

OUSU

council minutes

3rd week Council to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12th May in the Maplethorpe Room at St Hugh's

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- o. Any Other Business

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes passed no matters arising.

d. Elections in Council

There were no nominations for either the Returning Officer or the Deputy Returning Officer.

Individuals were encouraged to run in 5th week.

e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

Stefan Baskerville - President

Won't speak long, cover support to common rooms, main meetings with University including meeting with Vice Chancellor in first week. NUS report not here, but should be here in 5th week. Organised a successful hust with 5th week, also report back on citizens UK meeting with all the leader, recommend some of the speeches by the party leaders.

Kat Wall – VP Women

Nothing to add

Dani Quinn – VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

Thank you for those of you that publicized getting in touch with sabs those people that want to find out about running for positions. Keep encourage them to talk to us about any role they are interested in running for.

Sarah Hutchinson – VP Graduates

Fees policy group Thursday

Jonny Medland – VP Access & Academics

Thank you for those who ran focus groups. Working on report over this week and next this is feeding in to University response to teaching model. If you haven't fed into Browne review please do so.

Eorann Lean – VP Charities & Community

Charity and Community outreach officer has resigned so will be holding a bi-election in 5th week. Please get in touch and let anyone you think might be interested.

f. Reports from the Executive Officers who wish to make Reports

Jack Matthews – Common Room Support Officer

If you are using mi-voice in your common room, please let me know or if new people are using important for me to know when in case any problems.

Hannah Cusworth – Academic Affairs Campaign Officer

Thank you very much for you that hosted us at your common room, regarding the teaching review. We are in process of writing the report.

i. Passage of Motion Nem Con

1. DPhil Fee Liability

Opposition

2. Strategic Review Group Report

Opposition

n. Other Motions

1. DPhil Fee Liability

Council notes:

1. That Council mandated the V-P Graduates to consult with students regarding the proposal that fee liability for DPhil students should be extended to the 4th year and beyond.
2. That this consultation has now taken place and over 70 graduate students have responded.
3. The vast majority were strongly against the proposal to extend fee liability, with only one student expressing unconditional support.
4. To date 56 students have joined a facebook group opposing the proposal.

Council believes:

1. That the fee liability for DPhil students should not be extended.
2. That any extension would reduced access to postgraduate education, particularly given the increasingly harsh funding environment.
3. That any extension would cause stress and hardship at the time when research students most need to concentrate, and may reduce completion and submission rates by forcing more students to take on part-time work
4. That introducing additional years of fee liability will damage the quality and scope of research undertaken by forcing students to rush their work.
5. That concerns regarding completion rates and the length of time students take to submit their thesis should be dealt with first by assessing and improving supervision and guidance rather than imposing financial penalties. There is no evidence that the absence of a 4th year encourages students to take their time: there is substantial anecdotal evidence to suggest that students have difficulty accessing appropriate supervision.

6. The University should carry out research into ways in which students' experience of supervision can be made more consistent.
7. That the University should seriously consider providing the option to study for all DPhils part-time, in recognition of the need of many students to combine work and study, or caring responsibilities and study.

Council Further Believes

1. That if the University, against our urging, decides to introduce a fourth year of fees, the following conditions should apply:
 - a. Fees should reflect the actual cost of a DPhil - they should not be introduced to cover the 'opportunity cost' of taking on additional students.
 - b. That the University should be transparent about the costs of providing a DPhil and what students are entitled to in return for their fees.
 - c. That any additional fee introduced should be at a lower level than the standard fee, in recognition of the less intense supervision and access to classes etc most DPhil students experience in the later stages of their course
 - d. That any additional fee should be paid termly, as many students finish mid-year.
 - e. That fees should not be charged during the revision period.
 - f. That bursaries should be used to enable students to cover any additional fees, but these should be open to all students and awarded on the basis of need.
 - g. The University should take care to ensure that students have access to such bursaries no matter their department or college.

Council resolves:

1. To mandate the Vice-President (Graduates) to submit a paper to the consultation on fee liability setting out the views expressed in 'Council believes' and 'Council further believes'
2. To mandate the Vice-President (Graduates) and other OUSU officers to lobby the University setting out the views expressed above.
3. To urge members of Council to report the concerns of postgraduate research students regarding the extension of fee liability to their heads of house.

Proposed: Sarah Hutchinson (St Cross)
Seconded: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Sarah Hutchinson (St Cross):

This is an issue that has been around for at least a year. The Social Sciences division has been pushing for an increase in the number of years you can be charged for. Could increase the price of D Phils substantially. Not convinced by the argument that people take a long time for doing their D Phil. Problems are usually don't get enough support. University is doing a report, and feedback is mixed across the divisions. I have written a paper and sent it out. I person firmly in support of charges for 4th years, over 70 students said that they did not think that students should pay fees for their 4th years. It would strengthen the feedback if we passed a motion in OUSU council. Suggested they should look at improving supervision, and look at whether people can get funding for 4th years, also think they should look for solutions first.

Motion passed.

2. Strategic Review Group Report

Council notes:

1. The group consulted widely in a variety of ways, including an online survey, focus groups, face-to-face meetings with individuals, and receiving written submissions.
2. The student survey was set up online using Survey Monkey. It was advertised during Michaelmas Term via the all student mailing list. 1099 students began the online survey and 834 students finished it.
3. Five focus groups were held with a range of different groups, including Merton Junior Common Room Committee, JCR Presidents, MCR Presidents, Common Room OUSU Representatives, and a mixed group of former Common Room officers and OUSU Exec members. Groups were a mix of open discussion and a

prioritisation of OUSU's activities into the following categories: 'essential', 'something OUSU should do', 'something OUSU could do', and 'OUSU should not engage in this activity'.

4. Individual meetings were held with a range of people.
5. Ten written submissions were received from graduate and undergraduate students covering a range of topics, including the composition of OUSU Council, campaigning, Oxide radio, the sabbatical structure, equal opportunities activity and administrative support.
6. Two further submissions have been received, which comment in some detail on the draft report released in 1st week.
7. The report has been revised in light of these further submissions.
8. Motions will be brought in 5th and 7th week OUSU Councils to begin implementing the report, and allow it to be debated in parts.

Council believes:

1. The Report of the Strategic Review Group and its recommendations should be discussed in Council now, prior to formal votes on proposals later in the term.

Council resolves:

1. To discuss the report and its recommendations.

Proposed: **Stefan Baskerville (University)**

Seconded: **Dani Quinn (Merton)**

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

You will have almost all have heard me speak about this last time, we have amended the report from the feedback we received last time, it is improved from this, would like to get a discussion on the content of this. Thank you for all who have feedback so far. Full details in light green booklet.

We couldn't get this on to agenda for full debate, so this is a bit of procedural fun. The strategic review has reported for a final time, it is written it exists we don't intend to change our conclusions so we now need to move to discussing it. We would like to pass as quickly as possible, you can ask me questions. I have highlighted ones you might want to talk about. Basically pass motion and then we will take questions on the content, no one will be asked to vote on this today.

Received amendment.

Strike notes 1 and Strike resolves 1.

Proposed: **Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds)**

Seconded: **B Bremer (St Edmunds)**

Motion stands amended.

Still opposition.

Reason submitted amendment. Basically two weeks ago Council mandated strategic review to highlight extra evidence. People would be invited to give extra submissions; two people felt that they didn't have enough grounds.

Calling this the final report, you have disenfranchised people who wanted to give you responses on the report.

Opposition withdrawn

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Regardless of whether you like or not, think we should discuss. Immediately after last council, I asked people who wanted comments to email or talk to me and arrange a meeting so we can talk about them. We want to discuss it any changes can be put on the next council. Disagree with the fact we are disenfranchising.

Motion passes.

Discussion of Strategic Review Group Amended Report

Propose discussing each of the subheadings in turn. Will give strategic review a chance to pick up on these and then sfq's and then debate. The debate won't necessarily resolve on it, not a motion, but whatever you say will be taken in mind. If anyone wants to move to next stage, then indicate point of order and we will move onto next question.

Representation

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

A lot of what in this section is I think uncontroversial, we should ensure we spend the right amount of money on support to ensure student representation on university committees. About way we represent and way we report back the representation we have made. We don't necessarily give back the content of what we have discussed. Would draw attention to recommendation number 9 as this will mean a change in standing orders. Think it would be beneficial for the OUSU incoming team to attend in the April before they begin office as well as just before they leave office.

The NUS is a resource we have not used enough. Also mention the Aldywch group, better co-ordination. Aldywch group, is group of Russell Group, top 20 research intensive universities.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

How does that work with sending the President Elect with election rules.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Fine

SWS – student written submission for the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency). Conduct institutional audits in higher education establishment, do we have confidence that institution is being run properly, as part of process students can feed in how they feel the institution is doing. If you have been struggling with representation in colleges this is something QAA audit has been looking at. This takes a lot of sabs time, and the impact of it on representation. So we thought there may be a good thing to pay someone to work on it.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Student representation across colleges isn't consistent.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Remains a continuous concern, nothing in here, but recently released results of survey about peoples representation in college. Same as survey 2 years ago. Relative increase, major holes rep on policy committees and finance committees. We can help with this.

Jason Keen (St John's):

Discussed in terms of common room support. Always support for rent campaign, no reason why campaigning for extra representation in colleges can be expressed in this way.

QAA every 5 years. So it wouldn't be a significant allocation of resource next one in 2014

Campaigns and Committees

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

16 the big one, a change in sabbatical officers, think should leave till the section on sabbatical officers.

Discovered as sabs, don't have a budget to run campaigns. Didn't want to interfere with how campaigns set criteria for success, but did want to put in a structure so that they have to think about it. At some point in the year, should be a defined point, internally need to define criteria of success, and what intend to achieve, so can discuss how they did or did not achieve their goal.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

Asking campaigns to have a tangible goal, like E & E to raise awareness.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Can have a goal like creating a safe space for having international students to speak about their experiences. Can be just a safe space. Things don't have to be quantifiable. Could set proxy targets, have facebook group on awareness. Mass participation campaign on x can define success. At end can say whether you achieved goal or not. With e & e not always tangible, but could see how many e & e reps have achieved certain things.

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

Recommendation for budgets. Autonomous campaigns have budgets, rather than for exec officers to have budgets. I support but don't understand how will work.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Would not come into effect for a year, so that exec officers can have resources. Recommendation to see what appropriate amount.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Not all of the autonomous campaigns spend all their budgets. We do submit in year budgets, which should be a consultative process, debate to be had about how campaign budget should be spent.

Student Support

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

We think all publications should be online as it makes them more accessible and makes distribution easier. Major one to stop producing survival guide, which costs about £5,000. It will be made available on line and in stapled booklets, as we felt it didn't represent value for money and what its purpose was. 24b, which is to investigate employing a second student advisor as a matter of priority. Operating at capacity at the moment, university values the service, don't think would be opposed to employing another one. Think would be a significant step as would help with other things training and skills.

With regards to survival guide. OUSU does need to give something to every student.

Noted.

Will get Oxford Handbook

Jack Matthews (St Peter's):

Why do we need another student advisor? Why can Lisa not go to full time?

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Lisa doesn't want to go full time. The other good thing is to have more people specialising. Reduces likelihood of not having anyone there if one of them are sick.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund)

Angry MCR Presidents. What has changed in attitude towards survival guide?

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Whole section on academic section, impossible to write answers on unique academic affairs questions. Always best to deal with according to the situation as appropriate. When I was rewriting didn't seem to make sense to dedicate print to questions of physical health when most send people to GP's or NHS Direct. Also money in distribution some sections directed to other handbooks seemed to look like a waste. So might look into breaking into chapters, makes it more directly useful.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Could you not make a small booklet?

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Do do this in the OUSU booklet so are doing in different ways.

Sarah Hutchinson (St Cross):

Was discussion taken about whether could have a smaller survival guide, a habit for me to look at this when need this information.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Had a feeling that didn't actually change anything, if we distil more then it won't really say anything.

Point of Order move on

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

How do you know where to direct people for student advise. How do you best go about this, do you just get loads of people coming to student advice service.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

People coming to student advice gives us an idea of gaps, as do campaigns. A lot of avenues.

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

Did you feel you knew immediately what areas to focus on.

Think should probably be something discussed in handover. Good point

Opposition to moving to Sabbatical team

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

As you will see recommendations 80 onwards, most significant replacement of VP C & C with VP Campaigns and democracy. You can see the job descriptions. Reason thought important position to create, was a lack of visible campaigning, lack of student engagement with elections, lack of sabbatical support for access and a perception gap in what OUSU actually does and what it is seen to do.

Opted for VP C & D as addressed 4 of the things, closing of the gap really significant priority. Greater than deficiency in providing access and equal opportunity. Also felt tension in VP C & C and some things that should definitely not be lost, but also felt that given what we found in consulting students rating rag. Felt couldn't see a way we could prioritise support over RAG above peoples engagement with OUSU.

Jason Keen (St John's)

The reason of Cam Dem, my reasons, four things 1st thing representation, reason OUSU exists, main means of representation OUSU is does through committees, exacerbated by the fact that these guys have been excellent at increasing representation on committees. Problems not a committee for everything difficult to publicise, also can't predict everything. Campaign in Michaelmas, which necessitated all the sabs working outside their working hours to do something, which didn't have to do. We need this in the armoury. Having been to NUS conference, there is a difference in way, which we consult with our students and our policy. At the moment our policy is just in a book, we don't actually campaign for it. Also looked at campaigns and those with sabbatical support did best, a lot of the equal opportunities campaign which didn't have sab support didn't do as well. For me personally, are the things that VP C & C does as important as others yes, but are they as important to the students.

Jack Matthews (St Peters)

Firstly I don't think the campaign is clear for VP Cam Dem, but I think that it shouldn't be at the expense of VP C & C. VP C & C is not just VP rag they do a lot of other things. Charity side and volunteering doesn't need as much support as used to lot of other organisations leaves a slight vacuum, but we have an opportunity to make more of the community role of the VP C & C. The council values the SU views on community issues. Big opposition to reach out to the community and build relationships. Recommendations made at the bag of full report, is where some of the VP C & C's roles should go if they get rid of this position. We don't always fill the

roles of part time exec. Important roles such as representing e and E and Rag, giving to part time exec not great should have sab support, but you slip up if someone on part time exec can't commit to it fully. Need someone in sab position to sit on SRI. Maybe Campaigns and Community, people like RAG need to have a representative on council and to exec. Lots of different options we should have this discussion and not just rush in, a big move, can't give up on opportunity to extend community part.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

I am VP C & C elect, so may consider me a little bit biased. Am also in middle of finals so may be a little incomprehensible. The big figurehead campaigns are supposed to be led by the President, the Strategic Review thinks that the President doesn't have time to do this because of HR and Finance, but we do have a general manager for this. I can understand that there has been a lot of work on these things this term, because of mem and arts and strategic review, so these things are finite, so will be more time for President to campaign. We had a referendum two years ago on getting rid of VP Finance, President should not have to get into nitty gritty because it was felt to be a bad idea before so what has changed.

Three campaigns, Thirst Lodge VP Women and WomCam, CCTV everyone sabbatical officer. What brings people into OUSU E & E, Target Schools, and WomCam bring students into OUSU so should stick with what we are good at. VP Women and VP C & C criticised by saying their roles are light. The VP Cam Dem has no direction, their remit is so much smaller than VP C & C and VP Women's is. Conviction diluted by talking to the University, this is something that all sabs have identified. By not having the VP Cam Dem not involved in Committees, this will be diluted anyway by meetings within the Sab team. Shouldn't create opportunity for VP crazy which may happen if strife in the sab team and disagreement.

Draw attention to Part Time exec, several have resigned out of 5 previous, 4 didn't fill a full term. Troublesome role to fill getting RAG and Community to rely on them. Most successful RAG teams, have full time sab officer. If we get rid of Sab for RAG then amount of money it raised will lose.

Can't give these to the Presidents, as he doesn't have time already. We need to be combating studentification, community issues are going to get bigger and bigger. By getting rid of VP C & C we are going to cut ourselves off from this.

Finance if we think that something is really important we should really fight for it. Everything in this booklet asks for more funds. If hold with this conviction, then should ask for more money before cutting out a sab whose role with get bigger in the next few years.

Kat Wall (LMH):

Want to reaffirm Jacks position, there is no either or. Problems with Cam and Dem. Oxford is a collegiate university, it makes broad brush campaigns difficult shouldn't not do but we are more effective when we work with the student officers in colleges. We are winning, the most effective thing is that we have an effective student union, but could publicise more. Lots of things in policy book which would be great if we could campaign on, student movements come and go. Don't think putting the burden on one individual officer a good thing, don't think great to put this expectation of an undefined role on one person. And that they have to do it on their own, whilst losing community engagement which is something which is continuously growing. We could move some of the VP Welfare and Equal opps which are community based to the VP C & C. Reason wanted to talk about, and say that there are other alternatives, in case we bring to a motion.

Jesse Harber (St Hilda's):

Would like to address issue of community engagement, really ill defined terms, in remit of VP C & C beyond going to neighbourhood action groups ill defined. We would like to speak to city council, what I contest is that there is a huge role in terms of person hours for a sab in this position. Not certain that this is the best use of very expensive sab time. I think at the moment what I am getting from Eorann and Daniel there is not very much that they can do on this.

I have been funding to do volunteering, but this has now been changed so hasn't really been opportunity to expand community role. This is something I have started doing going to community action groups.

I think having a separate sab to talk to large groups within the council and community should send President as they are the person that communicates most of our representation.

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

Think there are several people who have been talking about from different angles. I think this new role is about student engagement. Difficult to engage people in the time we have, once did get done, managed to do it, but have to dedicate a lot of time to doing it. When part time exec don't have time to do this. See this position is for building relationships with common room reps and presidents. The VP Dem Cam, about student engagement.

SFQ DL

Does that mean you see other Sabs not forming relationships with students?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

No that wouldn't be the case. Other sabs would still be there, but when you need to run a big mass campaign. Really important that we get this role into place, especially since we are going to have a huge campaign on HE funding. As a part time exec member I have been able to do a lot. I think this is terms of priorities.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Two parts responding. Stand out thing, most important thing is having a student union is one which achieves things for students, but I think that a student union is more than that. We have a very effective union, but one which doesn't engage the students at all. There are really big things when we need the whole student population to be engaged, specific example is higher education funding but we need pressure from the whole student population for something to happen. Bi-product of current situation. Now President doesn't have to deal with finance and we have a General Manager, then they can be more outward facing. This isn't true. The ending of affiliation will mean we are going to be going through a more rigorous scrutiny process. Why are you processing community stuff goes into President portfolio, think it should but shouldn't take much time. Less work for RAG and E & E understand people might not like this, but we need to engage our members in the way we don't currently do. Point made by various people, the VP C & C is currently ill defined, so currently changes its remit as to how funded. Danger with having a sab job that drifts due to external funding. Don't think most valuable thing for a sab role to do. Heard about flyering in November. Higher Education funding is the issue for the next two years; if we look at ourselves and congratulate ourselves on flyering will be the last generation of students paying £3,000 funds. Our conception of campaigning is narrow and can't even imagine what a campaigning university can do.

Mae Penner (Wadham):

E & E portfolio, lot of people who are passionate in developing this, clear chain at the moment and these positions can be represented on Uni panels. Doesn't make sense to make President responsible for SRI as think the people that are so involved in these issues, won't want to hand over to the President, who may not be as involved. Will disenfranchise many students.

Getting rid of charities. Are charities something OUSU should be seen as thinking of as unimportant. Think we need to think about the message sending out. Also engagement with student body, unless you have OUSU as a social centre, this is probably a sticking plaster.

Jason Keen (St John's):

The strength and merits of people on part time exec, examples of good people, generally problem of getting people engaged then maybe this could be part of the role of the Cam Dem. No one is saying the work of VP C & C isn't laudable. Students are going to have to debate what is the top of the priority list. Just campaigning for campaigning sake, having been to NUS conference, there is such a gap in the way other universities motivate and get other students involved. Should look at way other unis do it. Strength of RAG and E & E so a lot of people engaged in OUSU through this, think about the people who come from groups are neglected because don't have sab support. We shouldn't just cling on should reach out to other people. Some of us were excited by the diversity of this role, anyone could run for this, reaches out of the demography of the people who usually runs for OUSU. Reason put on table

Kat Wall (LMH):

I agree with Jason think exciting opportunity. Prioritisation, what students want, other things that happen mainly to do with community engagement, like knife crime, dodgy landlords, domestic abuse issues within colleges. A lot of these are discreet and quiet, you wouldn't hear about them unless you have an issue. Might not be as big and exciting, need to take into consideration broaden considerations.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

The only way that student can have a voice, is be engaged. The only time students have done anything radical is Gaza, that's the only time the Proctors have been engaged with. This is the only thing they have been concerned about. The only thing is Thirst Lodge as students got mobilised. The students will never speak for themselves, we should be a student movement, we are pathetic as a student movement. It is ridiculous people have horrible things happen to them all the time. People should be able to influence change and not just believe the sabs will do it themselves. Students need to be able to do this themselves and we need to enable them to do this.

Tom Scott (New)

Seems to be a good point about losing E & E representation on SRI panel.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

SRI, E & E and sustainability panel. Not unique problem to VP C & C. SRI is the only subcommittee that either Stefan, Sarah and I. Think would be benefit for having President on SRI committee, SRI Committee reports to the top committee, your link gets broken at the very point were they could make change. Variable sabbaticals variable part time exec, problem with electing the right candidates.

At the moment Me, Sarah and Stefan do represent your issues.

Tom Scott (New):

Why don't we put Cam dem on committees?

Jonny Medland (The Queens):

Because so much of our time is spent on committees. Need someone who is not part of the university process.

Current weakness of the sabs team, is that some members work closely together and some don't but exists in every organisation.

Question:

How long are meetings of SRI?

Twice a term about 4 hours a term.

Jonny Medland (The Queens):

University council lasts 4 ½ hours considers a huge range of issues, that was one of the bigger issues discussed and they spent 20 mins on.

Eleanor Brown (St Hughs):

If we were going introduce VP Access and Equal Opportunities, doesn't mean we would have to address the campaigns again. Reading through Job Description I could do that job, that's not a good thing, not clever or sensible.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Felt access and equal opps could be explored further don't think that this will happen anytime soon. Second thing you may be to modest, if this is a job that people think they can do, you begin to see what could happen if loads of people think they now what other people care about, can run on different platforms, like living wage, or HE funding. It is not typical. Students can engage in a debate about what is important to students. People

can be elected on the mandate they stood on, then that is important, beginning to see what we hoped would be the value of the position.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

Really hard for sabs to run a campaign, really hard as need to learn how to run a campaign by themselves. VP Cam Dem will have the skills to engage people, but will have to learn the nitty gritty of the issues.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Whole point is that they help students represent themselves.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

One morning of flyering we have done, no one asked me the question of what is the problem of raising fees.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

Community representation has to be done properly. If go to SRI and the President isn't really up to scratch on this, then will be laughed out of campaign.

Jesse Harber (St Hilda's):

E & E issues and SRI issues either so broad or so complex have to dedicate your whole time to it. This has to be your campaign. Don't demand that on governance or academic issues,

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

If the President is going to these committees and it is a low down priority for them then we will be laughed out of the room, if pulled in a number of directions. Have to do things properly. Take away figurehead for E & E then students don't have anyone to talk to about getting involved.

Common room support, who will support the E & E officer, community Support officer, or RAG Officer, that says these are not important.

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):

A lot of reasons and beliefs why it should remain, think it should be allowed to change now the funding changed. E & E and SRI have lots of people engaged in it. Really believe taht have problem with visibility and campaigning. Need to take this decision slowly, meet with NUS, find out what other students do to engage students, maybe will suggest need cam dem, maybe suggest that we need to get part time exec officers to do. Also think need to spend time thinking what a VP community and ethics would do, it deserves before we decide to get rid of it. I think OUSU should do what is best for OUSU.

Point of order.

David Townsend (St Cross):

Move on and talk about this.

Jonny Medland (The Queens):

Don't want to continue to talking about but would like a steer on where we want to go with it. Want to know what people want. The timeframe if we elect a VP C & C in Michaelmas will be in place for 2011/12 year. Several ways we can change this. If people want it to come back how do they want it to come back.

Motion to amend standing orders in 5th week, a referendum, or delay for a term and default option is do nothing. This is not binding.

1st option

Motions in council 5th week and termly

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2nd Option

Referendum this term

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3rd Option

Delay by one term, debate in Michaelmas term. Electing VP C & C or other position in Hilary term.

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Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

To take action by Council this term is two quick.

Elect a new one in Michaelmas term, then between now and Michaelmas term do the research into VP Cam Dem and then have a substantive debate in Hilary term

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Quorum count

Quorum lost.