

# OUSU council minutes

*OUSU Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> week HT 2002-02-01*

Apologies: Laura West (St. Catz) and Laura Santana (St. Hilda's) sent her apologies for not attending

## Minutes of Previous Council

- Ed Sullivan, Somerville

- The minutes don't tally with the first motion. What is mentioned as being said in the first motion is not in the minutes.

## Ratifications in Council

- Adam Booth – ratified
- Josh Goodman - Ratified
- Ellie Murray - Ratified
- Karim Palant - Ratified
- Eleanor Thompson - Ratified

## Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

- President

First, sorry to JCR Presidents who have difficulty signing up to Wotnot. I promise to revert to the old model of communication. OUSU Representatives packs have now been delivered.

Second, TES have reported the MORI poll on students and their attitudes to student funding, reporting that the majority are satisfied with the current method of student funding, even though it makes them depressed and despondent. Times Higher said in their editorial, "keep the current system". Please come to diversity week. The march on Saturday will reveal our love for each other. Fair at Town Hall, then party in the evening at Merton pavilion, fireworks provided by the Venture Scouts. Final question: do any colleges have barbecues – the half-oil can style?

Apologies for the mistakes on the invitations.

## VP-Finance

How to sign up for ousu mail – go to [www.ousu.org](http://www.ousu.org) and sign up there. New website launched on the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

- Jane McTaggart, HMC: It's not on the front page, go to current students
- Eleanor Fletcher: It's on the right hand side
- Liz Chare, Linacre: how will the new website be advertised?
- Eleanor Fletcher: Probably an OxStu advert and a run of flyers. We have free postcard flyers that are given out from the rack in OUSU, and that company allows us to have three runs of postcards – that's 5000 postcards.
- Andrew Thomas, St. Anne's: Is the new website very easy to update, and would you recommend visiting every day?
- Eleanor Fletcher: I would, yes. Council agendas will be put on the web before email, Exec and Sabs had training had training this week.

Suzanne Winder, St. Hilda's: Could you give more details on the report of student radio.

Eleanor Fletcher: Because of the deadline, I put the motion in hoping that the report would be in for council. There was little point in putting what currently was known, because by 5<sup>th</sup> week, a far fuller report will be given.

Suzanne Winder, St. Hilda's: Deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> February for application for radio license:

Ruth Hunt: Fusion had the license. Fusion agreed to provide a forum for student radio. Yes, there are bids for a new license. People who are going for that bid have to be commercial companies.

Eleanor Fletcher: The Student Radio Initiative has not considered applying for the license you mention: it would cost too much. Student radio stations do not have that money. Fusion will reapply for that license, but Oxford Student Radio Trust are not actually Fusion. They have approached us to be looked after.

Suzanne Winder: If Oxford Student radio is a registered charity, is there a link between these e-fusion people and the charity?

Eleanor Fletcher: That's Oxford Student Radio trust.

Ruth Hunt: If Oxford Student Radio trust want to make a bid, that's their call

Eleanor Fletcher: I met Bob Hoyle, I know a lot more about the trust.

Suzanne Winder: Is the trust part of Fusion?

Eleanor Fletcher: The trust is not officially part of fusion, it owns shares in Fusion, one of the trustees sits on the board of fusion, but they are two separate things, because Fusion is a business, and Oxford Student Radio Trust is a charity.

SUZANNE WINDER: So Fusion's reapplying for the license is the same thing as OSRT applying for the license?

Eleanor Fletcher: The situation is uncertain. I will write a report for two scenarios, one where Fusion get the a license, one where they lose, because it affects the money available for student radio

Jane McTaggart, HMC: Will reports be on the website?

Eleanor Fletcher: Yes

Nick Anstead, Mansfield: Will you email items in Word format?

Eleanor Fletcher: I did some trials, and it didn't work. I'll try it properly across the whole list. It may or may not work depending on college resources.

## VP-Welfare

Posters will be going out this weekend for diversity week. Please put info on college email lists.

## VP-AcAf

Target Schools committee put 10,000 handbooks into envelopes this Thursday. 35 people turned up and only took 2 and a half hours. Thanks to co-chairs and exec and Mansfield JCR for hosting us. It shows that ordinary students do care, and an example of OUSU at its best. Very inspiring.

Rosie Buckland, St. Hilda's: Could you expand on improvements to the mentoring scheme?

John Craig: They were improvements in a particular school. They were improvements from a particularly low base of performance, They involve people being mentored by Oxford Students, a guarantee on that, to further academic achievement.

Mel Marshall, ChCh: what's the timescale for volunteering?

JC: Everyone who's volunteered so far will receive an email in the next few days and offered visits in Easter. For those who haven't, there's no real deadline. [www.targetschools.com](http://www.targetschools.com)

Nicky Ellis, Queens: Is the mentoring scheme, limited to one school?

John Craig: No, the improvements that I spoke of were limited to one school

Nicky Ellis, Queens: How do you get involved?

John Craig: Get in touch with me. It's a great positive thing. But please do stick to it.

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda's: Consider a session for existing mentors?

John Craig: To improve how they mentor? I'm torn over whether or not I should take up more of their time, people who already spend four hours per week. They're often third years, so they're under strain.

Ed Sullivan, Somerville: Target Schools website was quite cool. Student Profiles didn't seem much to be from traditional comprehensive school background. Better to get reports from comprehensive school people?

JC: It's excellent to have as many people as possible to have people from comprehensive schools. I'd really appreciate more. I will not allow the idea that it matters what school you went to to become involved in TS.

#### VP-Women

Sorry for the length of the report. Been working on nightclub opening hours. Going to the environment scrutiny committee of the city council. Do come along.

Election rules: if you have an opinion on them, please come to the meeting, Room 9.1 in Corpus, next Friday. We'll be revising the regs, and we've set down several groups who have interest in the regulations: JCR Presidents candidates, ROs, DROs, political party presidents, - we need lots of opinions.

Women's Cabaret, Thursday night, 4<sup>th</sup> week, 7pm, Jacqueline DuPré building, Hilda's. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, march through oxford. Diversity Fair, Town hall, fire works in evening.

- Josh Kern, Pembroke: what opinion did you give to the city council?
- Antonia Bance: Spoken individually to student reps, but I gave informal feedback on the general issues. much more detailed feedback later.
- Josh Kern: Are there reps from the colleges on these meetings?
- Antonia Bance: There aren't specific reps from colleges, but anyone in Oxford is welcome to attend meetings of the city council.
- Josh Kern: There weren't any there?
- Antonia Bance: On the SCR side?
- Josh Kern: University people always go. It's very novel to have undergrads here
- Andrew Thomas, St. Anne's: Would it be good if we could bring a motion about late license so you could go to the meeting with mandate.
- Jane McTaggart, HMC: Going to the meetings, can we raise points?
- Antonia Bance: You're allowed to put items on the agenda in advance,. Person to contact is via local counsellors, Tony Brett via corpus, Mike Woodin Balliol, Paul Ingram,
- Ruth Hunt has a slot for student concerns.
- Liz Chare: worried about late licensing hours?
- Antonia Bance: Not really my place to have an opinion. waiting for feedback.
- Chris Hanretty: I'll put Paul Ingram's email address on the list. [It is: mail@paulingram.org.uk]
- Chris McBride, Wadham: Why Eating Disorders on the Emergency Motion?
- AB: They phoned us late, past the deadline for council.

#### VP-Graduates

Graduates reps – postgrad assembly, 8pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony's. Int'l students discussion forum, Wadham 2 o'clock, Tuesday, evening, Int'l soiree, with cocktails, in the Oxford Community Centre. Down Cowley Road.

Chris McBride, Wadham: All Welcome?

Catherine Sangster: Yeah.

- Reports from Exec officers who wish to make reports

Chris Hanretty: Need another co-chair for ethics.

Andrew Thomas: Later on this term we're having a battels training session.

- Ruth Hunt: MCRs as well?
- John Townsend Univ: can I get a copy of the minutes in electronic form
- Josh Kern, Pembroke: When is that?
- Eleanor Fletcher: Def. in 5<sup>th</sup> week, prob. Tuesday. You can still get advice after and before that. Training will go through three years of accounts, and pick out data, and teach people who will be negotiating battels how best to exploit and use the information in there, highlighting trends, and

show how best to use that info. It's one part of what we're doing in battels. Another part is the battels pack – email [battels@ousu.org](mailto:battels@ousu.org) - that'll be ready to go out soon.

JK: As you get new info, could you put it out on the list

AT: Packs' going out on Thursday, it'll be in that. We won't know that before you, it'll be a JCR President who hears it first.

- Emergency Motions

I. National Eating Disorders association

Antonia Bance: I'd like people who have or haven't had personal experience to co-ordinate a group. They've (NEDA) got money for this, there's one at Greenwich, one in Plymouth, one in Bradford, a couple of FE colleges, and it'd be nice if we had a univ-based support group

Short Factual Questions:

Sophie Ward, St Hilda's: Group limited to women?

AB: No, both male and female.

Sonia Sodha, St Hilda's: Who'll be running it? student councillor?

AB: Because there's no student services department as such based in the university, and because we believe that peer based support is a good way of working. they'd like the person who runs it to be able to commit to doing a year. I'll see whether they want my successor to take over. Or we might have a coordinator in the same sense as we have co-chairs, or it might be Annily, but it's all to be decided.

No speech in opposition, so passes nem con.

- Passage of Motions nem con

Motion 3 passes nem con.

- Other Motions

I. Behaviour in Council

Andrew Thomas: Motion intended to reaffirm a commitment to a pleasant atmosphere. Please bear that in mind before we discuss it. Last week I was minuting, I saw a lot of new faces, and I think it's important that we start out as we mean to go on. Please vote in favour, for a pleasant environment

SFQs: None

Speech in opposition: Yes.

Duncan Weldon, Somerville: I intend to introduce an amendment. I agree with what Andrew said. On the other hand, some of the believes and notes are not in that spirit, it's a covert motion of censure. It's better that it be amended. Please back the two resolves.

[Amendment as listed in the amendments sheet.]

Objections to that amendment.

Andrew Thomas: It was shown that no one had any problem, so let's keep it as it is.

Move to vote heard.

Antonia Bance: I want to move to a vote because we all agree on this.

Alistair Richardson, SEH: I think we're in disagreement. I disagree about whether it should be a motion of censure on VP-Finance-Elect. I think this should be discussed.

Move to vote was passed.

Vote on the amendment:

Speech in proposition: Duncan Weldon, Somerville: We all agree on the basic structure. Vote for.

Speech against: Chris McBride, Wadham: I do agree that this changes the motion substantially. One aspect is about commitment to speech, one is about the VP-Finance –Elect. That they should set a good example.

Vote: amendment passed.

Back into debate.

Move to vote heard. No objections

Speech in proposition of the motion:

Andrew Thomas: Please vote for this.

Speech in opposition:

Ruth Hunt: Please don't

Motion was carried.

## 2. Student Radio Report

- Withdrawn

Any other business?

Ruth Hunt: No venue for council two weeks today. Got Oriel in Seventh week, not 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with a big room that has disabled access, please get in touch. Second, if you know anyone that wants a job in media and can drive, get in touch.

Josh Goodman, Balliol: OUSU Reps, Turf, Monday, 7pm.

Matt: Petition, please pass around.

Chris McBride: can you please not tell me there's an ousu reps meeting when there isn't? And secondly, could the chair read out the standing orders related to free speech?

Antonia Bance: Deadline for delegates to NUS Women's conference this Friday. It's the middle of 8<sup>th</sup> week. Any colleges who are affiliated and haven't decided who they're sending, please come and have a chat to me. 3 nights in a nice hotel in Blackpool, all paid for.

Luke Heywood, Somerville: Next Wednesday, 5.30 Mansfield, environment committee. If any of you know environment reps, please email their names to me.

Chris Hanretty: Please sign the ethics petition that's going around.