

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

3th Week Council Trinity 2017

Jack	Hampton	President	Received
Sandy	Downs	VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities	Received
Orla	White	VP Women	Received
Marina	Lambrakis	VP Graduates	To Follow
Eden	Bailey	VP Access & Academic Affairs	Received
Beth	Currie	VP Charities & Community	On Leave

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Jack Hampton – President

Dear Council,

In the last two weeks, I have:

- Run a digital and in person consultation on NUS motions coming to national conference
- Supported our delegate team at conference including personally speaking on 2, and passing 3, motions (details in council!)
- Promoted our Rogue club night at plush
- Supported the Springtide festival which achieved a footfall of 2000 students
- Sat on the IT innovation panel hearing pitches from 15 student teams and awarding over 100k of funding to develop student lead IT projects in Oxford
- Supported 6 JCR presidents; specifically, with paper submissions to their colleges internal committees

Eden Bailey – Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs)

Hi Council!

It's been another whirlwind fortnight (for a change!)

My time has mainly been taken up with two big things: double departmental review of Plant Sciences and Zoology (which together cover Biology), and getting the new Class Act campaign off the ground! I've then been squeezing all the other meetings, paper-reading, events, and miscellaneous bits and pieces around that.*

At the last meeting of Council, you unanimously passed Class Act, a campaign for working class, state comp educated, low income, and first generation students into existence! Since then we've been busy launching social media pages, spreading the news, and running our committee elections. We reckon that these elections were by far the biggest campaign elections that OUSU has ever had. We had almost 60 nominations, 107 people voting, and nearly 200 people sign up to our mail list. The new committee will meet on Monday evening, and I'm very excited to see where we'll be heading. We also have a launch event in the pipeline which we're very excited about, and hopefully I'll be able to update you on next Council!

It is my hope that at the next Council I'll also be able to bring you an update on compulsory unconscious bias training for admissions tutors and curricular reform, and how you can get involved with both.

*(including but not limited to Springtide Festival, the Working Group on Feedback, Curators of the University Libraries Committee, the Annual Access Lecture, Access Implementation Steering Group, and reading the papers and passing on notes for Education Committee and Joint Fee Setting and Student Support Advisory Group to Marina, who represented ~everyone~ whilst I was doing the departmental review)

Beth Currie – Vice-President (Charities & Community)

Marina Lambrakis – Vice-President (Graduates)

Sandy Downs – Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities)

Hi everyone!

Happy 3rd week! Hope term isn't being too harsh on you – get hyped, the sun has to return at some point.

Your bi-weekly reminder that Thoughtless Moments is happening! Wednesday Walks are at noon every week leaving from Keble gate – it's a super chill opportunity to come play with some pups and have a lil walk. We've got meditation Mondays, take care Tuesdays, Wednesday Walks, and lots of cool one offs like outdoor cinemas and bouncy castles! Check out the Facebook event for more info <3

Springtide happened!! Thanks to everyone who came, it was such an incredible event and the feedback we got from the local community was really heartwarming. Fresherscom also happened, and included a really engaging and helpful discussion about the accessibility and inclusivity of freshers week. Minutes from that are coming soon!

We've got one more Prevent Focus group this term (Wed of 4th at 2pm) before we begin our impact report survey, so get in touch with iSoc if you're interested in coming along to that! Priority will be given to Muslim students.

Still open to anyone else who wants to come to the BME student sub group on Thursday of 4th week at 4pm – we'll be feeding into the guidelines for colleges so it's a good opportunity to make some change!

The campaigns are up to some really cool work this term, so do follow their stuff on Facebook and sign up to your mail list! I've been at some big meetings like Welfare Forum and Equality & Diversity Forum, which are doing some cool work on LGBTQ inclusion and grad welfare.

Do get in touch if you have any questions about my report or if you've got anything you'd like my help with this term!

Thanks! Sandy ☺

Orla White – Vice-President (Women)

Hello Council! This is my penultimate report to you, and it's full of stuff because Trinity Term is incredibly, absurdly busy.

- Consent workshop facilitator training continues apace. I've linked up with some of our opposite numbers in Brookes about the consent workshop project, so we can share resources. We're also planning a budget increase for consent workshops next year, so that we can deliver a really thorough, amazing programme of consent education.
- I'm going to be attempting to link first respondent training with peer support training, so that we can offer training in first response to sexual violence as an optional-but-recommended part of training for all peer supporters.
- I've updated and re-circulated our briefing document on updating harassment policies to all JCR and MCR presidents, alongside a template for college harassment policies. The briefing document includes some context on harassment in HE, info on Oxford's particular situation and
- We've got Teaching Awards coming up very soon! We're really excited to celebrate actual teaching excellence, as opposed to whatever the hell the TEF tries to measure.
- We're reviewing our campaign structure and how we approach clubs and societies so that we can offer better support to students who want to work with us on developing their projects and ideas. Part of my role in that is working with Sandy, Beth, our Membership Services Manager and our campaigns to draft our official OUSU definition of liberation.
- This week I had a meeting of the Equality and Diversity Panel where we discussed the Stonewall analysis of our LGBTQ equality initiatives and what we've learned from the research done in preparation for submitting to the Race Equality Charter.

- I'm reading over the University's draft of revisions to its Transgender Policy and Guidance to make sure it does the best possible job of supporting trans students and staff.
- People from across the UK will be gathering to surround Yarl's Wood this Saturday! There are coaches from Oxford, organised by Movement for Justice; you can find the details on Facebook, just search for Yarl's Wood. Please come along if you possibly can to join in this vital protest against immigration detention, lead by incarcerated women inside the facility.