



council minutes

**3rd week Council held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 18th May,
in the Jacqueline Du Pre Building at St Hilda's**

- a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- b. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- c. Ratifications in Council
- d. Elections in Council
- e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers
- f. Reports from the Executive Officers who wish to make reports
- g. Questions to Members of the Executive
- h. Emergency Motions
- i. Passage of Motions Nem Con
- j. Motions of No Confidence or Censure
- k. First readings of Motions to Amend the Constitution or Standing Orders
- l. The Budget or Amended Budget
- m. Motions Authorising Capital Expenditure
- n. Other Motions
 - i. motions affecting ousu members as ousu members
 - ii. motions affecting ousu members as students at Oxford University
 - iii. motions affecting ousu members as members of the student movement
 - iv. motions affecting ousu members as residents of Oxford
 - v. motions affecting ousu members as residents of the United Kingdom
 - vi. motions affecting ousu members as citizens of the world
- o. Any Other Business

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Point of Order, bring Non Emergency Motion before the Emergency Motion. No objections.

No problems with Minutes. Minutes passed.

d. Elections in Council

The following positions were to be elected in OUSU Council of 3rd week.

No nominations were received for any of the positions, the therefore remain vacant.

2 positions for Steering Committee - responsible for compiling the agenda for OUSU Council, and referring motions, submitted to OUSU Council, to other committees for preliminary discussion, if they see fit. For more information contact chair@ousu.org.

2 positions for Internal Affairs Committee - gives advice and feedback on any proposed motion which seeks to amend the Constitution or Standing Orders. For more information contact president@ousu.org.

1 position for Deputy Returning Officer - Deputy Returning Officers are responsible for assisting the Returning Officer in running elections, including this term's annual cross-campus elections. Successful candidates will serve for **ONE TERM**, and will be required to chair hustings, undertake administrative tasks in the OUSU offices, and to support the Returning Officer generally. The Returning Officer is happy to meet with any prospective candidates to talk through what will be involved, and can be contacted via ro@ousu.org

1 position for Humanities Undergraduate Divisional Board Representative- responsible for representing their peers directly to the heads of faculties and division. Serve until end of T T I I.

2 positions for Complaints Committee - usually meets once each year, during Hilary Term, to set the Regulations for Student Members. This includes rules on trashing, student societies, and rowing times.

Candidates must have been matriculated for THREE TERMS, and may not have previously served on Rules Committee, and will serve for ONE YEAR. For more information contact ro@ousu.org

There are also by-elections for the following positions on the Executive. Term of office is from election to the end of MT I I. For more information on these positions email president@ousu.org.

Mature Students Officer

Nominations should be submitted by **12 noon, Tuesday of 3rdWeek**, to motions@ousu.org. A nomination form can be found at www.ousu.org/democracy/ousu-council <<http://www.ousu.org/democracy/ousu-council>>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Returning Officer at ro@ousu.org.

e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

President – David Barclay

Really quickly part of what doing this term, is publicise OUSU elections for next term, what to plug, Exec positions really good if your passionate about student life. If you look in Council reports you can see the incredible things are part time exec have been doing. Or you might want to run for a sab incredible first job for people who want to see the big changes, will be incredible year to be part of OUSU, really exciting time. Come and speak to us if you want info.

Want to promote an event after 5th week council, for people who are thinking of running for these positions, to speak to other interested people and ask questions. Pleas

VP Charities & Community - Daniel Lowe

Error in my report the Safety bus won't be running after Saturday will be going back to Eurobus.

VP Access & Academic Affairs - Alex Bulfin

Exciting working group of bridging loans, access scheme, lots of configurations. Looking for mad and off the wall ideas, blue sky thinking any ideas let me know.

f. Reports from the Executive Officers wishing to make reports

Katie Colliver and Jonny Medland send their apologies.

Community Outreach and Charities Officer - Sarah Santhosham

Next workshop on Power, imagine most people here are interested in power next Wednesday in corpus Christi.

Living wage running an event.

Access & Admissions Officer - Harriet Green

Access Fair, MT hoping to hold an access fair a conference come showcase where everyone involved in access can come together. If you want me to be involved please drop me a line. The University fully on board, but we need to publicise, if you have any contacts of people who would be interested in attending. Any ideas of what sort of day it should be.

g. Questions to Members of Executive

No questions

h. Emergency Motions

I. Congregation No Confidence Debate

Council Notes:

1. That a motion has been submitted by over 170 academics for 6th week Congregation, the text of which reads "Congregation instructs Council to communicate to Government that the University of Oxford has no confidence in the policies of the Minister for Higher Education"

Council Resolves:

1. To support the motion of no confidence submitted by academics to Congregation on Monday 16th May 2011.

Proposed: David Barclay (Worcester College)

Seconded: Andrew Hood (New College)

Amendment submitted by Alex Bulfin and accepted as friendly by David. Resolves is replaced.

David Barclay (Worcester)

Hi everyone this is the fun thing and what we are here to do. Reason amended is for the policy book so everyone knows what it means. Nothing like this has happened since 1995 when Oxford refused to award Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree.

We stand again at a really important time for universities, huge debate on fees, government policy unravelling as predicted £7500 fees but most are going to £9,000. David Willets said could over deals, had to retreat. Whether you agree with any of fee stuff and any of budget cuts. Policy is a shamble creates a policy of uncertainty, stops university's doing what to do. I am also against the idea of academic consumerism, Oxford is an academic community. Good chance to support the academics. This allows us to go out from now in helping academics passing this in 6th week and make

Submitted after deadline. 177 signatures only available on Monday. All happened post deadline.

SFQ's

When did they hear about it?

David Barclay (Worcester)

First heard about it in congregation last week, it came from a student representative, then we were in dialogue with the academics. It has been in the media in the last couple of days.

Council had been publicised in my emails forever. It was sent out to OUSU reps on Monday and asked them to publicise it. It was definitely sent round.

Francesco Fermani (Merton)

Would like to know what is inside the motion. Here I just see the no confidence. Would like to see exactly what saying.

David Barclay (Worcester)

It is in the Council Notes section of the Emergency Motion. This is Congregations motion that one line.

Sebastian Fivaz (Christ Church)

Please can we go through what David Willets has actually done wrong.

Chair:

Can do this in debate

David J Townsend (St John's)
What does support actually mean?

David Barclay (Worcster)
Will encourage students to talk to their academics, starting an epetition, we will promote to other universities.

Question:
Is I70 a lot of academics?

David Barclay (Worcester)
Needed 20 to become policy. Over 3 days got these. There are over 3500 members of Congregation all from Oxford.

Mr Karol Zuchowski (Lincoln)
Lincoln very supportive of this motion.

St Johns unanimously support.

John Wilson (Merton)
Merton debated in our meeting. The majority opposed in standard form of our colleges, we don't like a politicised motion. Can't support if we want to keep my job.

Tom Perry (St John's)
These signatures were collected in just one working day.

Katharine Terrell (St Hilda's)
Huge clash ideologically and what they put in place. If you go in and tell research councils you have to study the big society. Think government getting involved in University autonomy a lot of academics really angry. Really important that academics themselves get to decide what they want to study.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund's)
Most academics may not have read this email. It is I70 very active members saying need to pass, very strong will of them to bring to forefront of debate.

Point of Debate
Whatever we think of David Willets, we are writing a blank cheque to whatever congregation puts forward.

Alex Bulfin (Univ)
We are not at the whim of Congregation as we are supporting what initially said which is why date included.

Katharine Terrell (St Hilda's)
There have been various policies which we don't think are going to work. We have no confidence for this to continue. They have fD up.

Sebastian Fivax (Christ Church)
I don't agree with everything David Willets has done. I think very political. I don't think we are representing the people we ought to be representing. Think no confidence is the last resort.

Tom Rutland (Jesus)
Think apolitical not focussed on a particular party, about government policy. Students are very disappointed with David Willets, won't support access, the people representing very angry. Don't think about liberals or conservatives about wider message.

Andrew Hood (New)

This is a logical progression from what council has supported. Not a motion out of the blue reflection of a deep and persistent concern of the direction the government wishes to take our education system.

Think people have been advised have to vote in certain way.

The way I would describe is political but not partisan. Politics does effect us, the direction of government is disturbing. White paper will come out, we need to say that we are not happy with this direction.

John Wilson (Merton)

This motion seems politically partisan as it targets a specific person.

Passes Overwhelmingly.

3 Abstentions.

i. Passage of Motions Nem Con

1. Nestle

Objections

I. The Budget or Amended Budget

1. OSSL Accounts 2009/10

Council notes:

1. The attached OSSL Accounts.

Proposed: David Barclay (Worcester)

David Barclay (Worcester)

Nothing much to say, this is currently how required to do it. Will in future probably come to Trustee board as now a Charity. If there are any questions will endeavor to answer them.

Motion Passes

2. OUSU Accounts 2009/10

Council notes:

1. The attached OSSL Accounts.

Proposed: David Barclay (Worcester)

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Same as the last item.

Motion passes

3. Financial Report

Council notes:

1. The attached quarterly figures.

Proposed: David Barclay (Worcester)

David Barclay (Worcester)

Will talk you through. This is the reforecasted budget that Brona did and then year to date actual figures. Grant we have received from University, income from OSSSL predicted to be same as last year. NUS may go up a little. Condoms we buy in and sell out at cost price. Elected staff self-explanatory. Training. Student Advice mainly salaries some publicity. Committees and campaigning gone down from reforecast, as we recouped some of money from common rooms for London Marches. Target schools not spent all budget. NUS expenditure, how much we pay to NUS for affiliation. The website we will be spending £2,000 on it, hoping to get a new website. The costs for office staff will continue to rise. Other staff costs maternity pay. Rent we're still waiting to see. Premises running costs utilities. Office costs insurance etc. Difficult to get exact idea of where we will end up at year-end, hope will break even and might turn a small profit to start building up a reserve.

Questions

David Barclay (Worcester)

We have reported differently in the past it is now how the budget set up. Welfare never income strand before.

Safety bus?

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund's)

Always finished at end of Brookes year.

How much work on website.

David Barclay (Worcester)

Loads pretty much set up ready to make decision, looked at suppliers and what we want on it. Got to stage last term where submitted budget and we didn't want to get started on website until we settled next years budget. We have a budget challenge meeting next week and that budget still contains enough for a website. Should be ready to go by Christmas. Shouldn't take long when budget settled.

Legal charges changed because of change in legal status of OUSU. Cost inordinate amounts of money to become a charity. Building move. All covered by University as they realized we had to go through it. Also covers our accountancy services.

Misc – in 3rd column

Typo.

Why target schools not spent all budget?

Alex Bulfin (Univ)

One of biggest expensive is shadowing scheme lunches. This year they did really well and didn't have to spend as much on lunches. Have spent some more and are spending money on more publicity. Also looking to expand budget.

Things changed a little since the end of this quarter.

Motion passes

n. Other Motions

i. Motions affecting OUSU members as citizens of the world

I. Nestle Boycott

Council Notes:

I. Nestle is a multinational food company specialising in infant formula milk, confectionary, bottled water and

coffee.

2. UNICEF's advice on breastfeeding:
"In addition to the risks posed by not having breastmilk's protective qualities, breastmilk substitutes and feeding bottles in particular carry a high risk of contamination that can lead to life-threatening infections in young infants. Infant formula is not a sterile products and it may carry germs that can cause fatal illnesses. Artificial feeding is expensive, requires clean water, the ability of the mother or caregiver to read and comply with mixing instructions and a minimum standard of overall household hygiene - factors not readily met in many households in the world. Improper marketing and promotion of food products that compete with breastfeeding are important factors that often negatively affect the choice and ability of a mother to breastfeed her infant optimally. Given the special vulnerability of infants and the risks involved in inappropriate feeding practices, usual marketing practices are therefore unsuitable for these products."
(UNICEF International code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes, 2008)TH
3. World Health Organisation Advice on Breastfeeding:
"infants who are not breastfed in the first month of life may be as much as 25 times more likely to die than infants who are exclusively breastfed."
(International code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes, 2008)
4. 'Nestlé has been targeting health workers with the claims its formula is 'The new "Gold Standard" in infant nutrition', 'reduces diarrhoea', 'aids brain and eye development' and 'strengthens the immune system'. Don't take our word - look at Nestlé's materials. (photographic evidence available at <http://info.babymilkaction.org/nestlebriefing>)
5. There are a plethora of other reasons as to why the use of formula milk in Less Developed Countries is hazardous, including the need of a clean source of water with which to prepare the milk, the need of an adequate level of education to understand the risks of water born diseases, the inability to purchase sufficient amounts of formula milk in order to provide adequate nutrition to infants and the lack of ability to sanitise bottles and other such paraphernalia.
6. Nestle continues to aggressively market its formula milk in developing countries
7. Nestle claims to be in compliance with all internationally agreed codes on marketing of formula milk, saying its 'gold standard' refers to the gold colour of its labels.

Council Further Notes:

1. Nestle has been accused of other unethical practices including the draining of a Brazilian aquifer, depriving locals of their fresh water source and poor ethical practices in its operations in the Philippines (Campaign for Labour Rights)

Council Further Notes:

1. OUSU has boycotted Nestle for over 10 years

Council Believes:

1. OUSU should continue to boycott Nestle
2. OUSU should maintain its advertising ban on Nestle

Council Resolves:

1. To continue its boycott of Nestle and maintain its advertising ban until such time that Nestle disengages from its unethical activity

Proposed: Daniel Lowe, St Edmund Hall

Seconded: Beth Hanson-Jones, St Hugh's

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds)

Story begins back in 1985 when Nestle dressed up actresses as nurses, to inform mothers that they would give their babies AIDS by breast milk. Gave them free samples until they stopped lactating. Problem with formula milk is need to add water, clean water which doesn't give your baby Cholera. Refer to their milk as gold standard, breast milk is actually the best. Is a small chance you can pass on aids if you have it via breast milk but more deadly formula with dirty water.

Think should continue boycott because its working, does have an effect on student union because we do by

chocolate. Have tried to advertise and we have said no. Because they are being Evil and you can attribute that to me.

SFQ

Any other companies that we boycott?

Esso UBS, any company that derives more than 10% of its profit from arms and Coca Cola.

David J Townsend

Any other organizations involved in the ban

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund's)

A variety of student unions, mother and toddler organizations and independent stores.

Alastair Marsh

Clarify Pepsi not coke on table.

Chair

Yes

Motion Passes

o. Any Other Business

Ugo Okoroafor (St Hilda's)

Thanks for coming to St Hilda's not supposed to eat or drink in here. So please remove your cans. If anyone wants to run common room elections on line then get in touch.