



OUSU Council, Friday 15th November 2002 (5th Week), Wadham Moser Theatre

Meeting Opened: 14.25

b. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Andy Garlick (Christ Church): Correction p. 6: Exec statement “in a personal capacity”

Penny Berrill (St. Hilda’s): Correction: Asked Andrew Copson for review of equal opportunities review not a property review.

Andrew Copson (Balliol): Correction p. 8: Will said “needed review of structures of female representation”; Correction p. 12: “VP (Women) for example”, in opposition to amended motion.

Damian Jenkins (St. Hugh’s): Correction p. 11: sits on “lots of committees where female representation is discussed”

Point of Order – Rachel Logan (New): Husts have been moved to end of agenda. We should move to beginning of agenda.

Chair: Husts are not part of Council therefore no obligation to have them beforehand for convenience.

c. Ratifications in Council

No objections to the ratifications.

d. Elections in Council

Election for Information and Communications Technology Committee: One candidate for one position.

No hust as candidate is absent.

Thuraaisingam Kajen (Somerville)	75
RON	13
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Thuraaisingam Kajen (Somerville) duly elected

e. Reports from Sabbatical Officers

President - Will Straw

In addition to written report there have been some F&F developments. Fees of £3000 to £4000 may be brought in, which is still unacceptable. Therefore four pronged attack:

- 1) Individual: Petition, Letters to MPs available from JCR Presidents, National Demo on Wednesday 4th December (8th Week). Everyone should come and bring 10 friends. Very important that we campaign.
- 2) Motivate people around this issue if you are in a position of responsibility in a JCR or club/society.



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3) Senior Members: Letters sent out to all academics. Please talk to tutors about the issues.

4) Alumni: CUSU campaign to stop donations from alumni has had a tremendous effect. Cambridge gave statement to University stating concerns with top-up fees. OUSU will do the same following F&F decision at Campaign Meeting. Will need to get people to email all alumni that they know to try and get more than CUSU's 700 signatories.

Q: Helen Puig Larrauri (St. Hilda's): Have you had a reply from the V-C?

A: No – not for fees or sub fusc

Q: Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's): Should OUSU spend its money wisely?

A: Yes

Q: Why is OUSU paying people to minute rather than making every exec member do it once?

A: Needed new system because no-one did it on time. My fault that no-one could do it today.

Q: PB: Are you responsible for Entz?

A: Yes

Q: No disabled access at The Bridge. Was advised to have OUSU members carry me up the stairs. Does this contravene equal opps policy?

A: Very sorry. Will look into the matter.

Q: AT: Why wasn't reports out before Friday?

A: Certainly possible for vacation reports. Difficult in term time because otherwise you can't write a full report.

Andrew Copson: No obligation for sabbs to write a report anyway.

Will Straw: People can email questions outside Council and sabbs will be happy to answer.

Q: Alex Denner (New): How is your relationship with CUSU?

A: Very good relationship with President, Paul Lewis.

Vice President (Women) – Mel Marshall

In addition to written report had interesting meeting with trade unions. Copies of info are available.

Unplanned Pregnancy Handbooks now available.

Q: Ali Richardson (S.E.H): Will you send these out to JCR Presidents?

A: Absolutely

Vice President (Graduates) – Andy Garlick

Nothing to add.

Vice President (Finance) - Sean Sullivan

Verbal report:

1) Last OUSU budget had mistakes in.

2) Consultants to stop buying new stuff for new site.

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3) Unable to get manifestos on website due to size of PDF files – will hopefully be up soon but no candidate is prejudiced.

4) OUSU Shop – Position of new manager is being advertised.

5) Election Committee work.

6) UV – two rulings. First, Iraq motion (m.5.) resolves 2 and 3 are UV because OUSU cannot campaign. Resolves 1 must be educational. Second, FBU motion (g.2.) both resolves are UV because they involve expenditure.

Q: Rachel Logan (New): Shouldn't UV rulings be done in consultation with other sabbs?

A: Could not on FBU motion because it was a last-minute emergency motion. Will consult sabbs when I can.

Q: Edd Southerden (Somerville): Won't ruling before the motion is passed prejudice debate.

A: Isn't prejudicing debate but a fulfilment of constitutional duty. It would be deceitful otherwise. It's up to the individual if they believe in the motion or not. OUSU can pass anything.

Q: Nick Anstead (Mansfield): Will the decision on "educational" purpose be decided by Exec? Can you define why "support" is UV?

A: "Support" is photocopying, sabbatical time etc therefore blatantly UV.

Q: Chris Hanretty (St. Anne's): Surely there hasn't been time to consult Uni lawyers on FBU motion?

A: Ruling made on past advice which is applicable.

Q: Catherine Overton (Somerville): Don't these motions still relate to students in Oxford?

A: Semantics. That argument has been raised in Exec. UV law must be considered using advice from Uni lawyers. Any motion must further education purposes.

AT: We should move as UV law is not relevant to the motion.

Q: Laura Santana (St. Hilda's): Can the VPF say how he is campaigning against UV law/ Is it responsible to prejudice debate on FBU motion given that it is not final ruling?

A: I will campaign against UV. I have written a letter to Dr Evan Harris about UV restrictions stating that UV law is wrong and that an early day motion should be tabled in the House of Commons. I don't need a ruling from the Uni on this. Couldn't consult sabbaticals, but based decision on previous applicable advice. Would be daft to seek another opinion.

Chair's Regulation: 5 minute guillotine

Q: Josh Goodman (Balliol): If there was no time to consult, is this the final ruling?

A: Bound by the constitution to consult sabbaticals but it is right to make a ruling to Council

Q: Charles Hotham (S.E.H.): Will you provide a copy of the Uni's ruling?

A: Don't have permission to release the text of the ruling but Exec have seen it and I can provide a summation.

Q: Stuart Colville (Queen's): Why are minutes of committee meetings not always on the web?

A: Responsibility lies with individual co-chairs, but if link isn't working then let me know.

Q: x x: Does your personal position impact on your UV rulings?

A: I'm a cool minded individual who doesn't let my personal politics impact on any part of my job
[laughter]



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Q: Ed Watkins (Keble): Can you simplify UV rules so people can refer to them?
Point of Information – Chair: They are in the Proctor and Assessor’s Memorandum
A: I will put info up on my page in the OUSU website.

Q: PB: Not everyone can get into OUSU office When will disabilities guides be available?
A: Aim is to have them by the end of term.

Q: Julia Buckley (Christ Church): Who has seen the text of the Uni’s ruling? Have the OxStu seen it?
A: Exec. Not OxStu.

Vice President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities) – Andrew Copson

Verbal report:

- 1) Queer Right’s has been very active. Attendance has been boosted through regular attendance. Tony Brett is organising the first ever Oxford Pride.
- 2) College Inequality meeting.
- 3) Indian Youth Congress leader came to Oxford to gather information and compare SUs etc.
- 4) Two anti-racism committee meetings. Re-launch, posters out to Reps / Officers. Few have been put up. Emailed various groups so work wasn’t jeopardised. Hope campaign will get back off the ground.
- 5) Material changes to Uni building fund has been closed.
- 6) Represented OUSU’s views in the Town Hall at an Area Committee.
- 7) Spoken to Accommodation co-chair about web-based housing bank plans.
- 8) Equal Opps committee: No Afro-Caribbean senior members in the Uni.
- 9) Work on *OUSU Living Out Guide* soon.
- 10) Training on sexual health.
- 11) Diversity Week plans have begun. Planning to stage a mock same-sex wedding.

Q: AT: Will there be a march for Diversity Week?
A: Undecided. Only 10 people turned up last year.

Q: John Townsend (Univ): What’s the point in having one?
A: Celebrates diversity. Integration of equal opps campaigns.

Q: x x (Mansfield): NUS & Jewish students are campaigning against the far right. Is OUSU?
A: Definitely. Got sent posters. Need help organising Holocaust Memorial Day.

Vice President (Access & Academic Affairs) – Sonia Sodha

In addition to written report work has begun on academic advice pamphlets (i.e. study skills, changing courses etc).

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

Edd Southerden (Somerville)

- 1) Re-writing of College Inequality Report is taking place. Next meeting at 10am on Thursday of 7th in OUSU.



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2) Report on Oxford's relationship with the NUS is being written. Any submissions before Thursday of 6th.

Liz Chare (Linacre)

Two positions for Graduate Executive Office are available to be elected at Post-Graduate Assembly. Please encourage people to stand. Women's Campaign at Friday at 7.30pm.

Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's)

Three co-chairs for Finance and Funding Campaign needed for next term.

Julia Buckley (Christ Church)

Environment day coming up. Please contact luke.haywood@some

Rachel Logan (New)

Trying to get One World up and running again so please get in touch.

Mel Marshall on behalf of Nicky Ellis (Queen's)

Pro-choice committee is starting up again so please get involved.

Chris Hanretty (St. Anne's)

One Health and Welfare co-chair is needed

Q: Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's) when will co-chairs for the review of structures of female representation within the Student Union be appointed given submission deadline of Monday of 8th?

A: Will Straw: I have been awaiting instruction from a female member of Exec for what to do next.

Q: Damian Jenkins (St. Hugh's): [To Julia Buckley] Is it right to report what happens in another college's JCR meeting to another college? Is it rude?

A: I don't think so and I didn't write for a newspaper.

Q: Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): [To Julia Buckley] Shouldn't you contact a JCR President before attending another college's JCR meeting?

A: Wasn't at a JCR meeting just sat in the bar.

g. Emergency Motions

I. Future Outlook

Catriona Matthews (LMH): The Fair's a forum on politics etc. Broad focus. Produce a guide for people plus on web. Relevant to OUSU to educate members of these concerns. Would like some photocopying and a free quarter page advert to publicise the event. Would like OUSU endorsement.

SFQs

Damian Jenkins (St. Hugh's): Could you forward an informative email to Will to forward to prelist?

A: Will do so.

Matt Sellwood (New): Do you charge for stalls?

A: In some cases (£75 per stall) but not for charities or non-profit making organisations.



Nicky Ellis (Queen's): How many more posters do you need?

A: 1000 more or so.

Joseph Macauley (x): Will the advert in the OxStu be in colour?

A: No

Edd Southerden (Somerville): What is the cost?

A: £12,500 to £15,000. Guides cost £3,000.

John Townsend (Univ): Do you support the Alternative Careers Day for Catholics?

A: No

Charles Hotham (S.E.H.): Will you go through the Business Manager?

A: Yes

Will Straw (New): Was a similar motion passed last year?

A: Yes

Friendly amendment: Resolves 2: "...to a limit of £50"

Motion passes

2. Supporting the Fire-Fighters

Point of Order – John Townsend (Univ): Why is this an emergency motion?

Chair – Strike has taken place since motions deadline.

Friendly amendment: Strike resolves 1 and 2 and replace with Resolves 1: "To encourage members of OUSU to write to the leader of the FBU in a personal capacity, expressing OUSU's beliefs and to encourage said members to campaign on behalf of the FBU using the FBU's wicked publicity materials."

Point of Order – Charles Hotham (S.E.H.): Has there been a change in the UV ruling given the amendments?

Chair: Ruled out as not part of debate

Proposition – Laura Santana (St. Hilda's): Important to support firefighters as they are part of another Union. It's an issue of welfare as we rely on them. Must support their reasonable demands. Not going to bore Council with the intra vires arguments.

SFQs

Mark Pearson (Somerville): Why use the word "fraudulent"?

A: Only had 10 minutes to write the motion.

Point of Information - P. Duncan Weldon (Somerville): The rise would cost every household £1.90 per week.

Peter Morton (Somerville): Do you know how much firefighters in the US are paid?

A: No



Ed Watkins (Keble): Do you know the effect on students in terms of changed library closing times?
A: Yes

John Townsend (Univ): What percentage of fireman are on strike?
A: 97%

Debate

Mel Marshall (Christ Church): We should only support trade unions that agree with our views. FBU have appalling record on sexual discrimination therefore oppose the motion on that ground.

Peter Orlov (New): Can't undertake the resolves because it's UV. We should not encourage actions that cause deaths. Almost £12 per week is lost when added to other costs. Many other jobs are invaluable but none are gaining a 40% rise. Many teachers don't get £30k.

Andrew Copson (Balliol): Unions work – we were supported by other unions on fees. We have TUC reps and we are a union. When they support our resolves, it would be churlish or rude not to trust them and not to support them. Maybe they should campaign for better women's rights, but that's a separate issue.

Sean Sullivan (S.E.H.): Nonsense. We are not a trade union, because we are not a trade. We should not support everything another union says just because they support us on one issue. 40% is irresponsible. They have rejected 11% and they know 40% is unrealistic. Firefighters work is not that bad. They have favourable shift patterns and it's not putting people off from applying. Should change demands for London weighting and for engine drivers. Firemen should not go on strike. People's lives are at risk. There are other ways to make arguments. A union that is extreme is uncommonsensical. An SU that cares about students should in no way support this motion. It doesn't care about their own members.

Peter Morton (Somerville): There's not been much negotiating, but you should always ask for more than you actually want. Its comparable with the Business Manager initially asking for a higher rate for advertising. The pay review body was shut down and replaced by the Baines Commission.

Friendly amendment: New Resolves 2: "Supply JCR Presidents / OUSU Reps with the contact details of the FBU so that they can co-ordinate college-based support."

MTV – Sonia Sodha (St. Hilda's) balanced view has been heard
Against – Marc Stoneham (Merton): Still more to be heard
Passes

Summation

Proposition – Laura Santana (St. Hilda's): Show support to a Union with reasonable demands.
Opposition – Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): Valid opinions but this is not the valid forum.

For: 43
Against: 39
Abstentions: 13

Motion Passes



h. Passage of motions nem con

1. Admissions Working Party

2. Student Charter on Academic Rights

i. Motions of No Confidence or Censure

1. Motion of Censure: Will Straw

Point of Order – Julia Buckley (Christ Church): Move to hold secret ballot because it's a matter of conscience not of representation.

Against – Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): This motion is not different from any other

For: 21

Against: 43

Abstain: 12

One-quarter needed, therefore procedural motion passes

Point of Order – Jack Clift (CCC): Move to hold a recorded vote

Chair: Secret ballot takes precedence over secret ballot

Point of Order – Sonia Sodha (St. Hilda's): Move that the motion not be put because there is no point censuring someone unless we can see how people have voted, it's a public statement.

Against – Edd Southerden (Somerville)

For: 39

Against: 38

Abstain: 9

Fails

Point of Order – Andy Garlick (Christ Church): Move to record names of each person who is given a secret ballot paper.

Passed

Friendly amendment:

1. To strike the whole of "Council Further notes"

2. To strike "Council Believes" 2

3. To strike "and assist in keeping Council a place forum free from intimidation" from "Council Believes" 3

4. To strike "Council Resolves" 2

Proposed by: Andrew Copson (Balliol) Seconded by: Catherine Wallis (Keble)

Proposition - Julia Buckley (Christ Church): OUSU officers must uphold OUSU policy when speaking publicly. Precedent for censuring those who don't stick to this. Not a debate about UV, just saying that he was wrong and should recognise that. Cites policy (p. 32). Claims that Straw called campaigning against UV "fruitless". Claimed that motion was not personal.

SFQs



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Peter Orlov (New): Question ruled out of order.

Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): Why is Will responsible for what he says at JCR meetings if Buckley isn't?

A: I wasn't in an official capacity.

Hinesh Rajani (Merton): Is it possible to say something is "fruitless" without disagreeing?

A: Possibly

Damian Jenkins (St. Hugh's): Question ruled out of order.

Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's): When in an official capacity is the President required to uphold policy?

A: Yes

Debate

Andrew Copson (Balliol): Explanation of amendment: control of Council is Chair's job, not President's.

Penny Berrill (St. Hilda's): Was present at the meeting in question. This motion concerns his plans for the year, Lots of routes to object if people don't like it. Motion of censure not necessarily the best way of doing this. Pity that a member of the executive feels that this is her only best recourse.

Mark Pearson (Somerville): Can't get personal. Important to refer to Will as the 'OUSU President' during the debate to guard against this. His alleged comments are not censurable, just saying it is hard to uphold as it is a matter of opinion. Only if we believe that the President actually said the second should we be concerned.

Chris Hanretty (St. Anne's): Only because UV is controversial within OUSU that there is any debate over whether Will Straw's comments are censurable. His comments clearly contravenes policy and damages an ongoing debate.

Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's): Clear cut – contradicted policy in an official capacity.

Peter Orlov (New): 1) Lots in the policy book that isn't currently campaigned on. 2) Possible to think something 'fruitless' and still do it. 3) Motion notes 2:ii is simply fact and not controversial. No direct contravention to mandate.

Chair imposes two minute speeches from now.

Sean Sullivan (S.E.H.): Move to overturn Chair's decision on grounds that person censured has not yet spoken.

Chair yields

Will Straw (New): 1) Not taking it personally; 2) Confusion over role of President a) voice of Council; b) personal mandate from election; Doesn't disagree with what Julia Buckley asserts – just a matter of context. Does think its fruitless but is still campaigning against UV. Second statement was a factual explanation of some people's (i.e. not my) justification for UV. Doesn't contravene policy, hopes he won't, hopes people will vote against the motion.

MTV – Damian Jenkins (St. Hugh's)

Opposed – Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's)



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47 – 36 – 2 Fails

Chair's ruling: two minute speeches from now on.

Kat Radice (Magdalen): Will Straw has done nothing wrong. Has a duty to say whether he thinks OUSU policy is good. Not acting on OUSU policy, just acting on it.

Sean Sullivan (S.E.H): Silly to trot OUSU policy out of the book. It is failing students to fail to have a proper discussion on OUSU policy. Must tell them the arguments for and against. Has done nothing wrong.

Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's): Will Straw does not have to agree with policy, but he should uphold it to outside bodies.

MTV – Jack Clift (CCC)

Opposed – Julia Buckley (Christ Church)

Fails

Laura Santana (St. Hilda's): Lots of members of Council have said how the President should act on this. About to discuss Iraq policy in St. Hilda's when Will Straw made the comments. This was an attempt to undermine the motion in the JCR. Should be censured for going against policy.

Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's): Has surveyed some members of St. Hilda's. Statement as follows: "I can confirm that: 1. in St. Hilda's JCR on Sunday 3rd November when OUSU President, Will Straw came to talk to us about OUSU; 2. Will Straw was asked if he could explain what ultra-vires laws are, for those who don't know; 3. In response to this question, Will Straw made the following points: i. That campaigning against UV laws is fruitless. ii. That UV laws help student unions to focus on issues affecting students as students." Signed by: Cerys Pugh; Ros Dampier; Rosie Buckland; Madelene Holdsworth; Helen McCabe. Support also claimed of: Nichola Jones; Ellen James; Nadifa Mohamed; Lana Srzjic; Julia Buckley; Laura Santana; Stacey Smith. This clarifies context i.e. that Will Straw used comments to explain what UV law is.

MTV – Ali Richardson (S.E.H.)

Opposed – Julia Buckley (Christ Church)

53 – 21 – 4

Passes

Summation

Julia Buckley (Christ Church): All of Exec know that they must not speak against policy publicly. Asserts that he did definitely say it. UV campaigning is important and it is not clear enough if it was his personal opinion.

Will Straw (New): Don't dispute that I said it. Just that I was misunderstood. Doesn't think he's guilty of speaking against OUSU policy.

For – 36

Against – 50

Abstentions – 7

Motion Fails



m. Other motions

6. Intimidation in Council

Procedurally moved up the agenda as a motion affecting OUSU members as OUSU members.

Point of Order – Ros Dampier (St. Hilda’s): Secret ballot

Against – Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): Atmosphere is not intimidating

Motion Fails 14 – 44 – 9

Ros Dampier (St. Hilda’s) withdraws motion

3. Vice President (Charities & Community)

Proposed - Will Straw (New): Not making Shruti Uppal [the RAG sabbatical] an OUSU sabbatical. Need to do this to secure funding. She will abide by OUSU policy.

Friendly amendment – Replace all resolves with: “Resolves 1: To take on Shruti Uppal, the RAG sabbatical, as a member of OUSU staff from the beginning of 9th Week Michaelmas 2002 until the end of 10th Week Trinity 2003.”

SFQs:

Rachel Logan (New): Is money a block grant?

A: HEFCE will fund the position for the remainder of the academic year therefore freeing up money for RAG.

Jack Clift (CCC): Is it ultra vires?

A: No

Point of Order – Ros Dampier (St. Hilda’s): Can the RAG Sabbatical have speaking rights

No objections

Helen McCabe (St. Hilda’s): How is RAG related to OUSU?

A: Will be absorbed into OUSU in June 2003, but independent at the moment.

Motion passed

4. Homelessness

Procedural motion proposed and withdrawn by John Townsend (Univ)

Proposed - Rosie Buckland (St. Hilda’s): Fairly un-contentious motion

No SFQs

Opposed – John Townsend (Univ): Very contentious. Proctors offer sensible and reasonable advice.



Debate

Marc Stoneham (Merton): Proctors give sound advice. Giving cash can make problems of drug addiction worse. Aggressive begging can be intimidating

Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's): Motion only mandates someone to speak on the issue. I have been intimidated by members of OUCA. [uproar]

Friendly amendment – Add Resolves 2: To mandate the appropriate sabbaticals to raise these concerns when they next meet the Proctors. [Proposed by: Rosie Buckland; Seconded by: Ros Dampier]

Chris Hanretty (St. Anne's): I sit on the Rules Committee with the Proctors and do not believe that this will prejudice the relationship.

Mark Pearson (Somerville): Agrees with Proctors and Assessor's Memorandum. There is a problem outside McDonald's, on Little Clarendon Street, and in Jericho.

Rodrigo Davies (Wadham): Giving money is not always the best course of action. However, the tone of the text is unpleasant and will add to the problem.

MTV

Summation

Rosie Buckland (St. Hilda's): Not disputing points that have been made in Memorandum, but just mandates people in Rules Committee to raise the subject.

John Townsend (Univ): The tone is there to provoke pressure. It is sound advice.

Motion passes

6. Intimidation in Council

Retabled by Ali Richardson (S.E.H.) and Ryan McGhee (Pembroke)

Procedural motion – Andrew Thomas (St. Anne's): Table motion until next Council.

Against – Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): Should be heard at this Council.

For: 32

Against: 37

Abstentions: 2

Procedural motion – Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's): It's a serious issue that needs discussing.

Against - Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): Not fair on the subject.

For: 29

Against: 33

Abstentions: 5

Proposition – Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): Important motion that should be discussed today.

SFQs



Andrew Copson (Balliol): Why are you proposing the motion?

A: It's an important motion that needs discussing.

Marc Pearson (Somerville): Intimidating behaviour should be deterred.

Matt Sellwood (New): OUSU Council is intimidating because it's so boring.

MTV

Summation

Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): It's important that the motion is discussed

John Blake (St. Hugh's): This is ridiculous. Jenkins is a very good JCR President and it is ridiculous to make these allegations.

Motion Fails: 25 – 31 – 23

5. War

Point of Order – Hinesh Rajani (Merton): Move that this motion not be put as the Charities Commission (OG48 B3-15 March 2000) states that: "A Student Union should not comment publicly on issues which do not affect the welfare of students as students." And that Student Unions – A Guide (CC OG48 C3-18 July 2001) states that: "neither a Student Union nor any club or society can make donations to any external organisation or cause, particularly if it is political in nature.

Opposed – Matt Sellwood (New): Vice President (Finance) has already made a UV ruling. OUSU Council should finally discuss the war on Iraq.

Fails

Proposition – Matt Sellwood (New): Everyone should have a mandate. Doesn't matter that it is UV. I will still report the fact of Council's decision. It is 1) immoral; 2) destroys international law; 3) UV laws are wrong; 4) We can make a difference.

SFQs

Melanie Marshall (Christ Church): Could proposer clarify his relationship with the Stop The War Coalition.

A: No such relation

Hinesh Rajani (Merton): This University has 16,000 members will you deem to speak on behalf of them all?

A: Yes

Penny Berrill (St. Hilda's): Does support mean moral or financial support?

A: Financial

Charlie Pickle (Queen's): Will we provide funding for pro-war material given UV law

A: Depends Up to sensible nature of sabbatical officers.

Ryan McGhee (Pembroke): Will you allow for college that votes against this?

A: No



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Hinesh Rajani (Merton): Will you include a breakdown of votes?

A: No

Matthew Richardson (St. Peter's): Will you explain that there are only 80 members present?

A: No

John Townsend (Univ): Will you explicitly declare your affiliations?

A: There are none.

Point of Order – Ali Richardson (S.E.H.): Recorded vote so that college reps remain accountable.

Opposed

Passed

Point of Order - Nick Anstead (Mansfield): Take in parts because there are different resolves

Opposed – Andrew Copson (Balliol): No need.

Fails

MTV - Jack Clift (CCC): We all have mandates

Opposed – Sean Sullivan (S.E.H.): Maybe non-Common Room officers want a debate.

27 – 34 – 4

Fails

Debate

Penny Berrill (St. Hilda's): Amendment proposed to remove first sentence of Believes 4.

21 – 24 – 25

Fails

Sean Sullivan (S.E.H.): Irrelevant to us in Student Union but will treat the motion on its merits. Saddam Hussain is a tyrant who has gassed his own people, disobeyed UN resolutions. He's a danger in his area of the world. He has chemical and biological weapons. He wants nuclear weapons. Why hasn't he let in weapons inspectors. Why should we wait?

MTV

Fails

Rob Willans (Mansfield): Supports the motion. Terrorism is a threat but don't bomb Iraq. It won't be popular.

Edd Southerden (Somerville): Thanks Sean for speech. Saddam Hussain should be killed but don't bomb Iraq to do it.

Jack Clift (CCC): CCC fully support this motion.

Lewis Atkinson (Wadham): Not pro-war but people should oppose the motion.

Kathryn Eccles (St. Hilda's): People should abstain as it is an alienating motion.

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MTV – Jack Clift (CCC): We've had a fair amount of information
Opposed – Eren x (Wadham): People here who came who haven't spoken yet.
38 – 35 – 3
Fails

Cat Overton (Somerville): US is greatest stockpiler of chemical and biological weapons. Also have large amounts of nuclear weapons as does UK. Therefore the respective governments are hypocritical.

Eren x (Wadham): We should opposed war because we should oppose terrorism.

John Townsend (Univ): No-one wants war but Iraqi people don't have a voice.

Penny Berrill (St. Hilda's): Please make up your minds to ensure firm policy.

Gina x (CCC): [From Stanford and given speaker rights] Eight students are being cautioned for role in anti-war protest. It is of huge importance. Bush couldn't go it alone therefore UK students have an obligation to try and stop the war.

Rodrigo Davies (Wadham): US and UK governments do not care about Iraqi people.

MTV – Jack Clift (CCC)
Opposed – Andy Garlick (Christ Church)
Passes

Summation

Matt Sellwood (New): 1) It will kill people; 2) It will totally destroy international law; 3) SU has to have a stance. We should be a vibrant Student Union.

Sean Sullivan (S.E.H.): SU doesn't need to be divisive, doesn't need a position. Why take a stance that no action can be taken on.

[Recorded vote]

For – 47

Against – 26

Abstentions – 17

Motion passes