these come up, not sure how could get dealt with.

Tendai Sibanda (St Peters)
Answer to standard questions: Friend as a joke signed me up, No, no
2nd term as OUSU rep, interest in making it work and seeing debate goes somewhere, interested in ensuring that held accountable.

Hannah Gomersall (St Hilda's)
Answer to standard questions: OULC, no, no
3rd year music student, like to complain a lot, think quite fitted, sounds fun and have been secretary of OULC and think would enjoy this.

Sarah Swanson (St Hilda's)
Answer to questions: No, No, no
Just started at OUSU officer at St Hildas like OUSU but want to make sure held accountable

Jahan Meeran (Corpus Christi)
Answer to standard questions: No, No, No
Don't have experience of these guys have but did work in social research, did take complaints and make them better. Important have dialogue and ensure held accountable.

Edison Huynh (Jesus)
Answer to standard questions: May join labour club this year, no, and no
Third term as OUSU rep attended every session despite my president not attending and attending OUSU reps meeting and encouraged participation.

There have been some complaints about standing orders and constitution, but why do they need to exist.

Noor Rashid (St Edmunds)
Important as otherwise OUSU wouldn't function.

Tendai Sibanda (St Peters)
Need standing orders to ensure kept legitimate,

Hannah Gomersall (St Hilda's)
Chaos if no standing order

Sarah Swanson (St Hilda's)
Need to look into whether necessary.

Jahan Meeran (Corpus Christi)
Don't know what is but ensure that we are adhering to what we've codeified.

Edison Huynh (Jesus)
Makes legitimate and transparent.

Students with Disabilities

Ben Karlin

RO not here but has provided you with information so please vote.

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e.   Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

President – Stefan Baskerville
How many of you have read my report, (audience puts up hands) less than hoping for more than expecting. Please can I ask you to read, gives you some ideas as to what have done over summer. Met with 16 common room presidents, dealt with many issues. If I haven't met you yet, hope we have a date in diary, most of you are booked in at some time really would like to meet you one to one.

Attended 3 meeting of University Council since I took office. A new sub committee to look at fundraising and development, requested that students should be represented on this. Review of University sports, booklet on website, review of governance and funding, no one responsible for within university, report basically said we should change governance.

Vice Chancellor discussed representation on sub committees.

NUS provided with training, going to provide JCR presidents. Met with city council, opportunity for us to make submission to this, landlord accreditation scheme.

Think we should be very active in the elections. Common room database ongoing. Undergoing legal changes, provides opportunity to look at current status, I have issued a statement on financial transparency. Should have in front of you an indication of the sort of reporting structure we will be using to report to OUSU council.

Invite Malcolm Jenkins new General Manager up after Dani (as Dani advises she has to leave)

VP Welfare – Dani Quinn
Want to introduce myself, really great summer team amazing. Get in touch.

Malcolm Jenkins understand number of discussions about how transparent data has to be. Individual contracts should not be part of reports, as this would indicate to potential bidders how much OUSU is currently paying, we would not want to not indicate the exact nature, but do want to give you a clear indication of how well company doing.

Jake Leeper (LMH):
If there is something when it could be traced back how would this be dealt with?

Malcolm Jenkins (General Manager):
Would put two or three together without revealing exact nature.
Student unions are not covered by freedom of information acts.

Jason Keen asks the President for an update on new committee structure.

Last MT we had a referendum on new council structure, it passed and then that is when the problems started, The university has to ensure we are held accountable, body responsible for this is the JCC. Last year were not

informed that the referendum had taken place and the changes that had occurred. When I advised them they stated would not pass them as they currently stood, some sentences don't make sense, process didn't work. In order to make it work would have needed 15 Presidential Interpretations, it was never going to be a valid way of making policy. Therefore acting as before, and are in the process of consultation on this. Please come along to meeting next week.

Sympathise with position, seems strange, that a referendum should have been held about something which you guys aren't clear about. What was the initial idea behind these reforms?

One was that council takes a long time, and that often amendments are proposed that conflicted with each other. That it can sometimes be difficult in a meeting this size to achieve a resolution. Also holding sabbatical officers to account. Intent had to be disregarded when trying to patch up, included complex policy making. Hope what we come up with will be good.

Noor Rashid (St Edmunds Hall)
Graduate tax scheme update?

Mandelson is about to announce the higher funding review, exciting, doing a deal don't want to do as an election campaign, not a vote winner. Our job is to keep pressure on, NUS have a programme of town takeovers to raise the profile of this issue. Think we should mobilise students creatively for this before the elections. Raising profile of grad tax which is called the Blueprint. We will be thinking how to take OUSU forward.

Jack Matthews please can you explain what OSSL is?

OSSL stands for Oxford Student Services Ltd, they generate income and are the commercial arm of OUSU. This is for a number of reasons, which include tax benefits but we are reviewing whether we need to have and will report as soon as have right answer.

VP Women – Kat Wall
I am the new VP Women and my report tells you what I've been up to over summer.

Katherine Terrell.
To what extent is stereotyping committee addressing finals gap?

Looking at the research, gender panel think it might be a reason, expectation that if you are part of a minority group that thinks it will do less well that it will and they are looking into tackling this.

VP Graduates – Sarah Hutchinson
Had to leave

VP Access & Academic Affairs

Hi I'm Jonny if not read report, please read as it contains a lot of stuff I've been doing. Meeting lots of common room reps. I emailed every JCR president etc about e-mentoring, please let me know if your college is interested, by the end of the week. First meeting of Academic Affairs reps next Tuesday. Thank you for those who have responded, great to see people there and discuss how we can proceed and take things forward.

VP Charities & Community – Eorann Lean
My reports in bullet points so easy to read,

f.   Reports from the Executive Officers who wish to make reports

Environment & Ethics Officer – Daniel Lowe

E & E meetings are now on Thursdays not Tuesdays, please come along.

Common Room Support Officer - Jack Matthews

Reads out list of JCR's please come and collect your lovely goody bags, every other common room has one but on way to you.

Working on database of common rooms if you want us to come to your common room meeting see me we are more than happy to come and see you.

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h.   Emergency Motions

National Student Survey

Council Notes:
1. That the National Student Survey is an annual survey produced by Ipsos-MORI in conjunction with HEFCE which goes to all final year undergraduates nationally.
2. That the survey requires a 50% response rate in order to allow the information collected to be published.
3. That last year Oxford was the only university in Britain which did not achieve this 50% response rate.
4. That the University is keen to boost the response rate for the 2010 National Student Survey and is currently considering how best to do this.
5. That one of the options under consideration is allowing Ipsos-MORI to contact students by phone in order to ask them questions.
6. That this happens at virtually all other universities in Britain, and Ipsos-MORI believes that we would certainly achieve a 50% response rate if they were permitted to call Oxford students in order to ask them to fill in the survey.

Council Further Notes:
1. That OUSU Council passed policy in Trinity Term 2008 supporting the National Student Survey.
2. That OUSU Council passed policy in Hilary Term 2009 mandating the OUSU Executive to actively promote the National Student Survey.

Council Believes:
1. That a low response rate on the NSS is a problem as it means that out-of-date data is included for Oxford when calculating our positioning in league tables.
2. That a low response rate on the NSS is also a problem as it means that concerns over relatively low satisfaction levels on areas including feedback and understanding of mark schemes in exams can be more easily dismissed by the university as being unrepresentative.
3. That accurate and reliable survey data can be a valuable campaigning tool for Common Rooms and OUSU as it draws attention to problems within university and college provision for students.
4. That one phone call to finalists near the beginning of Hilary 2010 would not be excessively obtrusive on their time.

Council Resolves:
1. To support the principle that Ipsos-MORI can call final year undergraduates near the start of Hilary 2010 to ask them the questions contained within the survey.
2. To oppose any attempt to let Ipsos-MORI call final year undergraduates over the Hilary vacation owing to the proximity of finals at that time.
3. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs) to convey these policies to the University.

Proposed: *Jonny Medland (Queen's)*
Seconded: *Stefan Baskerville (Univ)*

Jonny Medland (Queen's):

Not exactly an emergency nothings going to fall down, but the University might make decision on it before next council. Every year every university gets there students to do this, last year every university apart from us achieved 50% completion rate. NSS informs the work that we do, if don't respond, then it seems as if not important. University says that it is statistically meaningless, important we get numbers up, going to try and increase this. Going to be considering telephone calls, most other unis allow this, the university is considering letting the poll company call over Hilary vacation, not keen. Think better for them to be called after survey has been open, think should support.

Alice Heath (Univ):
Can students opt out from being called?

Jonny Medland (Queens):
Working on it, maybe in initial email could be able to opt out.

Sarah Bainbridge (Mansfield):
How getting phone numbers?

Jonny Medland (Queen's):
Every year when you register at University you provide numbers these would be given to Mori for limited purposes and would have to comply.

Kat Wall (LMH):
If wanted ,to give numbers to other organisations, what would be the stand on this.

Jonny Medland (Queen's)
Grave reservations on giving numbers out, but if ever given out we would have input.

Hannah Gomersall (St Hildas):
Is there any way of making this the last resort?

Is something university is considering, the reason I think is a worse idea, is because it would be in 8th week of Hilary term, when people studying for finals.

We achieved 43% participation last year.

No speech in opposition – Motion Passes

i. Passage of Motions Nem Com

Junior Tribunal

Council Notes and Accepts
The Junior Tribunal Shortlist.

In line with SO.C5h1 and SO.C5h2 the following former members of OUSU are, in order of seniority, eligible to sit on Junior Tribunal:

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Angus Hebenton RO MT04
DaryL Leeworthy RO MT05
Tania Das DRO MT04

Kimberley Gillingham DRO MT04
Dominic Curran DRO MT04
Matt Baker DRO MT05
Kirsty McNeil President 2000
Steph Gray VP (Finance) 2000
Jane Blumer VP (Women) 2000
Rhodri Thomas VP (Access and Academic Affairs) 2000
Eleanor Fletcher VP (Finance) 2001
Antonia Bance VP (Women) 2001
James Rowlands VP (Welfare) 2001
Will Straw President 2002
Sean Sullivan VP (Finance) 2002
Sonia Sodha VP (Access and Academic Affairs) 2002
Andrew Copson VP (Welfare) 2002
Helen Puig Larrauri President 2003
Rodrigo Davies VP (Finance) 2003
Dan Paskins VP (Graduates) 2003
Rosie Buckland VP (Welfare) 2003
John Blake President 2004
Alan Strickland President 2006

Proposed: ***Oliver J Linch, (Lincoln)***
Seconded: ***Stefan Baskerville (Univ)***

Passes Nem Com

2. Developing SOLO to Save Students Time

Council notes:
1. The time that SOLO can save students through finding where the materials that they require for study are located.
2. The time spent by students conducting searches for study materials, such as books, journals, online articles etc that are listed in reading lists.

Council believes:
1. Many, many, hours of students' time can be saved through the integration of reading lists with SOLO (with hyperlinks for articles) so that students do not have to enter book titles, authors, etc into search boxes and explore several pages of the internet to locate a single article.
2. The process of identifying which books students would like as acquisitions can be enhanced through making it easier for students to communicate such information.
3. The effectiveness of such a scheme depends upon the ease of use for tutors and course providers.

Council resolves
1. To mandate the OUSU VP (Access and Academic Affairs) to submit the proposal outlined in the appendix, subject to his own minor changes that do not significantly affect the substance of the proposal, to the appropriate Libraries committee

Proposed: ***William Hartshorn (Hertford College)***
Seconded: ***Jason Keen (St John's College)***

Motion passes Nem Com

c. Ratifications in Council

n.   Other Motions

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Proposed: Oliver J Linch, (Lincoln)
Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (Univ)

2. Regulations.

Council Notes & Accepts:
The attached Regulations Governing the Michaelmas Term 2009 Statutory Elections (Appendix 1).

Proposed: Oliver J Linch, (Lincoln)
Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (Univ)

Ollie Linch Proposes following amendment to Regulations

Delete d02, i-iv and replace with the following;

2. "Political organisation" means any organisation which is:
    i. A political party; or
    ii. An organisation affiliated to a political party; or
    iii. A partisan, political organization including all subdivisions thereof; or
    iv. Holds and promulgates views of a political nature

Proposed: Oliver J Linch, (Lincoln)
Seconded: Madeline Stanley (LMH)

Ollie Linch (Lincoln):
Make speech in proposition of amendment. Forgot to change want to delete definition of political org, taken Oxford University out.

Changing the following used to be had to declare member of a national political organisation, now have to declare if member of Oxford organisation.

Amendment passes without opposition.

Motion passes without opposition

3. Draft Regionalisation Motion

Council notes:
1.   That the collegiate university is currently considering the implementation of a 'regionalisation' initiative for outreach work.
2.   That the ultimate aim of this policy – if implemented – is to give every school and teacher in Britain a single, named point of contact within Oxford University.
3.   That this proposal has been discussed with colleges over a period of time.
4.   That the proposed policy would give each of the 29 undergraduate colleges responsibility to act as the 'lead' college for a cluster of Local Authorities.
5.   That these clusters have been designed to contain similar numbers of schools, average number of students getting 3 As at A Level (or the equivalent) and average number of current applicants to Oxford.
6.   That existing partnerships between colleges and local authorities have also been taken into account when devising regions.
7.   That the design of the proposed policy aims to ensure that each lead college is given a fair workload and equal opportunity to recruit the most talented candidates for potential admission to Oxford.
8.   That – if implemented - the policy would explicitly not prevent colleges from recruiting or developing activities in any particular area of the United Kingdom.
9.   That the University of Cambridge implemented a similar regionalisation model several years ago and it has operated since.
10. That the process by which colleges ask to be allocated certain regions is currently ongoing with initial requests for regions needing to be sent to the university by October 23.

Council believes:
1.   That the diffuse structure of the collegiate university means that potential exists for some schools to be contacted by large numbers of colleges while others receive less contact.
2.   That this can lead to an inefficient allocation of limited resources and create confusion within schools and colleges.
3.   That a regionalisation initiative would help address these problems.
4.   That it is important that colleges sign up collectively to the regionalisation program in order to ensure that all areas of the UK are covered adequately.

Council resolves:
1. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs) to write to the Oxford Director of Undergraduate Admissions expressing OUSU Council's support for the regionalisation proposals.
2. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs) to support the regionalisation initiative in meetings of the University's Admissions Executive, Education Committee and other relevant committees.
3. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs) to keep OUSU Council and Common Room Access/Admissions Officers or their equivalents informed of developments on this issue.

Proposed: ***Jonny Medland (The Queen's College)***
Seconded: ***Jason Keen (St. John's College)***

Not nem com

Jonny Medland (Queens):
Forget to take out word draft sorry, essentially regionalisation idea is for us to target our outreach work more constructively. Schools can be contacted lots of places and gets loads of responses, some don't know how it work, so don't get any info. All schools get a single point of contact. Colleges will be able to work with other areas, but it is to ensure that all schools now how to contact.

Jonathan Downing (Trinity)
Does this only covers schools which offer post 16?

Jonny Medland (Queens) Yes 11 – 16 schools not covered at the moment. When up and running will roll out to pre 16.

Following amendment proposed by Jonathan Downing

Insert to Council Believes 4.
That in order for the regionalisation model to work effectively a minimum of commitment of support for schools and colleges in allocated regions is required from each college.

Insert to Council Resolves
4. To encourage members of council to lobby their colleges to provide support for school teachers and students in the areas that they are allocated under the model.

Proposed: ***Jonathan Downing (Trinity)***
Seconded: ***Kat Wall (LMH)***

Tabled amendment as friendly. Worked as school liaison officer, one of Cambridge problems, is colleges don't put effort and money into there areas.

Chair of Council reads amendment.

Friendly amendment will be included into motion.

Move to vote

Passes

Motion finally reads

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3. Developing SOLO to Save Students Time

Council notes:
3. The time that SOLO can save students through finding where the materials that they require for study are located.
4. The time spent by students conducting searches for study materials, such as books, journals, online articles etc that are listed in reading lists.

Council believes:

4. Many, many, hours of students' time can be saved through the integration of reading lists with SOLO (with hyperlinks for articles) so that students do not have to enter book titles, authors, etc into search boxes and explore several pages of the internet to locate a single article.
5. The process of identifying which books students would like as acquisitions can be enhanced through making it easier for students to communicate such information.
6. The effectiveness of such a scheme depends upon the ease of use for tutors and course providers.

Council resolves
2. To mandate the OUSU VP (Access and Academic Affairs) to submit the proposal outlined in the appendix, subject to his own minor changes that do not significantly affect the substance of the proposal, to the appropriate Libraries committee.

Proposed: ***William Hartshorn (Hertford College)***
Seconded: ***Jason Keen (St John's College)***

Motion passes Nem Com

Appendix 1

The attached Regulations governing the Michaelmas Term 2009 OUSU Elections

The Returning Officer has issued the following regulations to govern the upcoming Student Union Elections.

a) Size of JMB entries
1. One full tabloid page (348mm up by 274mm across) for each candidate for sabbatical office
2. One quarter page (174mm up by 137mm across) for each candidate for executive or graduate executive office
3. One eighth page (87mm up by 137mm across) for each candidate for NUS delegate.

b) Expenditure Limit
1. After inflation, the expenditure limits for this year are as follows:
   i. £130 per sabbatical candidate
   ii. £50 per executive or graduate executive candidate or NUS delegate candidate
   iii. Slates shall be entitled to spend up to the full amount allowed to one candidate on that slate plus £10 per additional sabbatical candidate and £5 per additional candidate listed in b).ii.

c) Media Participation
1. The RO should allow candidates to be interviewed by the student media only if the editors concerned agree to be bound by a contract drawn up by the RO, which shall include the proviso that the interview shall not be conducted by anyone who is either a candidate or an activist for one of the candidates being interviewed.

d) Definitions
4. "Notice" to a candidate or subject shall mean:
   i. Notice in person, in writing or by fax to her/his lodge or such other address or fax number (if any) as previously agreed, by email to such email address (if any) as previously agreed, or via telephone call (including the leaving of a voicemail message) to such telephone number as previously agreed, or via SMS or pager to a previously agreed number. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given immediately upon delivery.
   ii. A candidate or subject who is informed that s/he has information awaiting collection from the OUSU Offices shall be deemed to have received it 60 minutes after the RO's notification or from when they collect it from the OUSU Offices, whichever is sooner.
5. "Political organisation" means any organisation which is:
   i. A political party; or
   ii. An organisation affiliated to a political party; or
   iii. A partisan, political organization including all subdivisions thereof; or
   iv. Holds and promulgates views of a political nature

e) Construction
1. No electoral official shall be held to account, and no complaint upheld, in respect of
   i. Any omission in the fulfillment of his /her obligations under these regulations or standing orders, where that omission was wholly and unavoidably caused by outside events.
   ii. The exercise of any discretionary power granted under these regulations or standing orders, unless the exercise of that power was either purposely unfair to anyone involved in the election; or where it was exercised by an official in a situation where s/he did not have the authority to exercise such a power.

f) Activists
1. Every candidate shall be responsible for registering with the RO any person who is active on his/her behalf 24 hours prior to the open of polls.
2. Anyone who endorses a candidate is deemed an activist.
3. Up to, but no more than, ten people may be active on behalf of the same two candidates without this sharing of activists in itself being evidence of cross-slating.
4. No agent or candidate may be an activist for another candidate unless on the same slate.

g) Endorsements

1. All endorsements listed on any JMB entry, website or other election material by any current or former OUSU or Common Room official, whether or not their official position is explicitly mentioned, must be followed by statement that these endorsements are made in his/her personal capacity.
2. All endorsements listed on any JMB entry, website or other election material by an official of any other society or institution, whether or not their official position is explicitly mentioned, must be followed by statement that these endorsements are made in his/her personal capacity, unless the candidate/slate in question provide the RO with sufficient documentary evidence to the contrary from the principal decision making body of that society or institution.
3. All statements that endorsements are made in an official's personal capacity must appear in the same size, font and colour as the most prominent part of the text detailing this endorsement.

h) Facebook

1. Candidates may create facebook groups. Members of a facebook group will not be considered activists if they do nothing more than join the facebook group.
2. Candidates may not send facebook messages via their facebook group.
3. The RO must be a member and an administrator of all facebook groups. Only a candidate, his/her agents and the RO may be an administrator.
4. Candidates' facebook groups shall be considered election material and are as such bound by all provisions in the Standing Orders, Electoral Regulations or Rules of Interpretation relating to Electoral Material. Candidates should remove any comment posted on their facebook group "wall", which contravene such provisions. Candidates are responsible for checking the "wall" and should remove any such posts within 24 hours and shall be responsible for any comments which convene any provisions relating to election material 24 hours after they were posted.
5. Candidates are entitled to shut down the facebook wall application on any group advertising their candidacy and to remove any posting they do not wish to appear on the wall of such a facebook group regardless of whether it breaches any of the provisions for electoral material.
6. The "related groups" application on any candidate's facebook group should be shut down.
7. A facebook message is deemed an email.
8. No candidate, agent or activist may use their facebook profile picture or facebook status to advertise voting intentions. For the avoidance of doubt a picture which does nothing more than include a photograph of a candidate shall not be deemed to advertise voting intentions.
9. No candidate or slate may purchase any form of facebook advertising.
10. Candidates may not create facebook "fan" pages
11. Campaigning through Facebook is explicitly prohibited in the following ways:
    - A status indicating voting intentions, advertising a candidate or listing a candidate's website or Facebook group address
    - A profile picture or posted picture with any candidate's name and/or indicating a voting preference
    The following are explicitly allowed:
    - A picture of a candidate(s)
    - A picture of yourself with a candidates(s)

i) Website Domain Names

All websites must be registered. Candidates should note this does not include facebook "group" page.
To register a website, a candidate or agent must submit to the RO to in one email to ro@ousu.org or to the RO or a DRO in person:
proof of purchase of domain name, such as a receipt or confirmation email including the price of purchase.
A signed statement or forwarded email from any person actively involved in creating the website that s/he/they collectively were entirely responsible for creating the website. Unless anyone actively involved in the creation of the website has been paid, in which case a receipt must be submitted and the amount deducted from the candidate's expenditure limit, anyone actively involved in the creation of a candidate's website must be a registered activist.

Candidates must ask permission for any internet expenditure.

In order to ensure that all candidates are correctly costed for websites, it is impossible to cost domain names already purchased. Therefore to ensure fairness all domain names must be purchased specifically for the purpose of the Michaelmas Term OUSU Elections. To ensure this ruling is enforceable all domain names must contain some reference to the election or a candidacy, such as www.voteforA.com, www.Binousuelections.com.

j) "How to vote" instructions

If Candidates wish to advertise how to vote on any campiagn material including facebook groups or websites they must use the following formula. The whole formula must be used on facebook groups or websites. For reasons of space Candidates may use only part of the formula only on other election material, but it must be a direct quotation from the formula.

The formula:

To vote visit www.mi-vote.com. If you have not received a voter code or do not know your voter code contact ro@ousu.org. Polling takes place from Tuesday until Thursday of 6th week. If you have any problems voting contact ro@ousu.org.

Appendix 2

Technical Details of the Voting System for the Michaelmas Term 2009 OUSU Statutory Elections

1. The System

1. The Election will be conducted via the Mi-Voice electronic voting system.
2. Mi-voice is a product of iMeta Technologies Limited.

2. Counting Method for Single Transferable Voting

1. Mi-voice Participation uses the Electoral Reform Society '97 calculation algorithm. Further information on this calculation algorithm can be found on the on the Electoral Reform Society's Website – http://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/article.php?id=48 <http://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/article.php?id=48>

3. Voting Procedure

1. Mi-Voice generates Unique Voter Codes (UVCs).
2. All voters receive a UVC via email.
3. Voters visit www.mi-vote.com <http://www.mi-vote.com/> and enter their UVC. They are then able to vote in all elections in which they are eligible to vote.

4. Counting

1. All counting is conducted electronically.
2. Mi-Voice provides a detailed breakdown of the results and counting stages.

Appendix 3

How an enhanced SOLO could work:
a) Uploading Reading lists – this should be made as simple as possible for tutors and course providers.
   a. Ability for tutors to set control/target access to the reading list that they have created. E.G. Display to all that satisfy "Physics" AND "Merton College" AND "first year"
   b. Comprehensive search facility to enable tutors to locate items in OLIS to be placed on the reading list.
   c. Ability for tutors to add comments/notes to items on the reading list. E.g. "Chapter 5 is particularly useful."
   d. Hyperlinks to articles potentially being added afterwards (perhaps by other employees) if this proves too time consuming for academic staff.
b) Downloading Reading list – this should be made as simple as possible for students.
   a. Students should be able to configure their account to select item searches to only be of those libraries to which they have access or can potentially have access to.
   b. Well organised drop-down menus of all reading lists available to student.
   c. Once reading list selected, the student can see what items are suggested, along with comments, and see whether and where they have access to these items.
      i. If a student does not have access to an item, they should be able to flag this up to the appropriate book acquiring body so that the purchase can be considered.
      ii. Articles should be speedily accessible through hyperlinks.
   d. It should be made simple for students to provide anonymous comments on their perceptions of the usefulness of items to tutors/ course providers.

Results of Elections

I, Oliver Linch, Lincoln College, Returning Officer, do hereby declare that the following are the results of the Elections in Council. I thank my Deputy Returning Officers for their assistance during the count.

Deputy Returning Officer
Ronald Collinson – 13
Joseph Wales – 56
RON – 2
SBV – 1

Divisional Board Representative - Humanities Undergraduate
David Barclay – 69
RON – 2
SBV – 1

Divisional Board Representative - Humanities Postgraduate
Mandy Izadi – 69
RON – 1
SBV – 2

Divisional Board Representative – Medical Sciences Undergraduate
Mehak Mumtaz – 3
Ian Lyons – 65
RON – 2
SBV – 2

Divisional Board Representative – Medical Sciences Postgraduate
Natasha Malpani – 45
RON – 9
SBV – 18

Divisional Board Representative - Social Sciences Undergraduate
Rachel Duffy – 37
Daniel Lowe – 28
RON – 2
SBV – 5

Divisional Board Representative - Social Sciences Undergraduate
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Divisional Board Representative - Maths, Physical & Life Sciences Undergraduate
Jack Matthews – 62
RON – 3
SBV – 7

Divisional Board Representative - Maths, Physical & Life Sciences Postgraduate
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Mature Students' Officer
Round 1:
Kristi Cooper – 12
Rainbow Chang – 23
RON – 24
SBV 13

No candidate hit quota. Eliminate Cooper and redistribute

Round 2:
Kristi Cooper – eliminated
Rainbow Chang – 33
RON – 24
SBV – 15

Graduate International Students' Officer
Natasha Malpani – 44
RON – 19
SBV – 9

Access & Admissions Officer
Nathan Jones – 65
RON – 6
SBV – 1

Graduate Welfare Officer
David Bowe – 69
RON – 1
SBV – 3

Complaints Board
All 7 candidates (including RON) were elected, with the following first preferences:
Noor Rashid – 19
Edison Huynh – 12
Tendai Sibanda – 9
Jahan Meeran – 8
Hannah Gommersall – 7
Sarah Swanson – 5
RON – 2
SBV – 10

Students With Disabilities Officer
Karlin – 63
RON – 1
SBV – 8

Oliver Linch (Lincoln College)
Returning Officer