

# OUSU council minutes

Council Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> week Trinity Term 2003

Apologies: Susan Wilkinson, Lyndsay Lomax, Linsey Cole, Eleanor Dewhurst, Laura West

## **b. Matter arising from the minutes**

Termly Council - to record AOB: Dominic Curran, St Hugh's: noted how many scientists were present at Council- 17 out of 75

Normal Council - Stuart Colville, Queens: last motion endorsement was endorsement of Sandi Toksvig pg.32 of Stuart's minutes are lost- he's sorry- the debate was there- there were no amendments- not the end of the world.

## **c. Ratifications in Council**

Returning Officer: John Blake (St Hugh's)  
Deputy Returning Officer: James Shoemith (Queens)  
Elections Committee: Rebecca Wilkinson (SEH)  
Louise Radnofsky (Univ)  
Laurie Burton (Wadham)  
Louise Southern (St. Hugh's)

### **All ratified**

Presidential Rule of Interpretation under Article 12 of the Standing Orders that article C2b)3  
*"Nomination forms shall be available ... from a supplement to the 3rd Week Oxford Student..."*  
only applies during Statutory Annual Elections.

### **No opposition ruling passes**

## **d. Elections in Council**

### Election Tribunal:

Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): withdrawn  
Peter Morton (Somerville): member of OULC, Labour Party, GMB union, Fabian Society  
Lyndsay Lomax (Keble): Sean Sullivan (SEH) husting on her behalf member of OUCA, Conservative Party  
Dominic Curran (St Hugh's): member of OULC  
Adrian de Froment (New): No declarations  
Greg Stafford (St Peters): OUCA, Conservative Party

Peter Morton (Somerville): stuff I've done interested college, OUSU CRO, rewrote college election regs, contributed to OUSU election reg reform, college OUSU/NUS rep, had to RO motion of no-con at Somerville, just finished constitutional review at Somerville. Sorry if bad hust was canvassing. Give me something to do with life.

Dominic Curran (St Hugh's): why me? Been college RO and CRO for OUSU elections, broad idea of how things work- enjoy small print constitutions etc- good fun doing constitution at St Hughs. I have 2.5 years left here- potential value for degree of extra time for future elections- be of use- would like to do it. Enthusiastic consider myself impartial and capable.

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Charles Hotham (SEH) not present

Greg Stafford (St Peter's)- Not particularly special. I have nothing to do. I hate most people so I'm impartial. I've been CRO last election, OUSU rep following resignation of last one. We had 48 people voting in that election then had 50 for VP Comm next election. Put me no.2

Adrian de Froment (New): JCR pres at new loves constitutional stuff don't mind doing it.

### Questions

[Name unknown]: Have any candidates had election tribunal rulings against them and why?

PM: no

LL: was RO hazard of ROs job. Had tribunal ruling against her.

GS: no

ADeF: no

Charles Kohlhaas (Mansfield): What subject does each candidate do?

GS: History

DeF: biology

DC: physics

PM: history

LL: Theology

### **Pete Morton & Greg Stafford elected to Election Tribunal**

Dominic Curran, Lyndsay Lomax, Adrian de Froment & Charles Hotham elected to Reserve Panel

### Graduate Exec Member

Helen Fisher (St Cross): no declarations

Will Straw (New) reads out a statement of Helen's thoughts on the position.

### Questions

Stuart Colville (Queen's): What are her time commitments?

Will Straw (New): explained re:Council about exec meetings and portfolios etc she thought it would be fine.

### **Helen Fisher elected**

### **e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers**

#### President:

3 things to add. May remember motions about honour killing, now have dialogue, meeting with Warden of Rhodes House and with students, will report back. Whole page in *Times Higher Education Supplement* on Oxford including college inequalities report. Postal vote on motion about top up fees taking place. Every single member of congregation- need to make contact with tutors. Already Corpus, Balliol, Mansfield and Magdalena have contacted tutors. Need to know if anyone else volunteer to email to all tutors- just need to do colleges.

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Dominic Curran (St Hugh's)- point of order re questions to the President

Q: Daniel Rees (Merton)- who is this going to go to?

A: JCC, conference of colleges, Sonia to admissions exec declarations of cost, all OUSU offices contact with university committees, advanced copies went to Vice Chancellor, Chair JCR authors, chair of university comm., college committees, and Provost of Worcester chair of conference of colleges, had opportunity to get back with points for discussions.

Q: Andrew Warner (Christ Church):- does the *THES* make clear the report hasn't been passed yet?

A: Doesn't make clear that that hadn't been past

### Presidential Questions

Q: Hannah Godfey (BNC)- if people write to fellows are they going to make it clear it 's an OUSU opinion and not college view e.g. at BNC not majority in favour?

A: What I'll do is forward you a copy of email and then you can adapt it.

Q: Dominic Curran (St Hugh's): RO's reports for end of Michelmass- are we going to get a better one?

A: Hope so.

### VP Finance

No written report what's gone on. 2 copies of Oxford Student, v.good. Attended NUS conference, helped drive delegation up there we made and back- hairy. Time taken up with move from Little Clarendon Street. We threw a lot of stuff away. Thank you to all those people who helped with the move. Especially to Laura West who did so much in Little Clarendon Street she was a star. Made a trip to CUSU before they vandalised minibus. Discussing Oxbridge careers handbook- decreased in revenue and work out how to get it back up. Met with unit insurance people finickity about mini bus hopefully resolved. Attended uni council. Made our voice heard, 3 of us went in and felt so good thank you to all those who took part in this protest helped get feelings across and how goods they were. A number of editing positions available for over the summer do please get in touch. We are more central FOR A lot of colleges sorry to Somerville. Shop and pubs room encourage students to come and make use. If you do alternative prospectuses etc come and make use of pubs room and try and books you in.

Q: John Townsend (University): Understand election how successful?

A: No

Q: Louise Radnofsky (Univ): Was Sean granted permission away from OUSU to be away campaigning?

A: We pay your salary- you don't personally, I do have holiday owing, and I'll put it down.

Q: Marcus Walker (Oriol): On page 5 ad for grad to VP (Grad), Half sublet to Gandolf and Walsh how do you reconcile subletting with Oxford union?

A: There are separate adverts that should be quite easy to understand.

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#### VP Women

Three things to add, womcam have joint event- Caroline Spelman anyone from anywhere can come thanks to those who came to event please come. Election regs reform up and running 12pm Tues next three weeks long sessions need people involved in elections to come and help. RO reports used in past, we don't have one- we need input from peoples involved.

Q: Marcus Walker (Oriol): Would honourable member agree OUCA s making great strides for women's liberation?

A: No

#### VP (Access & Academic Affairs)

Add about college inequality about access. Should we campaign for change and make fuss about fees and hardship and maybe put people off. Thought carefully about this and decided that it is v. important to make these facts known and public there are differences between colleges it would be dishonest to say every college is the same. We say you'll have a good time there when you're there. There are differences in rents and hardship provision. The problem with our admissions system is that 1<sup>st</sup> choice and then any college in system then end up paying vastly diff rents, and end up paying very high rent. Prospective applicants informed and campaign for change.

Q: Tom Goodhead (Magdalen): Situation when admitted to Oxford and then sent off to poorer college and not taken up position?

A: Wouldn't hear about incidents like that, but imagine it must be a problem, not necessarily not take place but end up in different financial position

Q: Daniel Rees (Merton): is there any date to compare poorest ox college with unis nationwide, so people can judge?

A: The info that uni gives out doesn't fulfil govt white paper and uni can't give fair assessment of how much it will cost you- only college can do that. How does it compare nationally to being at the most expensive college

Q: James Coatsworth (Mansfield): I was shouted down at Target schools event when I tried to tell students that there were difference experience.

A: I'm sorry you shouldn't have been It is a tricky issue, you don't want to go too much the other side and say college will make or break your experience at oxford. You should consider choice of college when applying but not the be all and end all- really fine line sorry you were told off.

### **f. Reports from Executive Officers who wish to make reports**

John Blake

RO and exec, election 19<sup>th</sup> may Monday 4<sup>th</sup> week for VP grads, had replies from nearly dozen CROs, have to have CRO JCR and MCR communication please. Also please stand for VP grads

Georgia Toynbee

Womcam co chairs needed and also a stuff swap and churchyard clearing for environment day this Saturday.

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Q: John Townsend (Univ): Can I ask how you conducted exec duties when busy campaigning for local elections?

A: Yes, was at exec missed QR but FIRST ONE and I was a sleep.

Q: Andrew Copson (Balliol): What time is pride?

A: 12pm- Oxpens

Helen McCabe

Mature Student it's their first meeting of term Tuesday 8pm Harris Manchester

## **g. Emergency Motion**

### 1. Your university has let you down

#### Speech in proposition of the motion

Andrew Copson, AC (Balliol): most people now aware of this just give explain, uni council; switched policy in favour of fees discussed motion when reps had left, think you to all who turned up to pretext, his motion to get us to write complaining re uni behaviour; vote to take pro fees bit out fell 21 to 0, dissatisfaction with definition of reserved business, obvious that amendment should be so.

Any difficulty with this too- only business with specific reason to be reserved- crs haven't know wouldn't have been there- I imagine there have always been difficulties with things being reserved that shouldn't bon fees concerned students and reps should be there to discuss. Also resolves to get OUSU members to talk to tutors and to thank all demonstrations.

#### Short factual questions to the proposer of the motion:

Q: Adam Turnbull (Balliol); can you tell me whether Uni resolution been removed from website,

A: Suspended abut press release still on website, Sonia contacted them when still on website and they wouldn't take it off, they said it was archived copy won't replace or remove- v. naughty

Q: Jocelyn Paulley (Jesus): has anything happened like this before with amendments?

A: I don't know

No opposition

**Motion passes**

## **h. Passage of Motions nem con**

m.5. Oxfordshire Play Association

## **j. First readings of Motions to Amend the Constitution or Standing Orders**

### 1. Executive Meetings: Quorum

#### Speech in proposition of the motion

John Blake (St. Hugh's): The quorum hasn't changed since VP acc aff added, therefore changing it so that it isn't too controversial.

**Passed**

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### Short factual questions to the proposer of the motion.

Q: Charles Kohlhaas (Mansfield): What type of financial info might be injurious?

A: Advertising

Q: Alex Denner (New): Who will be deciding whether it should be there or not- financially injurious?

A: VPF and discussed in exec

### Debate

Will Straw (New): Badly worded motion, council notes one is an opinion so should be believes Exec agenda items can include complaints that haven't been substantiated, personal or staffing matters. I don't think a narrow definition will help. There are always going to be topics that the need to discuss in camera.

Andrew Copson (Balliol): I found this quite difficult I see John's point and completely disagree with what Will said, the exec aren't there to hold each other to account for there own pleasure for public, and complaints if unsubstantiated be discussed by exec. It may be that definition makes in camera too narrow. May amend re staff issues question whether app at all. Limitations on what CAN be discussed in camera is a democratic issue, so I encourage people to vote in favour of motion in principle and if have doubts then amend it. The exec there to hold people to account publicly.

Sean Sullivan (SEH): I agree with Andrew and John that we should use it for scrutiny you cannot set definite guidelines for its use- we don't what sits will arise, we have to trust peeps we've elected to exec have a vote discussion. Can't just restrict to sensitive financial matters many issues we have to deal with- not suitable. For publication in minutes at that point. Sometimes might involve why exec officer hasn't fulfilled duties for personal reason, it would push thing ex camera and inhibit discussions.

Mel Marshall (Christ Church): I'm in two minds I agree that often exec taking ad hoc decisions in unfortunate, I don't think you should vote for this- many undecided issues and unforeseen there could be many issues that not app- e.g. if sabs needed time off for health reasons. Not talking about no poss. of finding out about this issues. This motion doesn't give accurate enough

Dominic Curran (St Hugh's): Similar concerns raised to me. I v. much appreciate your opinion on whether we can appreciate here only issues discussed in camera those on financial issues. Will you force discussion into the corridors and outside of exec- we many then have even les

Ros Dampier (St Hilda's): Sean said trust your exec, I trust exec because accountable, keep talking about what exec would like we're discussing it in council what we're about – in camera only used once in last sab year- the maj should be discusses the idea that idea that in camera might possibly being misused there's a potentiality for it being misused, This motion will only rule out that possibility. I've seen discussion go in in camera a lot of times and I find that worrying. Many issues shouldn't be discussed so the only things discussed confidential financial matters,

### Move to vote:

Chris Sullivan (St Anne's): heard arguments in favour and against

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For 24

Against 23

Abs: 5

Fails

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Will Straw (New): response to what people have said- 1) Any member of exec can bring up any topic for discussion; we can't predict what's going to go in camera. 2) This motion would allow previous in camera discussions to go ex camera: disgraceful. Why should we have the right to decide now. 3) Ros said that in camera was only brought up once last year. I was at the handover meeting where it was brought up twice. It was used on a number of other occasions last year as well. If someone did amend this motion I would still oppose because many different circumstances arise and exec must be able to discuss. It ensures smooth running.

#### Move to vote

For: Greg Stafford (SPC); vote now for and against if not

Against: Ollie Kempton (St Anne's)

For: 31

Against: 22

Abs: 7

Fails

#### Debate:

Ed Griffiths (St John's); Brief cause peeps tiring. One dimension want to raise. The exec will sometime as leading body, are times when OUSU comes in to conflict with disagreement with uni etc many things it might want to discuss, it would be detrimental for interest of OUSU for details of those plans to be made available. I think we can do the same, v.foolish to tie ourselves down v. foolish. Discussions would end up happening in unaccountable situation vote

Louise Radnofsky, (Univ): Ed raised an interesting point maybe scope to amend the motion.

There isn't anything that shouldn't be anything trust VP (Welfare)- he says we haven't been discussion this issue. I think we can have candid discussion, by not allowing people to in camera, if your not prepared to say something then you shouldn't be prepared, relating to OUS as member of OUSU is unacceptable, have discussions out of camera.

Exec has gone in camera during my time on the Executive. We are there to serve you and the only chance you have to see what we are up to is in those Minutes. I appreciate Ed's points, but we already publicise much of what we are doing through our campaigns. I don't think it will come up. My main feeling is that we have as many discussions in the open as possible; Staffing issues can be left out of Exec meetings. Make Exec as open as possible.

Dave White (Wadham): Procedural Motion to table the Motion: I think it's good to have guideline to go in and out camera. I hope if we bring it back they can reword it and make a better motion.

John Blake (St. Hugh's) , I'd like to thank council for thinking I can't write but I intended exactly this wording.

Mel Marshall (Christ Church): point of order: Can't amend an SO change during Council

Ros Dampier (St Hilda's): Procedural Motion to suspend the Standing Orders give late distribution of agenda.

#### Vote to Table motion

For 16

Against 41

Abs 3

Fails

#### Vote to Suspend Standing Orders

Requires 2/3 maj.

For: Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's): problem with OUSU Mail; agenda hasn't been sent out, people couldn't amend in advance, people who weren't on prelist didn't receive it. It would help if we had the necessary changes

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#### Move to vote:

For: Tom Goodhead (Magdalen).

Against Nicholas Cole (Univ): issue I want to raise

For 40

Against 15

Abs 3

Passes

#### Summation Speeches:

John Blake (St. Hugh's): The exec does nothing without you- bottom up organisation we discuss a lot of what we do in public- this is the highest public forum and you should have access to it.

Sean Sullivan (SEH): Proposed this motion on what exec officers can do- in reality we discuss what we like we are elected to raise what we want maybe inappropriate but we had a right to do that, maybe they should amend to say not staff matters. Sop may people have told us about issue that we don't want other people to know about. We need a flexible use of in camera awe should trust exec and won't make us any less accountable just more effective

For: 15

Against 43

Abs 8

#### **Fails**

### **m. Other motions**

#### 1. NUS report

Clarification that this is a notes motion. Questions can be asked but a Standing Order must be used to reject the report.

No objections

#### 2. Motions in Council

##### Speech in proposition of the motion

Hinesh Rajani, HR (Merton): OUSU reps think it's of concern to some people. JCRs don't dovetail with OUSU council meetings. People who think that added kick of democracy and will then constituents debate them. When people have mandates council procedure v. much speeded up.

##### Short factual questions to the proposer of the motion.

Q: Andrew Copson (Balliol): is it the case that maj of institutions must have a mandate to vote on a motion, does your constitution have mandate to vote on motion

A: no

Q: Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's): Can you define where do you draw the line-

A: where something is clearly procedural something you wouldn't want to take back to JCRs- relies on common sense only when they can take back.

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Andrew Copson (Balliol): in opposition- This motion doesn't do anything, but it's v.strange this on going debate how Common Rooms represent themselves at OUSU council; I remember when it wouldn't have a CR reps telling them how they have to vote in order to have that view represented here. I don't think that any CR had that sort of provision that sys you can only represent if we've told you exactly what you can say. I have view that if CR officer comes here to debate and resolve and if they change their mind it's something I've done, as JCR pres, we shouldn't saying they have rep votes rather than delegate votes, it's not clear who make that judgement- let crs get on with making their own policy,

HR: I fully accept most of ac had just said, but if const orgs want to tell their reps how to vote they should have the option of doing so. There a significant amount for CRs that have meeting out of sync not chance to tell reps how to vote. Id you want t to become more streamlined and legitimate then should submit motions early encourage.

Dominic Curran (St. Hugh's): what is external policy internal procedure it explicitly says enable college reps to get a mandate making assumption that aren't written down as rule anywhere give council a view Why is a good idea ONE OF THINGS I've realise d just how unrep it's poss to be you can mis rep if they don't express an vie- just off the top of my head no relation to my JCR view. To some extent matter for JCR SU ETC, but they may not he the ability to do that may be impractical to change JCR meeting time etc. At least have option of taking to JCRT at least. Have established idea of what is good.

#### Move to Vote:

For 50

Against 7

Abs 3

#### Summation Speeches:

HR

Melanie Marshall (Christ Church): I think this does do something, unnecessary admin work ousu and Crs, hard to be rep but what you take on. If you're concerned then move meetings. Not useful\

For: 33

Against: 24

Abs 2

#### **Passes**

### 3. The provision of equitable standards in the collegiate university

#### Speech in proposition:

Ryan McGhee, RM (Pembroke): After 1 year 2 months finally the report is out. I have most to lose and I've worked on it from day one, please read, nothing to fear. I leaked it to press sorry – hopefully council will pass this on the most contentious issue in Oxford I've seen. Press worth and we should be proud to do so. If you blame anyone, blame me not OUSU.

If you don't want to read entire report see back page- I don't think it's fair that you get a different experience if you apply to a different college. First and foremost we are a uni. There should be a minimum acceptable standard of charges, provision given wealth. You can get the info but now we've put in one document. Scrutinise and take to JCRs, if there's one thing you can do for Oxford student as students it's to vote for this.

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A: Wadham, Magdalen, St Hilda's St Peter's, New, St Hugh's

Q: James Coatsworth (Mansfield): any info out of date most recent accounts from receiving financial reports all figures in office.

A: We've checked with Bursars and CR Presidents If there are inaccuracies we apologise but we have been very scrupulous.

Q: Tom Goodhead (Magdalen):. Are other colleges going to lose money out of it?

A: The way to achieve that is to change the endowment system into conference staircases rather than stocks and shares already losing money. This isn't Robin Hood approach, if you're rich OK if poor entitled to help from Uni. If should be an oxford degree anyone suffers.

Q: Jack Langdon (Christ Church): How long to you envisage college contributions carrying on?

A: According to scheme 2010 Pembroke will be on same standard as others- don't think so, It's up to uni to decide how to solve we're just highlighting it.

Q: Chris Tod (Keble), What has HEFCE said about whether rent across oxford colleges?

A: should be equalised

A: Sonia Sodha (St Hilda's): institutions should set out what cost students may expect. Conferences of colleges might have discussed already, bringing colleges to some median, Also discussed at admissions exec. Cambridge no gives guarantee that they'll on pay one rent.

No opposition.

## **Passes**

### 4. OUSU Response to *The Future of Higher Education*

Speech in proposition:

Sonia Sodha, SS (St Hilda's): written within OUSU policy sent it out to various Uni officials Chris Patten, Government, oppositions parties. He holds different reviews but will read report. Sent to people who spoke at Congregation motion. Had one v. nice response.

Short Factual Questions to the proposer:

Q: [Name Unknown, Wadham]: Any substantial differences to NUS document?

A: haven't looked at it in terms of whole White Paper. Ours focuses on finances. They're a bit more wobbly, they applaud the restoration of grant, whereas OUSU council recognised that the grant was not that much more than before. Our response is more direct than NUS response.

Q: Daniel Rees (Merton): can you confirm that there's a line in uni response that sets out policy in favour of fees?

A: uni response to white paper has a line saying they are in favour of fees. The university in principle – the uni actually said in favour of top up fees, I think we should be disgusted thinking that's gone it.

Q: [Name Unknown] Referring to page 5 section 4.2 has the VP (women) fulfilled her mandate?

A: the VP (women) wrote letter to DfES.

### 6. Oxford Inspires

Speech in proposition:

Will Straw (New): We should support motion especially given low result on TV poll, still going to be festival of festivals in 2008 something that none of us here will appreciate unless we're still here so important to add to VP (C&C) responsibilities.

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Q: Greg Staff (SPC): what are criteria here?

A: talked about development in science in oxford- pitt rivers and ashmolean- contribution

Q: Jonty Oliff-Cooper (Magdalen): where are other places?

WS: Birmingham, Newcastle, Cardiff, Liverpool, Bristol

No opposition

### **Passes.**

## **n. Any Other Business**

Sean Sullivan (SEH): Looked at this week's *Cherwell*- consistent with reputation for inaccurate reporting in relation to story about me. I didn't think a serious newspaper would do that. Respond to allegation. They have not learnt that if someone doesn't say something they must not state fact. I did not speak in favour of restrictions on student spending. Let me tell council what I did say. Motion at NUS suggested NUS national body there should send info re suggesting how we get more political. Not for NUS to tell sabbaticals what to do, it's for students to do that. It's completely in line with OUSU policy. Motives behind allegations made by exec offices wishing to remain anonymous I think interesting especially as I am member of OUCA, which should be completely irrelevant. Don't like the fact that someone who is a Conservative is harangued.

Will Straw (New): like to corroborate Sean's version of what he said at conference. Please take rubbish, thirdly posters in box, please take them.

Louise Radnofsky (Univ): Question for Will, could you confirm in what capacity you and Sean went to NUS conference and who paid?

Sean Sullivan (SEH): I was an observer for SEH. I was from driving for OUSU on behalf of all delegates who were charged only a tenner for petrol rather than cost of train fair. None the less the speech not against OUSU policy so it doesn't matter.

Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): Email if you want copies of the report.

John Blake, (St Hugh's): VP (Graduates) election needs CROs. Please get in touch.