

Reports to Council

3rd Week Council Hilary 2015

Sabbatical Officers

Louis Trup – President

Hello council.

This is my report to council.

This past week. I have:

- Been working on voter registration week with Ruth. We made a video and other things.
- Been speaking to a wide range of people to campaign on the Castle Mill thing. It's been both interesting and soul destroying.
- Been working on firming up OUSU's governance – speaking to lawyers and the like.
- Helped find new external trustees.
- Been sorting out the logistics for the student awards inc. shortlisting, selecting winners, organizing a big event. A surprisingly time consuming thing to do.
- Ran PTE induction with James Blythe and Nick Cooper
- Had some great social media traction – with living wage and voter reg things.
- Helped the OxStu coz they've been having a tough time.
- Looking through clubs committee things and helping our new clubs and socs officer.
- Helped induct our new Rent and Accommodation officer.
- Been working on making sure the uni gives good provision for international students.
- Wrote some papers about Ruth's new OUSU Taxi Safety Scheme which will be launching soon.
- Been finalising details for the 10% discount all Ox Uni students will now be able to get on Oxford buses! YAY!
- Attended and represented OUSU at Holocaust Memorial Day events.

Love always and forever,

Louis

James Blythe – VP Access and Academic Affairs

Hi Council!

My two major projects are both firing on all cylinders so things are fairly ludicrously hectic:

- Access Showcase – This is on Friday, 2pm-5pm, Merton: come along! It's going to be a great and inspiring event encouraging students to get involved in access
- Education Vision – hopefully by the time of Council we will have launched our all student survey and focus group programme. Things will then be mainly about evidence gathering for a few weeks until we are in a position to start drafting.

Committees

Education Committee – there's a new group to create the University's first Digital Education Strategy, and I'm hoping Nick Cooper will represent students on that. Otherwise its agenda focused on undergraduate & graduate admissions.

PPH Supervisory – we visited Wycliffe Hall on Friday of 2nd week and are currently meeting quite a lot to consider our report on that visit. All a bit too confidential to report much at this stage, but highly...interesting.

There were also: Quality Assurance Sub Committee; Exams Panel; Curators of University Libraries.

Access

Forging ahead with the plan to launch the first ever BME specific version of the Target Schools shadowing scheme by the end of term, in partnership with the African Caribbean Society, which is fantastic!

Considering good ways for Target Schools to evaluate the success of their work, in line with the general agenda of promoting access work being highly targeted and impactful.

I also went to the annual Univ Access Dinner: only in Oxford could access be celebrated with a super fancy dinner.

Academic Affairs

I am planning an equipping session for academic reps on launching and running Academic Feedback Sessions in colleges, and am also working now on a paper for Undergraduate Panel on prelims feedback. I confidently expect it to be rejected but want the paper to be really good so that they take notice and take it seriously.

Fairly absurdly busy is the overall message. As always – follow me on Twitter @ousu_acaff for real detail on my life.

Anna Bradshaw – VP Women

Hi Council –

It's been a busy couple of weeks for me, featuring lots of training and preparation for Reproductive Justice Week and Anti-Violence Valentine's. I will give a verbal update about things I've been doing for Castle Mill, as this is changing so rapidly at the moment. As always, if you have any questions about anything below, get in touch with me at women@ousu.ox.ac.uk.

xAnna

Sexual Health & Sexual Violence

Consent Workshops

I've trained the facilitators for the Queer Consent Workshops, all ready to go for LGBT History Month. We'll be running sessions in colleges, with WomCam, and with the LGBTQ Society and Campaign – look out for more details.

I've also gotten a lot further with the work that I'm doing with Lindsay (Disabled Students Officer) towards a consent / SRE programme for disabled students. We are aiming to pilot a daylong set of trainings and workshops in Trinity Term.

My work with the Thames Valley Police on this has also gone well – workshops and classes based on the OUSU Sexual Consent Workshop model will be a part of a new Thames Valley-wide crime prevention strategy.

Manifesto pledge: 'I will ... expand and develop the programme ... [and] introduce compulsory freshers' workshops in 1/3 colleges by the beginning for next year.'

Other Training

I have run a number of First Respondent Training sessions, and the response has been really positive. I will be running more throughout term – so if you'd like one in your college get in touch!

Related to manifesto pledges to do with 'actual first responders' and my focus on 'Sexual Health & Sexual Violence'.

Harassment Policies

This has been one of the biggest pieces work for me this fortnight, as me and Alice followed up from the equipping session we ran at the start of 1st week. I've had lots of contact with women's officer, presidents, and interested students at a whole range of colleges to help them move their colleges towards updated policies.

We are also moving into the next stage with this, and I have been setting up consultations with all of the liberation campaigns so that we can feed back to the University the next steps that need to be taken with the policy and offer colleges extras that they could add to their policies. We are also working with the Equality and Diversity Unit to put together a template for colleges who would like to update their policies.

Related to manifesto pledges to do with 'actual first responders' and my focus on 'Sexual Health & Sexual Violence'.

Free Periods

I've met with David (Health and Welfare Officer) and a couple of interested students about some exciting work that we will be doing this term to hopefully provide sanitary products to colleges in the same way that we currently provide contraception and other sexual health

products. This will make things cheaper, and we're looking for a way to ensure that the 5% "luxury" tax on the products is absorbed by either OUSU or common rooms, and isn't coming out of the pockets of students who menstruate.

We're also hopeful that we will become an affiliate organization to MoonCup, meaning that we'll be able to offer students a 20% discount. (This will also allow us to have our launch party for these fun events be a Full Moon Party so there's that.)

Lad Culture

I wrote and sent off the OUSU submission to the NUS Lad Culture Audit, and have entered OUSU as an applicant for one of the ten spaces available for student unions who will receive extra help in this area. I'll let you know when we hear back.

Academic Attrition

Not a huge amount has happened on this since last Council, as I'm waiting to meet with all of the OUSU Officers and Div Reps who work on either gender or academics on Thursday morning. But exciting things are coming – especially Ask-a-Grad panels, a mentoring scheme, and more work on curricula diversity. More to come next Council!

Manifesto pledge: 'I will work closely with the Graduate Women's Officer to hold events that encourage undergraduate women to consider further study, including open nights in STEM departments, and Ask a Grad events in colleges.'

Women in Leadership

I have now confirmed all of the trainers for the OUSU Women's Leadership Development Programme, and the programme has had its first large group training session (on Assertiveness). The session went really well, and the group seems really vibrant. Hopefully by Council all of the family groups will also have met, so I will be able to start getting some feedback at the next session and be able to tell you in more detail about whether everything is going well at the next Council.

The St John's MCR micro-programme has also gotten off to a good start, and is looking promising as a model for this expansion.

I also have supported students to introduce women's officer in two common rooms, and am working with two other common rooms on this at the moment.

Manifesto pledge: 'I will make the continuation and expansion of OUSU's Women's Leadership Development Programme a priority. I want to enable facilitators to run parallel events in colleges and departments...'

Campaigns

WomCam

This week is Reproductive Justice Week with WomCam, so there's loads going on – something almost every day. The main thing that I have been involved in is working with Abortion Rights for our Monday session on Abortion and Class, which should be really great.

The 2nd week event was also fantastic, with speakers from the English Collection of Prostitutes and the International Union of Sex Workers. I will be following up with representatives from both organization this week, and will be able to report back next Council on developments here.

It Happens Here

It Happens Here ran a really exciting (and massively over-subscribed) event last week about the Normalization of Rape Culture. We are now in full preparation for Anti-Violence Valentine's mode. All workshops are confirmed, as are the panellists, and we're sorting the last bits and pieces of logistics and publicity. The parts of this that I have been the most involved in are the headliner (Staceyann Chin) and the Code 4 Rights workshop, which is the start of a longer collaboration between IHH and C4R towards producing a First Response App.

Team Projects

I worked with Ruth and Louis on the OUSU Student Awards, which will have happened before Council. I also worked with Ruth and James on Negotiation Training, which ran throughout 2nd week. The trainings were a little under-attended, but otherwise went really well.

Events and Committees

- Women's Leadership Development Programme: Assertiveness (22nd January)
- WomCam: Sex Work and University (26th January)
- Grad PresCom (27th January)
- It Happens Here: The Normalization of Rape Culture (29th January)
- WomCam: Abortion Rights and Class (2nd February)
- WomCam: Women of Colour, SisterSong, and Intersectionality (3rd February)
- Student Awards (3rd February)

Ruth Meredith – VP Charities and Community

Hey Council!

The past two weeks have been full of really important work, and proof of the change student politics can bring. I've kept my report limited to **four** major areas, but as ever, if you have any questions, please ask!

1. Oxford University accredited as a Living Wage employer, along with Wadham, Oriel and Pembroke.

I am incredibly proud of the work of the Oxford Living Wage Campaign, and of the people in Wadham, Oriel, and Pembroke who drove this forward.

If your college isn't accredited, or doesn't even pay Living Wage, get in touch!

We're going to be running **equipping sessions** for people interested in lobbying their colleges, so look out for those too.

2. Equipping students with the skills they need to make change in their communities

I've now delivered three weeks of ***Make Change Happen***, OUSU's new campaign leadership development programme, and have secured speakers and resources for the rest of the term.

With James and Anna, I've now delivered several **negotiation trainings**, and we're in the process of thinking about other trainings OUSU can deliver for students.

The whole sab team has worked really hard on **Saving Castle Mill**. We've produced a toolkit and FAQ available on my blog at the OUSU website with template letters, a list of congregation members, an FAQ and template motion. I've been working with our community wardens on door knocking every room in Castle Mill and setting up an open meeting so that we can prioritise the voices of those most affected and most excluded from this debate.

3. Voter Registration

Louis & I have made one of the cutest videos ever, some excellent flyers and posters, blown up 100 balloons, and I've stood out in the cold hassling people to vote for the past three days, with two more to go.

In discussions with the NUS and the City Council, it's become clear that OUSU's campaign is one of the most sector-leading campaigns, so thanks to everyone who's been involved!

4. Student Awards

The first ever OUSU Student Awards happened yesterday, and it was awesome, and really inspiring to see how many things Oxford students do.

Chris Pike – VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities

Hey comrades! Lots has been going on these past two weeks, and in the interests of not boring you I shall summarise them here (in the tradition of Council reports gone by). As always, I'm on welfare@ousu.ox.ac.uk.

Time for Representation: On Monday I hosted an equipping session for anyone wanting to introduce an LGBTQ rep, a disability rep or a BME rep into their common room structure. We had over twenty people in attendance and hopefully we will see some new reps in our JCRs and MCRs soon! Email me if you'd like the pack with advice on introducing your own reps.

Mental Health Charter: We now know exactly what is going to be included in the charter, and

we'll be preparing sessions to equip students to push their colleges to adopt the charter. We'll also be using the opportunity of the charter to push colleges to support and respect their students who suspend, have suspended, or are considering suspension better.

Castle Mill: I'm working with Danny Waldman, Rent and Accommodation Officer, to organise the action outside the Sheldonian on Tuesday of 4th week, 1:30-2:00, as Congregation members enter. We'll also be holding an action session to produce placards etc. on Monday evening.

PTE and Campaigns: I have met with campaign chairs and part-time officers to discuss plans for the term. I have also met with the OU Disability Community to discuss how we can work together.

Disability Awareness Week: I am still on the lookout for people to film or write testimonials about being a disabled person and being a disabled Oxford student. Please get in touch! We'll also be running various events during 7th week and will work with students in creating and publicising their own events.

Mind Your Head Testimonials: In conjunction with MYH I'll be organising an event to 're-launch' the testimonials side of the campaign, on University Mental Health Day (Wednesday of 5th week), ready to get people talking about mental health among the student body.

I also had the joy of attending an NUS event for liberation activists, and learned lots about how to be a better activist and representative. So hopefully I can pass on the great wisdom of the NUS in my work.

Part-Time Executive Officers

Marina Lambrakis – Graduate Academic Affairs Officer

Hi Council!

Things are ticking along in the world of graduate representation. By the time I see you I will have attended my first two University committees (Graduate Panel and Research Committee) in Yasser's place. On Friday of 3rd week I am also attending a meeting organised by Anna to talk about the gender gap and academic attrition, which is one of the key areas I want to tackle this year, as I pledged in my manifesto.

At the moment I am supporting the sabs on the Castle Mill issue - this is extremely important, and will affect graduates (and graduate families) disproportionately, so I am doing what I can to help out. Please get involved and spread the word in your common rooms!

If you want to get in touch about anything grad-related, drop me a line at gradacaff@ousu.org.
Happy LGBT History Month!

Will Brown – Clubs and Societies Support Officer

- Began work on producing a 'student handbook' for starting and running clubs and societies.
- Started planning inter-collegiate 'fairs', with an aim to hold two before the end of term.
- Awaiting meeting with regards to improving the online situation for clubs and societies.
- Met with and advised a prospective society in terms of potential registration and available funding.

Jenny Walker – LGBTQ Officer

I've had my introductory meeting with Chris and we discussed what we're going to focus on this term. We are planning to draft a proposal to start negotiations with the university about creating a transition fund. I'm also going to set up the buddy system soon for colleges when I have heard back from all the colleges about what provision they currently have. I'm also considering lobbying for the Good Night Out campaign to be set up in Oxford. Myself and Chris will also be planning the first Campaign meeting soon; Crash, the current chair, has already organised one specifically focusing on their college trans policy campaign. I had a meeting with Crash which was very useful, and will support them and the campaign in lobbying for colleges to implement the trans policy in whatever way I can.

Aliya Yule – Womens' Campaign Officer

WomCam has been super busy over the last two weeks – for regular updates, follow @womcam , facebook.com/womcam or email womensofficer@ousu.org

Events

On Monday 2nd Week, we organised an event about sex workers at university, and were joined by speakers from the International Union of Sex Workers and the English Collective of Prostitutes, as well as Zuleyka Shahin (the Grad Women's Officer). The event was very well attended, and there was really interesting discussion about the laws surrounding sex work, identity and more.

This week (3rd week) is **Reproductive Justice Week**. The events are all in the Okinaga Room, Wadham College – come along!

Monday-

Reproductive Justice and Class: Abortion Rights Session (7.30pm)

Tuesday-

Women of Colour, SisterSong & Intersectionality: A History of Reproductive Justice (6pm)

Wednesday-

Sexpression Oxford: Sex Ed Workshop (7.30pm)

Thursday-

Disabilities & RJ Discussion with Aisling Gallagher (7.30pm)

Saturday morning-

Screening & Discussion of Obvious Child

Saturday afternoon-

Reproductive Justice: Not Just for Cis People (3pm)

Working Groups

The new **International Women's WG** was created and had their first meeting. The **Women of Colour WG** also have had several meetings and are looking to do a photo campaign documenting the lives of women of colour at Oxford. We meet the new chairs of the **Oxford Uni Sexism Project** and are excited to work closely with them. I also had a meeting with the chair of our **new Discussion WG**, and in the next few weeks WomCam is going to be creating a bi-weekly discussion group. The first event is going to be '**What Is Intersectional Feminism? An open WomCam discussion**' – keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

I created a Facebook group for all JCR Women's / Gender Equality Officers. If you haven't been added, please let me know (and pass this on to the relevant people in your colleges). I was also trained to be a Queering Consent Workshop facilitator, and look forward to facilitating the workshops throughout LGBT History Month!

We also had a WomCam Self-Care Sorbet day, where the committee went to G&Ds to eat ice cream and talk about kicking patriarchy butt.

David Parton – Health and Welfare Officer

Hi council,

Since we last convened, I like to think I have begun the process of moving towards reaching my manifesto pledges. First, I had a meeting with VP for Welfare and Equal Opportunities Chris, where we set out what I need to do in order to reach my targets. I will be meeting with Chris fortnightly to discuss my progress and to discuss contemporary university issues we think need addressing.

Second, I will be supporting VP for Charities and Community Ruth, in her campaign to encourage voter registration in 3rd Week by staffing a pop up stall in Radcliffe Square, so as to

encourage students to register to vote prior to the General Election on May 7th.

Third, I will be meeting (by the time this is published, I will have met) with VP for Women Anna, where we'll discuss a central manifesto pledge of mine, to enquire into OUSU potentially purchasing and distributing at a reduced cost, sanitary towels, tampons and mooncups to Colleges for all who need them.

Fourth, as of Wednesday's Exec meeting, I will be drafting two motions to put before Council for approval before the end of term, detailing OUSU's stance on sex education (a joint motion with Anna) and recent NHS reforms, to be (if approved) added to OUSU's larger 'General Election Manifesto'.

And finally, I have attended two OUSU training sessions, one on governance and another on negotiating, in order to improve my efficiency in enacting my manifesto pledges and working as an effective student representative.

David

Nikhil Venkatesh – Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer

Over the past fortnight I've been continuing my support for common rooms who are considering introducing BME Officers of their own; I know that at least two colleges will be debating motions to do so in the very near future. I have also attended negotiation training provided by the sabbatical officers. I attended the first CRAE (Campaign for Racial Awareness and Equality) social event of the term and have made plans to work closely with them in the future. I attended the executive meeting, at which we discussed the motions I am proposing and seconding today.

Julien Coyne – Academic Affairs Campaign Officer

I have been kept in the loop with James Blythe and Matt Tennant (VP AcAff and Academic Representation Officer, respectively) about their progress on the Education Vision Survey, and information-gathering for that has been on my mind as I go about my duties in my other academic representation roles (in the physics dept. and MPLS). I will be assisting with conducting focus groups and publicizing the survey once it is finished.

I am also assisting Matt with construction of a SharePoint website for academic representation officers across Oxford. I am hopeful that this will be majorly helpful to promote communication and information sharing between us all, and with the general student population. We'll have been to a training session for building this website on Tuesday of 3rd week.

As always, contact me at academicaffairs@ousu.org with any inquiries or thoughts.

Zuleyka Shahin – Graduate Womens’ Officer

- I hosted two of my weekly open-clinics – Balliol College and Hertford College. I am currently compiling the information gathered, contacting various individuals and working on resolving issues. There could be possible motions brought to council once I work through the material gathered, especially based on patterns I am seeing across MCRs. Balliol will now also be hosting a Women’s only drinks night – a takeover of the MCR for safe space drinks during a prominent time of the week to ensure women get the chance to be more included within the MCR and to counter the all-male culture of the MCR. Continuing to support my officers at the college level.
- Facebook group has now been set up including all the Women’s/LGBTQIA+/Welfare Officers across MCRs which they are using to communicate, as well as compiling our public spreadsheet to share information and again communicate with each other. The spreadsheet will hopefully help change cultures, norms and provide fresh ideas to help colleges maintain a minimum standard for women.
- One-on-one meeting with the Women’s Officers of Wadham College to see what they are doing and hear their concerns. In many ways, a model college in terms of supporting women re: sexual harassment, sexual health etc. However all colleges still have structural issues when it comes to who women should contact in a time of need and this confusion can hopefully be configured through better structures and clearer support systems. Helping two colleges to push for a position of a paid full-time Peer Supporter who is a woman and not a student, with relevant training to be on call for whatever issues may arise.
- Working with two colleges to help institute a new Women’s Officer with a meeting set up within one college to discuss the possibility to creating the position. I will be pitching to the committee the value of creating a Women’s Officer position.
- This week WomCam hosted the *Sex Workers & Uni* event, on which I led the panel. After providing an opening intro, I welcomed the International Union of Sex Workers and the English Collective of Prostitutes. This is hopefully going to lead to some new work being done within OUSU to support student sex workers and the sex worker movement in general.
- Continuing to consult with my grad women via email.

Henna Shah – Access and Admissions Officer

Hi everyone,

In my last report I mentioned I was planning to get together a database of students interest in access around the university - I had a great meeting with one of the JCR access officers about this and will be compiling a Google form that will be advertised at the Access Showcase (wooo!) and through mailing lists. I'm also currently sorting out the details (venue etc.) for the Reach Scholar's reception and I'm hoping to have a drop in meeting of the JCR Access reps over the next couple of weeks to see what they think about a potential campaign I have in mind. So... watch this space!

Henna

Joe Reason – Common Room Support Officer

Hi Council,

Two weeks gone already? Over the past couple of weeks I have attended PresCom at Keble college, and discussed some of my plans with them. I have started to organise a meeting to fulfil the recommendations after a complaint last term about problems with communication between OUSU and Common Rooms. Along with this working group, I am also working with the Sabs to create a Resource of Resources (or as I like to call it a SUPER resource) which will allow anyone in the university to find resources that may help them easily and also gives OUSU a list of resources which we know we should contact common rooms if we need to change or remove them.

I have met with Will Brown (Clubs and Socs) and we will have met again today to discuss plans for a College Fair/Exhibition - watch this space. I have met with Anna (VPWomen) to discuss what she is working on currently and have met Louis to discuss my role.

I have been in contact with the disaffiliated Graduate Common Rooms and will be working on this over the term. I am also currently collating information on when all college JCR/general meetings are from which I hope to have a member of the Exec or Sab team attend one meeting this term. I am also starting this for Grad Common Rooms.

Think that is all. Have a good council and OUSUreps - email me on commonrooms@ousu.org if you are not on the mail list ☺

Lindsay Lee – Disabled Students' Officer

The survey I've compiled about the disability experience at Oxford is still live, but closes on Friday, and I'd really appreciate you filling it out and/or spreading the word! I've been in contact with disability services offices at ten other universities to find out best practices that Oxford can emulate. I've also worked with Anna Bradshaw to begin planning a disability-specific sexual health/awareness event in Trinity for students and staff.

Danny Waldman – Rent and Accommodation Officer

Hello Council! Not a particularly big report from me I'm afraid, as I've not been handed over to yet so I'm not particularly equipped to get into the nitty gritty of the job just now. That said, I've been having a read of some of the things the NUS has published on housing ("How to" and suchlike, the Homes Fit For Study is particularly worth a read), and I want to get some surveys out to students to essentially poll what they feel their issues are (both those "living out" and "in"). Another thing I want to do (unless the data exists somewhere, possibly in handover documents) is find out (by direct request hopefully) what accommodation property is owned by each college and produce a database of each building, capacity etc. so I can tie down the issues of those "living in" to specific blocks, quads etc.

Also, as I'm sure you're all aware (and has likely been reported above in the sabs so I won't say too much) the Castle Mill Congregation vote is coming up - February 10th, and we will be holding an action outside the Sheldonian. I'm meeting Chris today to discuss the particulars of the action, but I'm sure an update will come from one of the sabs or myself on what exactly we'll all be doing there in good time to prepare. Hope to see lots of you there! R&A love x

Divisional Board Representatives

Emma Alexander – Social Sciences – Undergraduate

Hi Council! I've had a nice first couple of weeks. To follow up an earlier issue I was investigating, I looked at the potential for a Politics Options Fair, to mirror that held in Economics, to enable students taking Politics to make more informed choices about what papers to study. It now looks like this may happen, hooray! It will likely be in Trinity, for current freshers - I will update you if I hear more, and also investigate whether this could happen in other subjects within the Division. I'm going to be surveying SSD reps soon to see if any issues have arisen over the last term that I can help tackle. Also, I attended the Social Sciences Divisional Board today, and made OUSU's views on the Castle Mill issue clear to the Board. This term I'm going to be working on the perennial issue of mark schemes so if you are a student in the SSD and have any particular opinions on things you want to be looked at regarding mark schemes, then get in touch. Have a great two weeks and do get in touch if there's anything I can help with!

Hilary Chow – Social Science – Postgraduate

Achievements:

1. I have presented a motion on application fee to council (and it passed and becomes an OUSU policy).
2. I have answered an enquiry on regular audience with course directors.
3. I have further familiarised myself with the structure of the Department of Continuing Education.

Reports:

1. I have attended a Graduate Studies Committee meeting, and have reported to the Committee the feedback I obtained from student representations on application fees.
2. The University is increasing application fee from £50 to £60, and legal service has responded to the recommendation of having different tiers of charges from the Graduate Studies Committee and said it would be illegal.

3. The Graduate Studies Committee is to recommend the introduction of the merit classification for 65-69 marks in taught master's courses.
4. The Graduate Studies Committee has reviewed the policy document for the Department of Continuing Education.
5. The divisional board is meeting to discuss:
 - a. The resolution concerning the Castle Mill development
 - b. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill
 - c. The governance of information security
- d. The representation on the University's Buildings and Estates Sub-committee

Julien Coyne – MPLS - Undergraduate

The first Divisional Board of term was Friday of 2nd week, and mostly not to do with student issues. I have continued to meet with Jared Hutchings before these meetings, and before Divisional Board we discussed some issues that we will be bringing up in the next MPLS Academic Committee meeting: reminding heads of teaching of their responsibilities in supporting departmental JCCs (Joint Consultative Committees) and of the division policy to increase availability of mark schemes for exams. Jared was incredibly helpful last term and continues to be so.

I have also made plans to schedule an MPLS focus group for the Education Vision later in term, probably 7th week.

Contact me at ug-mpls@ousu.org if you have anything to note or any questions.

Kristina Carney – Humanities – Postgraduate

Hello Council,

Since last council I have met with the Education Officer and Academic and Personnel Administrator of the Humanities Divisional Office to plan the first Graduate Joint Consultative Committee to be held in Week 4. The point of this meeting is to have the departmental representatives within the Humanities Division to meet and discuss current graduate student issues. I also attended the Humanities Divisional Board meeting in which I spoke out against the proposed motion to remove the top floor of each building at Castle Mill accommodation. I highlighted the detrimental impact that this motion would have on graduate students, particularly graduate students with families. Moving forward I plan to work with each representative within the Humanities Division to address what they feel to be the most important graduate student issues.

Eden Bailey – Humanities - Undergraduate

- **Humanities Workload/Welfare survey:** the results have been collected and together with Matt Tennant, James Blythe and Chris Pike we are looking at what can be done following the issues raised by this research.
- **One-to-one meeting with Shearer West, Head of Humanities Division:** discussed issues of workload and impact on welfare as highlighted by the survey, and ways forward.
- **Divisional JCC has been organised:** will meet with reps from each faculty in Humanities in week 4.

Humanities Divisional Board Meeting: in addition to general representation, gave speech encouraging members of the board to oppose the Castle Mill action, and encourage colleagues to do so.

Answers to question “What handover did you receive?”:

Officer	Answer
Academic Affairs Campaign	Because the previous officer had some unexpected circumstances last term (see her scrutiny report from MT 2014), I had an indirect handover through James Blythe. I have settled into the role well now, and have a good understanding of the work I'm going to be doing.
Graduate Academic Affairs	I had an email from Jena in 7th week asking to meet up and do a handover - I got back to her after a few days asking whether we could meet in the New Year, but haven't yet heard back, apart from an email with details of the Grad Ac Aff email account. We also met up before the elections and she gave me some pointers then, although this was prospective at the time.
Access & Admissions	Unfortunately I have not received anything from the previous Access and Admissions officer.
BME Students & Anti-Racism Officer	Unfortunately I received no handover of any sort from Alba... I would like it noted that my relevant sabb, Chris Pike, was very helpful though, as were the outgoing co-chairs of CRAE.
Clubs & Societies	I received a word document of two or three pages detailing the ins and outs of the role, and I had the opportunity to ask my predecessor any questions I had at the handover meeting.
Common Room Support	Yes I received a handover. In week 8 of MT, Will and I met to discuss the role and he provided me with a handover sheet that he had produced. This was followed by Will taking me to the final PresCom meeting of term.
Disabled Students	No handover from last year's PTE yet, though we have talked about meeting. I'm waiting to hear back from him about when is a good time.
Health & Welfare	I received a direct informal handover meeting with former Health and Welfare Officer Jamie Wells, before the end of Michaelmas, where we discussed the work he had done over the last year and the work of his I could continue to build on during my term.
LGBTQ	I had a handover with Adam which was really useful.
Rent & Accommodation	I've received the general PTE handover from Louis, but still waiting on Sophie for R&A handover. We are at least semi in the process of organising a time to meet though.

<p>Women's Campaign</p>	<p>I work closely with Lucy Delaney (the previous women's officer) anyway, so we never had a formal 'handover meeting' as such. She sent over a four page document, with lots of details about the running of WomCam, and has been really helpful on Facebook / phone / email to help whenever I have a question about how things were done before or what precedents are. As I was on the WomCam committee before I took up my role, I had a broad idea of how things worked anyway.</p>
<p>Graduate Women's</p>	<p>Eden gave me a handover briefing in person, with a handover document then emailed over to me that detailed logistical points.</p>