

Council Minutes

3rd week Michaelmas Term 2012

3rd Week Council to held at 17:30 prompt, on Wednesday 24 October 2012 in Jesus College

If you have any questions about OUSU Council, you should feel free to contact the President, David J. Townsend at president@ousu.org

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David Advises that Liam Burns the President of the NUS. He is going to speak about the NUS at this moment and hopefully will contribute to the later debate of the NUS Demonstration if Council Procedurally gives him permission to speak in the debate.

Liam speaks briefly.

The Chair explains the Council Papers.

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes passed. No matters arising.

Chair Procedural votes on whether we will allow Liam Burns to attend OUSU Council. Then also need to vote on whether now he is in attendance do we want him to speak.

No objections to him attending or speaking.

c. Ratifications in Council

1. BRINGING ELECTION RELATED BYE-LAWS INTO EFFECT

Council NOTES:

1. That the hierarchy of OUSU's governing documents runs down from Memorandum & Articles of Association to Bye-Laws to Regulations.
2. That the current Bye-Laws were approved by OUSU Council in Trinity Term 2012.
3. That some of the Bye-Laws came into effect immediately on approval, whereas others were to come into effect according to a schedule drawn up by OUSU Council's Internal Affairs Committee.
4. That the delay in bringing some Bye-Laws into effect was intended to allow for the approval of the necessary Regulations to underpin those Bye-Laws.

5. That OUSU Council and the University approved the Election Regulations in Trinity Term 2012, and that OUSU Council approved the Nominations Pack in Michaelmas 2012.
6. That Internal Affairs Committee recommends that Bye-Laws 1.4 to 1.8 (see Appendix 1) be brought into effect immediately in order to allow the Election Regulations to have effect for the coming OUSU elections.
7. That Internal Affairs Committee shall in course of time recommend to OUSU Council that other Bye-Laws be brought into effect when the necessary underpinning Regulations are in place.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To bring Bye-Laws 1.4 to 1.8 into effect immediately.

Proposed: Jack J. Matthews (University College)

Seconded: Tom Rutland (Jesus College)

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Brought new Byelaws into effect, internal affairs had to bring at right time, this is how the election rules are interpreted.

Passed.

2. JUNIOR TRIBUNAL FOR OUSU ELECTIONS

Council NOTES:

1. That the Junior Tribunal is a body which is crucial to operation of OUSU's direct elections.
2. That, as set out in Election Regulation 10.1b, its members must be selected in 'accordance with a procedure established for that purpose by Council'.

Council BELIEVES:

1. The procedure used under the old Election Regulations for selecting Junior Tribunal members worked well.
2. That the procedure adopted must allow the RO flexibility during the election as timetabling a meeting of Junior Tribunal is often very difficult due members' other commitments.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To approve proposed procedure for selecting Junior Tribunal papers (Appendix 2).
2. To approve the list of members of Junior Tribunal for this Academic Year (Appendix 3).

Proposed: Christopher Gray (Merton College)

Seconded: David Bagg (Balliol College)

Chris Gray (Merton)

Every year we have elections, when appeals are made against RO decision, they go to JT and we have to choose people for this, the details about how they are selected are in the appendix. This motion needs passing so we can have a JT.

Motion passes.

d. Elections in Council

The following positions were elected in 3rd Week Council.

The Chair hands over the chair to the returning officer David Bagg (Balliol)

David Bagg (Balliol)

I am the RO and we are electing quite a few people as per agenda and elections booklet. We will start by offering hustings.

Hustings were not requested for the following committees;

Budget Committee

Complaints Committee

Steering Committee

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate MPLS

Hustings were requested for the following:

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate Humanities

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Humanities

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Social Sciences

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Medical Sciences

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate MPLS

Moved the election of Divisional Board Rep for UG Humanities moved to the last election

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Humanities

Alice Holt (Wadham)

Second yr DPhil in Modern Languages what to defend interest of grads in funding situation, tuition fees for grads not capped done masters and done transfer.

Maria Mian (St Anne's)

This came at right time as feel things can be done to improve the lives of grad students, one thing is way they are taught would like to discuss important issues with Heads of Dept. Good at gathering information and bringing changes.

Harvey Lederman (Christ Church)

1st year DPhil and have just started teaching undergraduates level, did Masters have been on Philosophy grad committee conflict between how Oxford works with departments, lots can be done by Division to improve this.

Jonathan Ward (Somerville)

Studied at Columbia. Doing DPhil in India -China relations have experience of a number of Oxford departments and seen at best and worst. Peer counselor so have that sort of experience and social security at Somerville. Key things, funding supervision, central organization. People sometimes feel scattered needs clarification.

Questions

No questions.

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Social Sciences

Duncan MacDonald-Korth (Kellogg)

Running for social science as want to start a more communicable feel, more approach of students have exposure to other classes and courses. Develop a once a term interdepartmental lecture, so students can see how their discipline runs into each other.

Andrew McLeod (Exeter)

Reason why student rep improves academic decision making, have experience of how to convince people of proposals putting forward, improving engagement through forums and emails, central portal so all students can know profile of who represents and forums.

Shan Huang (New)

Have been here so long experienced many difficulties grad students deal with themselves some succeed some drop out. I would like to remind my colleagues that there are students that can support them. Have worked in public relationships key to solving problem.

Niels Goet (Merton)

Reason running very excited about representing grad students, have experience with different education systems, This will help me find key areas. Communication key people should feel are being represented and opinions are valid.

No questions.

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Medical Sciences

Patty can't make it.

Melvin Mezue (St Hugh's)

Nice to see you all, privilege to start, before I go into reasons why should. Have experience of two departments both clinical and research, tends to be antagonism. Believe this requires ability to listen, feel person can deliver. Welfare officer for MCR, president of society and represented medical students in previous university.

Ghadir Almuahaini (Hertford)

Main aim running during time as research student depends on luck if pleasant then good. Running to take luck and provide a supportive environment so students can talk about experience. Have the experience been welfare officer in college.

Patrick Albers (GTC)

Newby but hope I can convince have been student representative, and have studied in many places have been student representative in all of these and have always found issues to resolve and have also helped these to be resolved. Always a unique problem.

Darshan Baskaran (Brasenose)

Logical progression to responsibilities have had before, have sat on divisional committee, now sit on grad committee, sat on few other committees therefore have overview of organization.

Timothy (Xiaoming) Hu (Univ)

All candidates amazing. Pledge to be a listening ear doesn't matter if not elected will still listen and push forward your views. Vote for me if you have confidence for me to push forward your interests.

Questions

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Role in OUSU, harassment in MPLS is prevalent, how would you take their needs to the divisional board?

Ghadir Almuahaini (Hertford)

Prominent in labs, can be friendly have to spend a long time, boundaries blur, don't often identify some just think normal friendly should be workshops. It is a professional environment but if bullied should be able to come forward and speak about it.

Patrick Albers (GTC)

Problem find everywhere, not that surprised as boundaries are blurred. Workshops not that successful, would approach problem from both parties, sit together and find solution and trying again.

Darshan Baskaran (Brasenose)

Harassment and bullying is a problem, to improve is to have a good induction before start course and advise there are structures and procedures to deal with this. Have an adviser and officers in department. One of things is to have student liaison for newcomers so that they can talk to them in confidence.

Timothy (Xiaoming) Hu (Univ)

Educating Freshers' is important but also putting it in structure. Will be other senior faculty members who you can speak to. Would push forward structural changes.

Melvin Mezue (St Hugh's)

Good suggestions from other candidates. Support is available part of the problem is encouraging people to speak out. Should highlight examples where people have spoken out and issue resolved. Have mentor system in my college which is working.

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate MPLS

Edward has apologized and will not be attending council.

Syed Ali Asad Rizvi (Brasenose)

Starting DPhil I am from Pakistan and before I make any grand promises would like to take experience from here to Pakistan. Promise to serve with passion and perseverance, promise will be there if someone needs help.

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Bullying and harassment.

Syed Ali Asad Rizvi (Brasenose)

Policy of speak out anonymous, people can submit complaint to rep and then he can bring it up without any retribution.

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate Humanities**William Brown (Pembroke)**

I obviously think that student rep is very important would look to work closely with David and the UJCC within the humanities department. As candidate in joint school, courses don't feed in very well together would like to work on issues of teaching quality and provision. Also chair of Living Wage campaign which gives me experience of lobbying.

e. Reports from Sabbatical Officers**President - David J Townsend**

Have report best thing is cut down on stuff I have to email you about, shifted it into a different way so I don't send it and we get money for it.

VP Welfare - Katie Colliver

Have a correction to my report Disabilities Awareness week have found a good way of getting posters out to you. Will be really interesting this year. So please look out for next posters it's in 6th week.

VP Access & Academic Affairs - David Messling

University kick starting departmental review process. If you know a UG medical science student who might want to stand then please encourage them to.

VP Charities & Community - Sarah Santhosham

Big win happened a few weeks ago, got university to commit to an auditing process for living wage. Campaigns training if interested in attending next Wednesday please come along. Police and crime commissioner husting take place Monday of 5th week very important please come along. City centre area forum student focussed will be good 7.30 of Tuesday of 5th week

VP Women - Suzanne Holsomback

Big wins on Saturday able to organise a student parent event, significant as they are under represented, most aren't even allowed to live on site in colleges, children are not allowed in. This was a networking

opportunity was really positive. Do stuff with women and student parents. From my report. Feminist forum please keep eye out for that, feminism isn't scary and isn't just for women.

No questions to Sabbatical officers

No questions

f. Reports from Members of the Executive

LGBTQ Officer - Jess Pumphrey

Couple of things that have come up. What do I do, what am I doing. If open OxStu then can read about what I've been doing. People come along and say is that all your doing, have you only changed an option on the form. There is injustice everywhere, these people are here to represent you and fight this, and fix things. Where do you begin. I represent you. Spoke to genderless campaign and they said subfusc is wrong so fixed. Fixed form last week with Clara. Problem that brought to me and was fixed. I saw this on facebook yesterday, then another person praised another University other universities already do what we do. My job is to represent you please tell us what needs to be fixed, we can help, have campaigns, and get all things you do fixed.

No questions.

i. Passage of Motions Nem Con

3. NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION

Opposition

4. ORDERING OF SEXUALITIES IN OUSU MATERIAL

Opposition

5. PARTICIPATION IN OUSU COUNCIL

Opposition

6. EXAMINATION FEEDBACK

Council NOTES:

1. Many students sit formal University Exams at some point during their time at Oxford.
2. That the only feedback currently given on exams, is the mark achieved. The University refuses to make other information, including comments written by examiners, freely available.
3. That the Data Protection Act means student can, for a small fee, request all information the University has on them, including comments written by examiners.
4. Historically, the Proctors have instructed Examiners to destroy all comments (Oxford Student, 9th February 2006).
5. That some departments wish to provide more feedback to their students, but are prevented from doing so by the Proctors.
6. That this issue affects all students on taught courses, both Undergraduates and Graduates.

Council BELIEVES:

1. That not all exams are at the end of the degree, and therefore feedback on these exams could help students achieve better results down the line.
2. That students don't just want this feedback so they can do better in future exams, but also for the simple reason of wanting to be better at their subject in general.
3. That the position of the Proctors is becoming untenable, as students could access comments and individual question marks, where this information has not been destroyed, via the Data Protection Act.
4. That all comments made on a student's examination, and individual question marks within an Exam, should be made freely available to that student.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To mandate the OUSU President, VP (Access and Academic Affairs) and the VP (Graduates), to work together to build a campaign within the University to bring about change in examination feedback, in line with this policy.
2. To mandate the above Officers to build support through Colleges, Departments, Divisions and other University Committees they have access to, to put pressure on the Proctors to amend their policy.

Proposed: Jack Matthews (University College)

Seconded: Alex Cibulskis (Wadham College)

Passed Nem Con

m. Motions Authorising Capital Expenditure

3. NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION

Council NOTES:

1. This academic year students are asked to pay up to £9000 to attend university. Some students will leave the British university system with over £50,000 of debt.
2. The Higher Education White Paper has been postponed but most of the changes to the sector will be implemented locally. Many university institutions around the country are likely to close. Course and department closures are already underway across the British university system.
3. Delegates at NUS Conference voted to call a national demonstration, including delegates from Oxford.
4. The official priorities of the march and their context in Oxford (Educate, Empower, Employ) have been distributed and discussed in JCRs and MCRs (see Appendix 4).

Council BELIEVES:

1. That the national demonstration can highlight the attacks on education and young people, in Oxford and around the country.
2. The national demonstration can highlight the privatisation and marketisation agenda the coalition government is imposing on higher education.
3. We need both a student union and a student movement to fight against these attacks to publicly funded higher education.
4. Students should stand beside all those affected by the cuts and austerity.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. For OUSU to publicly declare its support for, and publicise, the national demonstration on 21st November.
2. OUSU's support shall be for a non-violent demonstration; OUSU shall oppose any violence against person or damage to property, by whomsoever committed.

3. For OUSU to fund coaches or transportation up to £1000 for Oxford University students to attend the demonstration.
4. To mandate OUSU to organise and publicise a banner making session for the demonstration.
5. To mandate OUSU to organise and publicise a public meeting before the demonstration to highlight why we are marching.

Proposed by Matt Myers (Wadham College)
Seconded by James Kleinfeld (Keble College)

Matt Myers (Wadham)

Called by NUS been called to combat the attacks to higher education funding. Not just about 9000 fees each university is being affected by the Government White paper. OUSU needs to stand with students around the country to defend publically funded higher education. We need to fight. If don't fight have already lost.

Amendments tabled.

Both are not accepted as friendly.

Amendment Number: 1

Text of Amendment:

Amend Council RESOLVES: 1

Add the following:

OUSU's support shall be for a non-violent demonstration; OUSU shall oppose any violence against persons or damage to property, by whomsoever committed.

Proposer (name and college): David J. Townsend (St John's)
Seconder (name and college): Christopher Gray (Merton)

Proposer

David J Townsend (St John's)

We know what happens in past, damage to property, this will distract from the purpose of the demonstration. I hope you support this. If we are going then not going to beat people up or smash things or to countenance this from anyway.

SFQ:

Attie st Cats

Why does this need to be stated?

David J Townsend (St John's)

Because happened before. So that if does happen we can stand up and say we were only there to get the message across, have to consider reputational risk if we were to suborn violence. This is about making the purpose clear at the start.

Alywn Carr

Would OUSU retrospectively withdraw support if there was violence.

David J Townsend (St John's)

Hypothetical can't answer

Liam Burns (NUS President)

We as an exec just passed a paper about this. It won't be lost on people that post 2010 people want to know our opinions, violence is not a good campaigning technique and we won't support students in this

activity. Safe to say debate at NUS conference has raised, we have planned demonstration to mitigate risk.

Nathan Akehurst (Lincoln)

Parameters of criminal damage are vague, certain things that are obviously violent. Where are we drawing lines?

Liam Burns (NUS President)

Cant give definitives I am responsible for this, occupancy of building is different to damage to property.

Move to Vote

Speech in opposition to this amendment.

Matt Myers (Wadham)

Only qualm is it criminalises protest before started. Even talking about violence, doesn't need to be discussed we are obviously not going to be violent. If there is kittling will the student union support the person who's injured.

Katie Colliver (Univ)

Context is Millbank shit going on there, whomsoever instigates violence we don't condone by police. We want it to be peaceful on both sides.

Amendment passes

Amendment Number: 2

Text of Amendment:

Amend Council RESOLVES: 2

To specify

For OUSU to fund coaches or transportation up to £1000 for Oxford University students to attend the demonstration.

Proposer (name and college): *Suzanne Holsomback (Green Templeton)*

Seconder (name and college): *Christopher Gray (Merton)*

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

This is pretty much clarifying resolving the funding part and what funds we do have and what we will put towards the demonstration. We want to be diligent about how we use our funds. We don't want to have coaches unfilled.

SFQ's

Alice Holt

How many buses?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

2 buses and 200 students. Which will take people there.

Jack Matthews (Univ)

How much did we spend demo 2010.

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

We spent £1400 if ask people for £3 each then will fund more and if colleges want to fund can.

Thomas

Have looked at attendance of last demonstration?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Yes we have and sometimes people abused last time as just free transport.

Jess Pumphrey (Magdalen)

Is there are a recommended number?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

No policy across other universities depends on size and who will attend.

Henry

How much?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

£2000 but we use to run other thing such as PHD movie and Misrepresentation. For whole year of discretionary fund. Each campaign has a fund of their own. They are autonomous would.

Have we looked into funding with Oxford Brookes.

David J Townsend (St John's)

Yes but we can't have an unfunded liability. There are ways we can increase the amount this will fund.

Jonathan

What will happen iff this amendment doesn't pass?

Oliver Gleeson (Christ Church)

Current Resolves would stand.

LMH

Are you personally going on demo?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Depends on whether motion passes.

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

How will OUSU differentiate between people going home or going on demo?

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Not going to interview people will take in good faith. You know why people are going. It's not cool for people to do this, good if you challenge people that abuse this.

Matt Myers (Wadham)

To put in perspective Manchester is not that big in comparison. We are only putting on 2 coaches for a university of 20000 should be an option. Chris gave numbers for last year and there was money for an additional coach if there is the need for that.

Oliver Gleeson (Christ Church)

Last term was passed in OUSU council passed and money spent on Garden party.

Amendment passes

SFQ's on motion

Katie Colliver (Univ)

What's the background

Liam Burns (NUS President)

We run a national conference, which brings students together. Motion on holding this demonstration and it passed. Certainly passed with majority, but there was concern about whether support for this. We have consulted on this and how it should look. Safety after Millbank, can't take away right to protest but should mitigate damage. Messaging important what are we angry about at the moment, we know have a system that national students are treated in horrific ways, all looking a bit shit. We have communities who are sympathetic to students and support this. Educate, employ empower. Have also got to make a decision on the MPs who were elected there needs to be repercussion if don't do what they said. What purpose of action. Proud that our conference tells us what to do, no bill or election to influence. 3 years to general elections. The people that got on the buses were committed can create a politicized generation. Agenda constantly in general elections, for once we can set the agenda to government and all parties. I get there won't be a policy outcome but it sets up a generation of activists and a place marker for politicians to speak on.

We need to talk about what happens after this and that there is following actions, and what it means to Oxford students.

Magdalen

What do you mean by point 1 in the motion?

Liam Burns (NUS President)

Implications around funding not debt aversion. Tries to balance an unsustainable funding situation. Bursaries under threat.

Izzy Westbury (Hertford)

How many unis not supporting?

Liam Burns (NUS President)

Only Reading said no. Other having votes soon. I was worried when the motion originally passed, but my views have matured and I'm excited about it.

Magdalen:

Will you be opposing taxation changes more broadly?

Ollie Gleeson (Christ Church)

That's debate, mate.

Speech against?

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Demonstration has no purpose. Liam is mandated by NUS Conference. There's no bill before Parliament, there's no route to change, why are we doing this now? What reason is there for NUS to spend £55 000 on this? OUSU could have run Target Schools for 10 years for that! We also need to be careful about messaging: if we talk about 'having to pay £9 000' we're just putting misinformation out there; this doesn't help, it does hurt. The slogan's confused too, not to mention that it doesn't match the NUS Conference motion. Also, how many of you thinking of going have written to your MP? It makes a difference. To sum up don't think good move for Oxford think waste of our money. We can use to make Oxford more attractive. Loughborough have voted in exec, so would not be alone if voted down. Think how would effect other peoples education. Within ½ a mile of the rally there are 10 schools, which will be effected by this. The rally will end at home time. I think this shows not a very thought idea. Route doesn't go through Parliament Square. Can use resources much more effectively.

Speech in proposition

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

I support my college supports, I have written to my MP. The higher ed white paper has been shelved as unpopular should support as shows Oxford supports students.

Jess Pumphrey (Magdalen)

People's view of Oxford is happening. Students interested in coming to Oxford put off by Oxford being right wing so might put off prospective students need to show them we are in support.

Nick

Question is does it have 1000 worth of value, has a whole series of flaws. Would vote if less money then might be more plausible. Weighing benefits against costs so wouldn't support.

Katie Colliver (Univ)

The amendment of 1000 is a cap. If we take students to demo we will spend up to this amount. To make it clear we are not making us cough up this.

Jonathan Metze

Obviously things that are imperfect about demo the point is going to happen, purpose of su is to bring people together. A lot of people who we represent who might want to go. We need to do as a group.

Jamie (Keble)

Keble as a JCR has decided to vote against. But we will provide money and funding to our students who are not going to go. Could be made into two separate things.

Hawkes

If don't support we are mad. Image already conscious about target schools. Great harm has already been done to Higher Education, this is about national solidarity. We need to support those who want to go.

Jane

If people walked out of schools and saw that people were supporting their education. One of these is Nick Clegg should see what's happening.

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

OUSU's money is earmarked for lots of different things.

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Not left over money. As we have run a deficit over the past years.

Chair

This is coming from discretionary account, not previous year new budget money doesn't get rolled over.

David J Townsend (St John's)

This is a decision for you, I have said this many times. I am going to encourage you to vote in favour. I am a postgrad have met very talented undergrads who should have an opportunity to study here. I met some of the very smartest young people at moment don't have opportunity free and clear of financial considerations. It worries me for your country. I am worried for those I know personally and those in your common rooms. Should be a loan scheme for those wishing to do a post grad. There out to be a bill for a postgrad loan scheme. Worried you don't think you have anyway of pushing your education up the agenda.

David Messling (St John's)

Lots of points about non-specific focus. Think this is actually strength as Oxford moves slowly so sometimes things happen before Oxford has spoken up before. We need to show we care. Specific questions for Oxford itself. Muddied message about UG study. Concern that having a protest may come across as negative press. Not a reason not to have protest. A lot here about shaping future, not all about fees. We also have concerns about future of education and bring things not just having a tantrum. Not just stuck up students but people who care about education.

Katie (St Hilda's)

Better that spend on this than Garden party.

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

It's not just this figure, often used to subsidise events.

Alywn Clark

Most of you are here as JCR presidents. I am standing here as a rep. Need to consider what your JCR's have said.

Collective representation. Feeling is apathy. This will create a divide.

Sean Robinson (Queen's)

Problem with apathy is because don't have good leadership. Proud that people went on march. Happy that my college is putting funds towards this. Think we are presenting a good view of Oxford I will be going and lots of people in this room will be going.

Move to Vote

No proposition in summation

Jack Matthews (Univ)

No way this can make change our effort through corridors of Westminster can change.

Motion passes.

n. Other Motions

4. ORDERING OF SEXUALITIES IN OUSU MATERIAL

Council NOTES:

1. People of all sexualities are equal in rights, and not limited to "heterosexual" and "homosexual".
2. In a variety of material produced by OUSU, including its website and the Fresher's Guide 2012, there are references to "LGBTQ".
3. The alphabetical ordering of "LGBTQ" is "BGLQT".

Council BELIEVES:

1. Sexualities, just as gender and nationality options, should be alphabetically ordered.
2. OUSU material should present sexualities in alphabetical order.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To support such a change in material produced by OUSU.
2. To mandate the Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities) and LGBTQ Officer to effect such a change.

Proposed: Martin Lester (Merton College)

Seconded: Robin Neatherway (Merton College)

Martin Lester (Merton)

Last council passed should be alphabetical should be consistent. LGBTQ ordering of sexualities is not consistent. So should change. Think hypocritical to ask University to change the order.

Jess Pumphrey (Magdalen)

Have you spoken to anyone in LGBTQ movement about this.

Sarah

Can you think of any difference between this, gender activism and sexual activism.

Martin Lester (Merton)

Are you part of LGBTQ campaign.

No

Do you think should be transferred to campaign

Martin Lester (Merton)

Think it could change.

Isabel

Have you considered that changing order makes word look like Biggot?

Jess Pumphrey (Magdalen)

Delusions of grandeur taking piss out of me. Have spoken to LGBTQ community saying this is silly we didn't ask for this. I said I will address it in council and your views will be taken into count. Hysterical raisins. The ordering is not arbitrary. Students will recognise will know for them, it is unified. It signifies a whole community a solid banner, I know we argue about silly things. Want to stand up for those who don't was this changed.

Martin Lester (Merton)

Think humorous to claim that term standardised. If serious about consistency then must be consistent in gender ordering. Support consistency.

Jess Pumphrey (Magdalen)

Difference between ordering lgbtq and form. Form you tick it. No body on form is going to understand. LGBTQ a solid thing its not an ordering its an acronym.

Motion Fails

5. PARTICIPATION IN OUSU COUNCIL

Council NOTES:

1. That OUSU Council is the guiding body of our Student Union, to which all students can attend, speak, and submit motions.
2. That attendance at OUSU Council, even among those who have a vote, is not very high.
3. That other Student Unions offer incentives to those who attend their Council meetings.

Council BELIEVES:

1. That the more people attend and engage with OUSU Council, the better.
2. That we should be doing more to encourage people to attend Council, as one of the main ways to engage with our Student Union democracy.
3. That prolonged exposure to Council, and all its elections, scrutiny, and policy, could cause dehydration.
4. That a post-Council complementary beverage at one of Oxford's many drinking establishments, may not only encourage more to attend OUSU Council, but will also help alleviate any dehydration that may have arisen because of too many Points-of-Order.

Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To mandate the OUSU President to investigate the possibility of providing all those in attendance at the end of an OUSU Council, a free post-Council drink.
2. That the President should investigate the possibility of getting a deal for OUSU, to keep costs to a minimum.
3. To mandate the President to report back to 5th Week Council, so that if the idea is seen as plausible, a motion can be brought to 7th Week Council requesting the required expenditure.

Proposed: Jack Matthews (University College)

Seconded: James Raynor (Worcester College)

Jack Matthews (Univ)

At OUSU rep committee we had a discussion about council thought up this idea. A lot of common rooms provide things to attract people to their meetings. This doesn't commit OUSU to any spending at the moment. Some ideas may come back which do cost money but should look into new and innovative ways which would encourage people to attend.

Nathan Akehurst (Lincoln)

Not a killjoy like beer, but I think that there is a worry that OUSU just gets known as a place for free pints could alienate some people and could therefore de-legitimise us, we should continue to campaign. Hypocritical of someone to oppose spending money on demonstration and then bring this up.

David Messling (St John's)

Think should investigate if can get free drinks would be good if can get sponsorship.

No one would sit through this for a pint.

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

This is going to make us look bad and like we just want to spend money on ourselves.

Jack Matthews (Univ)

This doesn't spend money it just investigates.

Passes.

6. EXAMINATION FEEDBACK

Passed nem con

d. Elections in Council - Results

Budget Committee

Ellie Davidson (New)

Alexander Cibulskis (Wadham)

Complaints Committee

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Steering Committee

Alexander Cibulskis (Wadham)

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate Humanities

William Brown (Pembroke)

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Humanities
Harvey Lederman (Christ Church)

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Social Sciences
Andrew McLeod (Exeter)

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate Medical Sciences
Melvin Mezue (St Hugh's)

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate MPLS
Eleanor Milnes-Smith (St John's)

Divisional Board Representative - Graduate MPLS
Syed Ali Asad Rizvi (Brasenose)

o. AOB

David Bagg (Balliol)

Approaching statutory annual elections. Elections committee made binding text in red in Nominations Booklet. Only one print shop and that maillists of the Union can't be used.

APPENDIX 1 (Relating to Motion 1 ‘Bringing Election-Related Bye-Laws into Effect’)

Extract from OUSU Bye-Laws:

- 1.4 The provisions of Bye-Laws 1.5 to 1.7 are subject to Bye-Law 1.8.
- 1.5 When resolving a dispute to which Article 1.1¹ applies, the President must
 - (a) consult a Student Trustee and an External Trustee, and
 - (b) consider whether it is appropriate to take legal advice.
- 1.6 When resolving a dispute to which Article 1.2 applies and which does not involve Election Regulations, the President (or, if delegated, the Chair of Council) must
 - (a) interpret Bye-Laws so as not to conflict with the Memorandum and Articles (but, to the extent that there is such a conflict, the Memorandum and Articles apply),
 - (b) interpret General Regulations so as not to conflict with the Bye-Laws (but, to the extent that there is such a conflict, the Bye-Laws apply),
 - (c) consult a Student Trustee and an External Trustee, and
 - (d) consider whether it is appropriate to take legal advice.
- 1.7 When resolving a dispute to which Article 1.2 applies and which involves Election Regulations, the President (or, if delegated, the Returning Officer) must
 - (a) interpret Election Regulations so as not to conflict with the Bye-Laws (but, to the extent that there is such a conflict, the Bye-Laws apply),
 - (b) consult a Student Trustee and an External Trustee, and
 - (c) consider whether it is appropriate to take legal advice.
- 1.8 The President, Chair of Council or Returning Officer (as the case may be) may disapply one or more of the requirements of Bye-Laws 1.5 to 1.7 if, in their reasonable opinion, the urgency of the dispute so demands. In such a case, any interpretation is interim and will lapse unless confirmed, without delay, after any such requirement as has been disapplied has been satisfied. Any action or decision taken in reliance on such an interim interpretation remains valid notwithstanding any such lapse.

¹ Articles 1.1 and 1.2 provide for resolving disputes relating to the interpretation of either the Articles or Bye-Laws.

APPENDIX 2 (Relating to Motion 2 ‘Junior Tribunal for OUSU Elections’)

The Returning Officer will propose a list of members of Junior Tribunal to Council as soon as possible within Michaelmas Term, but no later than 3rd Week Council. These members must fulfil all the criteria for membership laid out in Election Regulation 10.2.

If the Junior Tribunal is called upon to make a decision, the RO will contact all those individuals approved by Council to request their availability. The RO will then choose a date and time for the meeting of Junior Tribunal and will select the three members who will act as the Junior Tribunal for this specific decision. This meeting can be held in person, or as a conference call via Skype or telephone.

In subsequent cases where the Junior Tribunal is called upon to act it will be within the discretion of the RO whether they re-use the three members already selected, or go through the process set out in the above paragraph again.

APPENDIX 3 (Relating to Motion 2 ‘Junior Tribunal for OUSU Elections’)

2. JUNIOR TRIBUNAL FOR OUSU ELECTIONS

Stephen Moses	RO MT97
Tony Lord	RO MT00
Stuart Hudson	RO HT01
Anthony Fairclough	RO MT01
Nick Bennett	RO MT02
Conor O’Neil	RO MT03
Steve Harper	RO TT04
Angus Hebenton	RO MT04
Daryl Leeworthy	RO MT05
Andrew Grey	RO MT06
Madeline Stanley	RO MT08
Tana Das	Deputy Returning Officer MT04
Kimberly Gillingham	DRO MT04
Dominic Curran	DRO MT04
Matt Baker	DRO MT05
Kirsty McNeil	President 2000
Steph Gray	Vice-President (Finance) 2000
Jane Blumer	V-P (Women) 2000
Rhodri Thomas	V-P (Access & Academic Affairs) 2000
Eleanor Fletcher	V-P (Finance) 2001
Antonia Bance	V-P (Women) 2001
James Rowlands	V-P (Welfare) 2001
Will Straw	President 2002
Sean Sullivan	V-P (Finance) 2002
Sonia Sodha	V-P (Access & Academic Affairs) 2002
Andrew Copson	V-P (Welfare) 2002
Helen Puig Larrauri	President 2003
Rodrigo Davies	V-P (Finance) 2003
Dan Paskins	V-P (Graduates) 2003
Rosie Buckland	V-P (Welfare) 2003
John Blake	President 2004
Alan Strickland	President 2006
Martin McCluskey	President 2007
Ingrid Frater	V-P (Graduates) 2007
James Lamming	V-P (Access and Academic Affairs) 2007
Rich Hardiman	V-P (Finance) 2007
Claire Addison	V-P (Charities and Communities) 2007
Lewis Iwu	President (2008)
Rachel Cummings	V-P (Women) 2008
Jack Wellby	V-P (Charities and Communities) 2008
Rosanna McBeath	V-P (Welfare) 2008
Stefan Baskerville	President 2009
Dani Quinn	V-P (Welfare) 2009
Katherine Wall	V-P (Women) 2009
Eorann Lean	V-P (Charities and Communities) 2009

APPENDIX 4 (Relating to Motion 3 ‘National Union of Students Demonstration’)

Educate

- A new government focus on fair access in policy and investment.
- A return to the value of education as a public good.

- More ear-marked funding for Wider Participation, and more student involvement in Wider Participation initiatives at Oxford.
- More expenditure on student scholarships and bursaries from Oxford's Philanthropic Campaign.

Employ

- A national postgraduate loan system.

- More teaching opportunities for graduate students at Oxford.

Empower

- Stronger gender equality policy for all grants coming from the government, to all subjects.

- Opening up Oxford University and College facilities to the wider community, including sports grounds, libraries and speaker events