

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Various people complained about the misspelling of their names. Otherwise minutes passed nem con

Ratifications in Council:

Appointment of Alex Baker as Press Adviser ratified nem con

Elections in Council:

Medical Sciences Divisional Board: Candidate not present, no hust.

Social Sciences Divisional Board:

Hust

Jeremy Millard: Advocacy experience as a law student, I know how to put an argument forwards. Already had graduate experience, as have been graduate before. Have sat on boards before as student newspaper editor, have submitted things.

Charlyne (reading for Beth Pearson): Previous experience as class rep and college council, and hiring chair (responsible for hiring students to paid positions). Realises problems of representatives who don't take their responsibilities seriously, has past experience.

Ollie (Reading for Krishna): Debating experience, was class representative at past university, currently has representative role in Oxford. Was delegate to the World Youth Conference. Believes position of student representative requires good time management and advocacy skills.

OUSU Complaints Board:

Peter Cardwell not present, no hust.

Reports from sabbatical officers

Emma Norris: SRI, taking paper to university council in 5th week. Trying to ensure university have direct control over their funds. Have talked about the student contract and NUS central affiliation, open meeting next Thursday at 5:30 with NUS treasurer and another NUS sab to discuss central affiliation. Having Council in a horseshoe like this is meant to lead to discussion so we don't just talk to the chair.

Dan Simpson: And who would want to talk to me.

Chris Allan not present

Aidan Randle-Conde: Have sent form out to all common rooms, big thanks to those who've got back to me regarding welfare, if other colleges could get it back it that would be great. Housing surgery saw over 100 people, 80% of whom didn't know accommodation existed. Looking at having it earlier next year, and possibly other surgeries.

Ellie Cumbo: Corpus Christi, Tuesday of 4th week, 7:30 speaker on sex industry, V-Day will be held in 6th week.

Oliver Russell: 200 students came to visa seminar last night, hope to have more of those in the future.

Charlyne Pullen: [Explains how to opt out of NSS]

Plenty of RAG speed-dating, can also buy roses from us and take part in blind date. Alternative careers fair attended by 1500.

Chris Allan: Nothing to add to my report, apologies for being late.

Questions to executive:

?, Pembroke: Will VP-F amend elections so that all candidates contest against RON to stop people like me getting elected?
Chris Allan: Not sure why that's up to me, that's for Council to decide.
?, Oriel: Will Oriel need to affiliate to OUSU to affiliate to the NUS?
Emma Norris: Yes
?, Pembroke: Would the Chair reconsider his decision to rule my emergency motion out of order?
Dan Simpson: Are you seeking to overturn my decision?
Benny Spooner, Pembroke: Yes
Dan Simpson yields chair to Helen Bagshaw
Benny Spooner: I promised in my manifesto I wouldn't attend Council. I'm seeking to have my motion reintroduced, calling for the overturning of the section of standing orders which requires Council Delegates to attend Council or be considered to have resigned.
Chris Allan: Motions to change standing orders can't be submitted as emergency motions
Dan Simpson: This was not based on a situation which has substantially arisen since the deadline.
Chair's ruling upheld lots – I.

Emergency motion

Student Contract motion

Emma Norris: This is one sided, nothing against the idea of a contract in principle, but this is unfair.
Herve Hansen, Queens: University has alleged that a sabbatical officer from last year was told about this, is this true?
Emma Norris: No it's not
Tom Simchak, Mansfield: There has been consultation at some colleges
Emma Norris: There has not collective consultation.
End of SFQ
No speeches in opposition
Amendment on table
Accepted as friendly
Amendment passed
Tom Simjack, Mansfield: I understand that OUSU is unhappy that it hasn't been consulted, but some colleges have been consulted and that this is a matter between colleges and students.
Amendment on table to strike resolves I
Amendment accepted as friendly
Amendment passed
Emma Norris: As the colleges have discussed it collectively so should we.
James Lammings, Merton: OUSU is able to get legal advice, if we're going to take on the collective colleges it helps to have OUSU support.
Alice Wilby, St. Peters: If every college debates it on their own and some pass it and some don't this is really unfair.
Motion passed

Other motions, all objected to.

Student Parent Handbook:

Alice Wilby, St. Peters: Printing SPH in house saves us money, it won't look as pretty but it does save £200.
SFQ
Ellie Cumbo: Do you know how many student parents it goes to?
Alice Wilby: No I don't, but I know the V-P Women doesn't know how many student parents there are either.
Amendment tabled to add "if no funding can be found" to end of resolves I
Accepted as friendly
Passed nem con.
Motion passed

OUSU Publications online motion

Aidan Randle-Conde: It's good to put them all online so people can get hold of them.
Hannah Stoddart: Can I put my publications online, what about adverts etc?
Rob Vance: That can be done, adverts can be sold separately.

Frank Hardee, Oriel: Will this cause some colleges to disaffiliate from OUSU if they can get publications online?

Amendment to insert “and prospective students”
Passed nem con

Amendment: change resolves 1. to

1. To mandate the relevant Sabbatical Officers, in consultation with the Vice President (Finance) to make all OUSU publications available online

Passed nem con

Motion passed

University Admissions Working Party Report

Charlynn Pullen: Model A is in line with policy and is supported by myself and the other members of the admissions working party. It is about ensuring that which college you apply to doesn't affect your chances of getting in.

Alan Strickland, Merton: Can you clarify resolves 3?

Charlynn Pullen: Target Schools believed that extra-curricular activities should be taken into account in application as they give evidence of time management.

Ed Maine, Mansfield: What does shortlisting mean?

Charlynn: Involves pre-interview tests in subjects with pre-interview tests, otherwise involve bits of work that get sent in etc.

Alice Wilby, St. Peters: How would expressing college preference work?

Charlynn: You'd express a first and second choice preference of college, details would be passed to them once you'd been admitted by department.

?, Greyfriars: How will this affect PPHs?

Charlynn: They'd only get those who were happy to go to PPHs

?: Have we given up on any chance of not moving to a model of centralised admission?

Charlynn: It depends on consultation process.

?: Is it not the case that plans came through several years back to centralise admissions which was rejected?

Charlynn: Not all of it was rejected, admissions now works differently for each college.

?: What's the plan to ensure that people work to a given set of interview criteria?

Charlynn: Department will create collective interview criteria, will be seen by at least 4 different tutors.

Jack Hawkins, Balliol: What happens if more people that there are places at a college have a college as their first preference?

Charlynn: It's entirely up for the college to decide.

Jack Hawkins: What information would the college have to go on?

Charlynn: Central ranking scores.

?: What is OUSU's objection to model B?

Charlynn: OUSU has policy in favour of centralised admissions, there was a working party back in 2002 that only me and Chris Allan were on.

Tom ?, Oriol: Does further believes 3 mean that people will be penalised for not specifying extra-curricular activities on their application?

Charlynn: Yes, suggesting it should be one small part of information people look at.

Hannah Stoddart: What are the problems believes 3 talks about?

Charlynn: Problems in model A are likely to be how the colleges pick the students.

Herve Hansen, Queens: What are the chances of the status quo been kept?

Charlynn: The fact that OUSU was involved in the working party shows they take us seriously, I think currently the admissions system is seen as far too complicated.

MTD

Iain Simpson: I feel we should move on

Tom Maston, Oriol: This is very important, owe it to people to answer their questions

MTD clearly fails.

Elizabet, pmb: What happens to 'weaker students

CP: point of discussion. Do we want to encourage colleges to pick a variety of ranked students

? Hertford: Have you had enough feedback from JCR pres? Should we wait.

CP: We need to do this before Friday 5th week

Chair: It is possible to table this or else have a special council

?: How will joint honours work?

CP: Interviews for JS students will be between heads of departments of JS. Essentially a parallel to current system. Not a lot more interviews

Emma Norris: Procedural motion for show of hands of how many have discussed this with the common rooms.
Clearly 2/3rds in favour of having a poll

Poll held, a vague minority of CR reps had consulted CR

St Hughs: Will people be able to visit colleges in order to make choice?
CP: The idea is that they will do so when coming up for interview.

Move to debate
Opposition
Navid: Everyone is informed by now
Opposition withdrawn

[Recess for Chair to address his ignorance of the constitution on the subject of Special and Extraordinary Councils.]

Chair: Can't call special council without 21 days. Can call Extraordinary.

Emma Norris: Procedural Motion to have EC this time next week. JCR reps have to go out and get a mandate.

Chair: If this happens we will publicise immediately. The debate will be on the text of this motion. We would prefer amendments in advance though will accept ones on the day that do not change the substance.

Questions on how this will work
Is next fortnight too late? Yes
Will it be this motion? Yes
What's quorum? Same as normal
How submit? enquiries@ousu.org
Amendments already submitted carry? Please resubmit

Debate
Is it possible to adjust the deadline?
Not really

Ollie Munn: Can we hold it early in 5th week to help JCR meeting coordination?
CP: A possibility

Extraordinary meeting will happen in principle
In 5th week?

OM: Helps JCR
HS: OUSU campaigns meet Mondays
Wadham: SRI Campaign
Emma Norris: Ahhhh! University Council
Chair: How about Monday lunchtime? 12pm

Navid: What about emergency JCR meetings and go back to Friday?
Nicholas Bell: Better to move one OUSU than 30 JCR meetings
Navid: If people care then they will come to emergency meetings.

Move to vote on Friday vs Monday
Opposition
Frank Hardee: We all know where we stand. Won't be quorate
Herve Hansen: Further point to make

Summary in favour of Friday vs Monday
Navid: Looked like we were all ok with Friday
Ollie Munn: Don't just consult those who care

31 in favour
22 against

7 abstentions

Chair: So it will be next Friday at normal time

Close of meeting

Election of bar: KA

Declaration of results, Jeremy Millard (LMH) elected, Peter Cardwell and Vishal Navi elected.