

Dan Simpson – Today is armistice day, stand for one minute silence.

DS – Council today will work slightly differently. A referendum has been called, Oliver Russell will act as President. Printers need to be told by 3:30 what question is. One hour discussion cap. Proposition speech by Oliver Russell. Any amendment must be submitted in writing and requires 2/3 to carry. At 3:30 there will be hysts.

Oliver Russell: Here you have the original wording of the question, and the precise changes to the standing orders. The alternative to specifying this in advance is for this to be interpreted by the President after the referendum. The question is changing the balance of power between Council and the constitution, people need to know exactly what this will do.

Tom Packer: Petition says OUSU shall have no policy, here it says Council shall pass no policy. Would current policy which breaches this be overturned?

Oliver Russell: This will affect future policy, not current.

Frank Hardee: Can Junior Tribunal vote on this?

Dan Simpson: Yes

Tim Bennett: What is definition of majority of common rooms?

OR: In every OUSU definition majority of common means majority who choose to exercise their democratic right.

Herve Hansen: Surely special council would occur even if passed by recorded ballot?

OR: No, Council would have to vote for it.

Tom Packer: Does this mean that if policy had one little bit relevant to students would not be invalid?

OR: All motions can be amended, all can be taken in part.

?, Wadham: What about C & C?

OR: Matter for interpretation.

Rob Vance: This is not the right version, the right version is in the JMB. Everyone look at the JMB entry.

Dan Simpson: Does anyone have a problem with taking JMB entry as final version?

?: Yes

DS: Do you wish to put a formal procedural motion?

?: No

Alex Young: Why were my suggestions not put in?

Daryl Leeworthy: Because I thought they'd been dealt with.

Hannah Stoddard: Would this affect committees?

OR: No

?: Does this affect potential students?

DS: This is for the chair to rule

Aidan Randle-Conde: What about equal opportunity policy?

OR: Would be subject to ratification in Council, so would be affected

?: How affect V-P C&C?

OR: All future policy regarding RAG could be affected or rejected.

Charlie Steel: Why has this been amended so much?

OR: The standing orders say that the president and RO shall draft the question.

Herve Hansen: Given JMB entry isn't it clear that a one line affecting students would make it immune:

OR: Council could strike that.

Ellie Cumbo: Pro-choice isn't semi-autonomous, wouldn't that then be able to be struck down?

OR: Would be for Council to resolve.

Amendment tabled:

DS: [reads amendment twice]

Iain Simpson: Does this mean that if the motion as a whole affects students, if one line didn't the motion would have to be restricted?

DS: Yes

?: Could 2/3 of Council overrule chair?

DS: I assume so

Peter Hughes, Hertford: This better reflects the intention of the original question. I do not believe the special council properly reflects the intention of the special council.

Rob Vance: Special Council gives a 2 week period whereby every single common room rep for people to go and get mandates from common rooms. We don't want a situation whereby policy sits there forever wanting to be passed. Special Council best reflects the sentiment, otherwise could take 6 years. This is not an effective model. The amendment strikes special council, which I believe is by far the best model. Council and the chair should be able to decide, if no or anything is that important should take it in parts.

Tom Packer: This is to discuss what question will best reflect the question. This amendment best reflects the question. This amendment ensures that it is a majority of common rooms, this needs to reflect what students signed for.

Chris Allen: Can we split and discuss this in three parts?

No opposition.

Move into debate on first part.

Charlyne: The representative democracy we have at the moment I would contend is more democratic than getting 512 signatures on a petition. Why does this question not say to strike all existing policy which does not affect students as students.
Aidan Randle-Conde: When policy lapse was changed previously, this does not act retrospectively.
Tim Bennett: This clearly includes current policy, that is what this motion was designed to represent.
Peter Hughes: We need to reflect what people asked for.
Ellie Cumbo: We have policy lapse already, this is unfair limits current Oxford Students.
Tom Packer: To argue on normative grounds that this is bad is not relevant. Should take place in the referendum campaign. This will make a mockery of OUSU's democratic procedures, and deny the validity of the constitution.
Rob Vance: If you wanted to do this, should have explicitly listed what you wanted struck. There is a procedure for reviewing past policy, and people weren't told past policy. Should have explicitly listed stuff you wanted struck. Shouldn't do this now.
Part 1 clearly fails.

Part 2:

Rob Vance: What this amendment does is what we've already. We've already got something that does this, it is called special council. It gets everyone in a room and has a signed mandate. Let's do it this way.
Ed Young: Can we keep this calmer?
Dan Simpson: Keep this calmer Rob
Aidan Randle-Conde: It's stupidly difficult to get any policy passed by all common rooms, no matter how important it is. This is ridiculous, it will take 15 years.
Charlie Steel: Maybe Aidan has just been unlucky, it's not hard to get through common rooms, they're more than happy to pass it through, 6 out of 6 were willing to do this last.
Hannah Stoddard: 6 common rooms is not a majority.
Tom Packer: We are voting on whether or not we should have policy, wouldn't stop free ranging discussion. Should accept this amendment because it reflects what the question says.
Rob Vance: Approved by a majority of common rooms is reflected by this. Special council is a way of saying in 14 days you have to get a majority of common rooms to approve it.
Part 2 clearly fails

Part 3:

Charlie Steel: Clearly makes sense that shouldn't be able to tag a little bit onto the end to get the motion passed.
Iain Simpson: This is silly, if I were to swear every 5th word I'd still be offensive, I wouldn't have to swear every word to be offensive. If people are being silly then strike out that bit.
Chris Allen: No motion has every part affecting students. If you want to give chair more discretion than fair enough.
Tom Packer: If you think that students should have their voice represented vote yes.
Part 3 clearly fails.

Amendment tabled:

Peter Hughes: This gives a mechanism for referring things to the common rooms.
Rob Vance: This does exactly what Aidan talked about again, getting a petition from majority of common rooms before anyone gets to discuss it goes even further away from what the question called for.
Tom Packer: This is about democracy and giving people a chance to vote on what the question was meant to be on.
Ellie: This is my fifth year in Oxford, I haven't even had a drink in the majority of the common rooms.
Tim Bennett: We're making arguments against referendum, no on whether or not this reflects what students asked for.
Tom Packer: This is about not moving stuff over to a special council where a tiny minority of common rooms would be able to make policy. If you care about the democratic and legal credibility of OUSU then vote yes.
Amendment failed

Amendment tabled:

Iain Simpson: Well this doesn't matter due to constitution overriding standing orders, but it doesn't matter. If got over 2 weeks to take something back to Council, should be ok.
?: Is this true?
Dan Simpson: For President to decide
Rob Vance: This could lead to things just bouncing along, people could boycott by not turning up. Not democratic, people could boycott not to
Herve Hansen: What would be more democratic not to twist our motion.
22-26 fails
Rob Vance given speaking rights.
Tom Packer objects.
Tom Packer: I wish to resign as an agent
Dan Simpson: This is not the forum

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Returning Officer in the chair

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VP Welfare (James Frew)

JF: No pa, no censures, no council chucks

Lot of experience, working towards this job for 3 years

Best person for job

Opinions: Ox Welfare is desperately underused, due to intrinsic problems, people who need o access welfare cant because they are too close to home (in college) or too formal and they don't feel deserve

Need official liaisons on informal networks of support, to allow mentoring of people going through problems that are similar to those they are going through, bypasses lack of experience in CR officers

But CR officers able to provide lots of support but not full because of lack of OUSU contact. Can increase personal level support

ARC: Equal Ops and Welfare fit together?

JF: Welfare and EO need to be presented to students to overcome complexity of relationships. Some people realise they need extra help from EO but not see welfare and vice versa.

CP: Should VP be a counsellor?

JF: Will be person with greatest amount of knowledge in the university and so would be appropriate to act as a counsellor, but not long term

HS: Publications vs Welfare conflict? (e.g. Oxford Student articles)

JF: Involved in MSN Peer support network and was subject to problem because of the hacking story in Ox Stu. The story undermined confidence in system. Student journalism is a very useful way of discovering and eliminating issues in the university. More active approach needs to be taken to appreciate full implications and facts.

EJ: Individual support vs campaigning

JF: Difficult to campaign for inclusive environment etc. Experience in personal work. VP Welf job is to ensure that every individuals access to systems with no hassle.

HS: How would 'yes' vote affect your job?

JF: Can't divorce 'student'life from when you go home. If the effect of referendum were to remove campaigns and other systems then catastrophic affect.

Hilda's Pres: Sexual attacks and student safety + helping CR?

JF: Great potential but limited by lack of training. If welfare officers could be encouraged to have greater links with OUSU; also need to foster greater community and network. Colleges have good connections, but welfare not so good.

Taught self-defence at Keble, needs to be opened up to more students, male and female. More sharing of information

TW(Oriel): Disaffiliated common rooms?

Substantial difference. Disaffiliated ones rely on single students trying to work without help or guidance and could go seriously wrong. OUSU provides that structure.

CP: Give eg of EO campaign to take up?

JF: Severe mental health problems can be considerably misinterpreted by colleges. Colleges believe that suicidal students should be forced to leave, take no notice of circumstances causing or the effect of leaving. MH one of the largest remaining taboos.

HS: Should OUSU affiliated CR subsidise others?

JF: I would not hold back my personal time, but I would call it short at providing services that other colleges have paid for.

TW: Would you ban unaffiliated welfare reps from meetings?

ARC: (poi) people can attend in personal capacity

JF: don't see how that makes a substantive difference to OUSU

TD: Levels of SAS training?

JF: Always could do with more, but think we are doing good job. Would recommend PST to anyone.

EY: What is greatest deficiency from OUSU to CR officers?

JF: All EO and welfare officers could do with training in effective listening skills. Needs to be more widely available.

DRO Vanc takes chair

Presidents (Tom Dale vs Alan Strickland)

No leave, no censures

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AS: Amnesty, OULC, Labour Party
TD: Ed not for sale,

AS: Create an OUSU with strong campaigns, effective representation, Have been effective JCR Pres, got rep on governing body, improved entz
AcAff chair did library survey with 1585 responses
ABM over summer
Xternal experience as per JMB entry

Time for Change, in OUSU: connecting properly, proves that it is their SU, Entz and commercial don't fight against democracy.
Prioritise student safety.
Look at what govt doing about future top up fees, ensure the hardship works
SRI very important, continue Emma's work

TD: Substantial experience in and without OUSU, Campaign hard on core student issues. People don't believe we can help.
Need to become more than office on Bonn Square and people on university committees.
Involved in OUSU as Exec officer and campaigner, my portfolios worked after years of nothing. Put lots of written papers to uni committees and have argued effectively.
JCR OUSU rep won all 8 motions
Priorities: Keep top up fees down, universal monitoring of teaching, feedback process so every college and department takes into account student experience, fight college inequality. Reject VC's plans to centralise.

Have you ever resigned from elected position?
TD: Yes, from OUSU Exec, concentrate on Ed not for sale
AS: No

Effective campaign from disorganised office?

AS: Pres job to coordinate, I have experience to overcome. Calibrate entz with exec
TD: More efficiency from more technical training for software etc. OSSL OUSU has been tremendous issue which is why I brought motion to Council to reconnect JCR members to OSSL board.

IS: OUSU about campaigns or services?

TD: Pres role is a campaigning role. Services are done by other sabs, done well.
AS: Role of SU is to represent its members and campaigning is the outworking of that. But services not distinct. Campaigns allow services to happen (eg AccAff exam treatment)

CP: VP Finance elected?

AS: Know how jobs split between VPF and BM. More technical aspects need to be given to more technical people. Makes job more realistic. VPF line manages BM, oversees pubs and FF. Therefore need to have accountable elected post.
TD: No VP Finance last year impacted campaigning time. OUSU's relations with OSSL also suffered. Need to keep democratic accountability.

NO(Magd): Students as students?

TD: Responds to concern that OUSU doesn't campaign hard enough for students. Response need to be to have tangible victories. Dangerous wording. I don't think OUSU wastes time on non-S-a-S issues
AS: S-a-S been around for a while and we need a debate. Want to make OUSU more accountable to JCR's. Listen to students about what they want, need also to communicate what it is doing to JCR's. I don't think it is true that Council wastes time, think it's a shame that there would be a block to Council discussing whatever it wants.

Opinion on VP Women?

AS: My opinion not relevant, the debate we had makes it clear that women have the deciding factor. Therefore I support the position
TD: Yeah, my conviction that women support the position and do lots of good work?

PTE vs. Sabs

TD: Const and SO say that all exec members are equal. In my time that has been true but there have been previous abuses.
Need to keep flat
AS: Every Exec officer has different role. All elected in cross-campus. Lots of tension in the past. More team-building.

EJ: Greatest legacy to OUSU?

AS: Not a statue. Remembered as friendly accessible engaging around Oxford Pres, who took forward issues that really mattered to them. Reconnection and Ownership
TD: at least one campaign with lots of students winning on key academic issue. Very high level of attendance in committees/campaigns of OUSU

Lots of campaigning organisations hostile to OUSU?

TD: Make clear the important issues are relevant to students. Learn from others:

AS: Important to work with other groups, connect and bring Ousu to students rather than trying to drag students to Ousu and involve more people.

HB: Non-elected staff relations?

AS: Worked in OUSU already so interacted with permanent staff. Long term, institutional knowledge. M&S cookies good for getting on side. Easy for there to be friction so need to show respect and organise social events.

TD: Exec member of OUSU Standing Committee so already overseen staff relations. Needs more than respect, need institutional form to avoid busyness.

Encouraging more contested elections?

TD: Just because only one person standing doesn't mean there's not other people who would be willing and able. (Would it be better for OUSU to have choice) Not about a kabal but individuals decisions. Prob better now than party clash we had years ago

AS: More contested elections are better, elections are great publicity. Contesting means more choice and restores confidence and popular legitimacy. Achieved through showing more relevance, Sabs need to be seen more around Oxford and in JCR's.

Ensure that talented people in Oxford who are interested in working for students find a home in OUSU.

Graduates for president

AS: Pres needs to demonstrate they are everyone's president not just UG. Use influence on uni committees to push hard on graduate issues

TD: Practically speaking the Pres roles, will vary depending on permanence of VPG. Needs to ensure consistency. Int Stud visa fees and accommodation are key campaigns.

ARC: If OUSU shortstaffed what goes first?

TD: Brunt of OUSU's campaigning work needs to be done by committees and co-chairs. Grass roots energy can limit that decision and also less exec will resign if things are restructured. Remove Exec duties to specialists.

AS: Build sense of teamwork. So to minimise effect and reduce chance of someone leaving. Case by case decisions need to be made.

Animal Rights Extremists:

AS: Condemn ALF. Pursuing political ends through violence and undermining the potential for the debate. SPEAK used to condemn ALF but now has not been giving out that consistent message.

TD: Personal condemnation of ALF. No balaclava. SPEAK have not condoned or condemned the action. Support their right to continue to protest freely.

SPEAK at FF?

TD: No organisation at FF can have an official link to something like the ALF. VPWelf to decide on publicity

AS: VPF job to run Freshers' Fair. Serious questions about whether we could have SPEAK if they have actually refused to condemn terrorism.

VP(Finance) Ed Mayne.

No censures or council chucks, no holiday

OULC

EM: Care about what OUSU does. Want to stay committed to OUSU's good work. Have attended Council since Jan 04. Seen three Sab teams. Worked closely with them in RepCom. Then JCR President. Small CR with chaotic debts and problems. Have sorted these out with Treasurer. Not part of OUSU clique nonsense, like the people but don't live at Bonn Square Got to talk to JCR' about spending. Value For Money. Accounts and finances of OUSU open

DL: Oriel disaffiliating and value for money?

EM: CR disaffiliation bad for everyone. 1994 Ed act means we represent all students. Oriel concerns also held elsewhere

RH: Experience in publishing, advertising, entz, and broadcasting

EM: OSPL (adverts), did entz stuff in JCR, parents are broadcasters.

Website?

EM: No design skills, but would want to increase availability

OSSL money increases? Remission or campaign spending?

EM: Decision for widespread consultation. Open to returning money if people want it.

CA: Insecurity in income?

EM: Worries me that OUSU's financial position is so volatile. Need to ensure that core services could survive OSSL collapse

EC: Supportive of VP Women and pubs?

EM: Seen 3 good VP women, as long as women want her she will get my help

RH: Publications promises hot-air?

EM: No, 20+ pubs, could have some stuff moved to web. Also need to discuss with Ox Stu and Oxide about how they want relationship to work.

Value for Money details?

EM: Haven't made any plans yet. Nothing OUSU does that doesn't benefit someone. Lots of essential services, many are expensive. Look at other SU's. Everyone I talk to has something negative to say about OUSU.

Fulfill role of VPF inc pubs

EM: Like to think more strong-minded than Laura West. Willing to learn.

Sponsorship ideas?

EM: No specific companies, but OSPL experience in getting advertising. Union debates.

HS: Exploit all areas available for advertising

EM: Support SRI. But if we can make money for students then I'll take it

AW: Paper version of AP, advertising in it?

EM: Practical, but driven by campaign wishes.

JHM: Policy on specific company's vs getting money for key campaigns.

EM: Talk to people running those pubs or campaigns, VPF accountable so tensions can be resolved.

CA: Appropriate to advertise in welfare pubs?

EM: Some, but not unrestrictive, non-offensive

CA: Which pubs need more advertising, how much by, why such high priority?

EM: Am proposing analysis not answers

HB: Time commitment VPF?

EM: Absolutely huge. 10 hours a day to make sure everything worked properly. Would have to do everything required.

RH: No institutionalised resolution to Ox Stu conflict. So Ox Stu constitution and editorial independence?

EM: Constitution key, but not me writing it. Ed indep integral. Not unilateral but sabs have to give way

ARC: Importance of EO pubs going off properly

EM: Yes

RAG and OSSL work together

EM: Can't answer

Exclusive Commercial contracts more important than charity?

EM: In students' interest

HB: OSSL board composition and appointment?

EM: Read notes of consultation. Needs to be looked at and more democratically accountable than at the moment.

RH: Effectiveness of OUSU campaign increase?

EM: People feel campaigns don't represent what they do. So most effective campaign is the one students want the most

EC: Finals gap survey?

EM: Not yet, sorry

EJ: Blok grant

EM: More money from uni welcome but need to recognise collegiate.

VP Women

No censures, chucks

Abortion Rights, Amnesty, OUCA, OxWIP, F-word

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JH: Experience and initiative. 3 terms as Merton AcaFf rep, liaising with college authorities and libraries. Women's experience, march on reclaim the night and other key women campaigns. OUSU ProChoice campaign,

Drive to promote Women's sexual health issues, smear tests examinations
Low-cost pregnancy tests to CR's
Choice means choice, student parenting needs standardising
Freshers Forums to supplement Finals Forum.

Positive discrimination?

JH: Clumsy tool in gender issues, nurture rather than nature, more positive moves towards equality.
PD may have some applications in the wider world

Biggest obstacles for women

JH: Finals gaps. A-level to degree drop. 2/3rd of fellows are men. So constantly lack of academic role model.

Role of VP Women obsolete at any time in future?

JH: Not obsolete now, potentially in future but not until Women of Oxford convinced that there is no need. Not during my time in Oxford.

EC: Thick enough skin to deal with people who don't understand.

JH: Music journalism experience toughens you up. Prepared to hold my tongue if it will help the cause.

What campaigns to focus on?

Student parents, Promoting Choice involving promoting choice. Increase publicity and awareness. Not just VP Women but also Vice President of OUSU so wider issues no-one knows about Safety Bus. WomCam turn out. No Women's Officer is JCR's choice but lack of it undermines WomCam.

Autonomous female democracy vs. involving men in campaigns

JH: Female only space good, and restrictive poll in not because we hate men.

Safety bus in Trinity term, do we need ours for vulnerable time?

JH: Old bus wasn't much use. New system works better but need more involvement from Oxford drivers. More sponsorship deals.

Single sex college important for Oxford?

JH: Hildas did very well in my subject which suggested benefiting from their environment. St Hildas need to decide as does Council. Constant voting undermines future confidence. People shouldn't be put off applying to Oxford for fear they will end up at Hildas. 3 at Cambridge lots of single sex uni's in USA.

Women's open day participation increase?

JH: Involved in Oxford access schemes, really interested in targeting faith schools (women only Muslim schools), lots of positive role models speaking.

EC: VP Women involved with OSSSL board and commercial ops?

JH: Interested but not from a harsh viewpoint. Don't want to use naked women to fund safety bus

Have you talked to Hildas, how to liaise with other JCR's?

JH: No women's officer at merton so no official liaison with hildas. Know lots of people there and they have a really wide range of opinions. Know about Cowley road safety concerns, work to be done with Accommodation Office, etc. Opposition to prostitution zone in Cowley road. Difficult to liaise due to lack of women's officers.

HB: How political is the role?

JH: Welfare and representation go hand in hand. Good role models are provided by effective campaigns, and will also raise women's welfare.

What other issues from OUSU offices?

JH: Cherwell article was not how we would want women to be viewed by their fellow students. Promote respect.

VP Access and Academic Affairs – Helen Bagshaw

No declarations

HB: Experienced both sides of OUSU as Exec and JCR/JCC officer. Sabs need to understand both sides. Long history in Target Schools before and during OUSU. Balliol has most admission in the university thanks to open day work. Have gotten admissions officers together to discuss entertainment of interviewees.
Good JCC stuff from Biology. Lots of other stuff in manifesto.

AccAff vs EO

HB: Personally I think job should be split, Casework for one is dependent on the other. Access and EO together. Tutors treating all candidates the same, close working necessary.

Which previous AccAff are you most like?

HB: Linsey Cole, due to working as Exec with her

ARC: Study skills and writing workshops for dyslexics/dyspraxics?

HB: V.important to open these sessions up to everyone, so they know what it expected of them from the start.

EC: Support for VP Women?

HB: My position is not anti-VP Women. Many of the women's rep posts need to be covered by OUSU but many of these also affect men. If students of Oxford want one we shall keep it.

JH: State vs. Private distinction too easy?

HB: Remit of TS is state those obviously disadvantaged. Someone should cover low performing Ind.

VP CaC – Imran Khan

100's of people involved through RAG every year. Co-ordination of all of these is one of the most important thing OUSU does. Experience of being head of charity for a year. Would like to support integration from students all round Oxford not just in the University. Evironent (Green Electricity) key, coming up for renewal at the end of my Sab year.

CP: OUSU experience? Vice-President?

IK: Only in RAG

OXO Vision continuing?

IK:Yes

RAG in OUSU?

IK: Yes, with proper co-ordination problems can be involved. RAG benefits greatly from OUSU insidership

OUSU and OSSL?

IK:Relationship good. So it works.

Lots of work in RAG , HEFCE funding for Community. What will give: RAG or Community?

Equally committed to both

Your values in the SU?

Make sure OUSU is SR and environmental

Yes vote in Referendum effect?

Every charity thing I've done I've done as student so I dint think it will affect RAG

Future of Funding?

Increased from OUSU or NPO's.

Referendum husting:

OR can cause a large amount of emotions so please keep calm. Straight to three minute speech.

FOR:

Queens, supporting yes campiang. Make a few points. Regardless controversy on the wording and the hostile positions – whether it passes or not it is good to have a look at the efficient and effectiveness of ousu. Issues could be settled more quickly, or are not relevant to student life lots of times supported political motions but sometimes spend hours taing about ac ountry's politics or a articular company. complete waste of time. If the debates weren't taking place in so lengthy a manner, then I wouldn't be supporting this campaign. 25 mins debate on the budget, 2 days before the meeting of council. Not many people read through it and ths is far more important. Haven't constrained themselves and had a good think about the motions that have been brought. People do not ask themselves about the relevance of motions r whether we can act on the content of the motion. Prevent us from having necessary debate. Glad we can have a discussion uring campaigning whether or not it asses; need to make people think about how to run ousu in a better way.

AGAINST:

Many reasons for voting no. not the intention of the proposers to stop the work of particular committees but it could be. Rag – run by students but the aims are not to do with students. Env comm. – campaigning against climate change is nothing to do with students but campaign because care. Oww lots of engagement, lots of people getting involved, exactly the sort of thing that we couldn't act on if this ref passes. Sri one of this year's main campaigns – large amount of interest but nothing to do with the role of students. People who have been involved personally in the campaigns we are campaigning against.

Look at the amount of effort that sus have put into huge things not within the role of students and had a huge effect. Vote down motions in council, let people debate them in council. Don't give more power to the chair, give more power to students!!

q. putting aside point of chair of council, last time they recollect last time discussing me politis

Hannah can't remember

3rd debate in trinity term. Israeli academics

q. what does students as students mean?

y. means that ousu council focuses on a narrower set of issues, affecting student life, affecting volunteering despite the aims of the organisations. Think that regardless of some fears, my understanding does not affect campaigns.

n. incredibly ambiguous. Things like sri and env could be affected due to this. Degree of interpretation will lead to more constitutional gimpery in council. Need to decide whether we can discuss before discussing. Will put people off.

q. do oth recognise that referendum wouldn't bar su from discussing issues, but make more accountable to students.

y. not worried about giving back to common rooms. Worried about cycling debate in council. It is representative, reflects the jcr positions and views. They can currently mandate people to vote in a particular way. N-sensical to bring here and then take back to jcrs.

y. when ousu rep people felt so alienated that hard to bring up issues being discussed on council. Had to defend ousu a lot rather than discussing issues. Motion is positive as limits amount of debates brought forward, and would keep the relevant ones. Less estranged from ousu.

q. yes vte more attractive?

y. would hope so. Regardless of whether or not passes, will allow more people to engage with council. I have got involved and want to go and talk to jcrs. If it didn't make a difference no pt.

n. wouldn't make it more effective. Would cause ridiculous hours of debate about motions. Would make council a complete farce, cycle debate, and would create more constitutional gimpery. More controversial motions that people do debate, others pass very easily.

q. agenda v long and in pass other motions split into motions that affected students as students etc. prioritised the motions closer to home. How effective do you think?

n. would wholeheartedly support. People should be able to bring whatever they want but we should be prioritising students issues.

y. would not either. From experience didn't sense prioritisation taking place. My concern that people should be spending a lot more time on students issues

q. clarify whether a good idea to classify issues.

y. clearly think there is a distinction. Can draw a very wide definition, or a very narrow definition. doesn't need a lot of clarification but should be a limited section of issues that ousu deals with. Leave other organisation to deal with the political motions. If 40 people per college attended then a lot more accountable and representative. Singles ut coca cola but PWC sponsoring publications. Where do we draw the line?

n. concern is putting a clause in the const stopping policy being made. Stop good work in other areas. If priority system then issues of which category but there would be not block to anything.

q. 2 arguments for yes – save time in forums, and also that current alienates. System where issues in crs combat this?

n. more alienating in council. We say that everyone can bring a motion to council whether vote or ot. Exactly this that would stop people from doing this. Oxford students busy – should be able to bring to council not coordinate huge campaigns.

y. clearly depends. If all issues put to crs then yes alienating, but people would think about which issues to bring and how to limit them. Would engage people not alienate people. Interest in motions then would be brought. Too much time.

q. what processes in respect to the comms and cams currently

y. most now not affected.

poi only affecting new policy, not current policy

lot of power to the chair very true

n. the way ousu works is that comms and cams bring policy through council to be accountable. If env comm wants to do something big then bring to council. Motions will come about oww next year and could be voted down because of this

q. concerns that sas policy passed meaning that only affecting a certain subset of people?

y. how would affect policy on domestic violence. Woman student also woman. Clear distinction between general issues and those relating to oxford students. Ousu council will not make a diff on a wide range of issues...focus on the ones that we can affect.

n. where do we draw the lines? Idea that sus can't make a difference is completely untrue. Ousu president expressed interest in coke and bbc money program interested. Rung up by radio 4. listen to the student union not just students.

q. what would you like to see happen in event of no

n. make clear ousu represents students on issues that matter to them. Not spending all our time discussing issues that are nit about students. Yes do concentrate on some things that aren't students but not large proportion of time.

y. not that the exec doing bad job, or ousu itself. Its because I care for ousu that I am campaigning for this ref. we should still think about personally deciding whether or not motions are relevant, and whether we can make a difference. Argument that wasting time debating whether sas, that's already taken place. Every time attending council we have had a debate on this so not a problem. Just wish we had three hour councils discussing important issues, not political issues. Not egomaniacs wanting to hear themselves speak. Just because oxford doesn't mean we make a lot more difference. Not everyone listens to us. There are boycotts in which it makes a difference; don't want them to be struck out but more effective manner of doing this. More people being informed on the issues. Would affect behaviour.

q. in case of yes, how affect prospective students

y. won't. target schools affects oxford students and in the interest of the uni to increase stae schools.

n. could affect. Doesn't directly affect in capacity as students. Unlikely that ts suddenly scrapped but in wrong hands people could interpret it in that way.

q. who will help bolivian basket weavers?

n. if people don't care and ousu council doesn't care then vote against in solidarity.

y. who cares about them if we don't? I do, politically active, but these campaigns, because made up of people informed on issues and genuinely engaged on working with issues much more effective than passing a motion of solidarity. World a bad place and lots affected by and need to change but naïve that ethical code could be created that everyone would abide by. Why not dedicate time to something other than PWC? Where line drawn?

q. personal views on ousu council talked – previous ousu council? Promoting council?

Ruled out

q. keep getting brought up and hence brought by loons for loons. Not useful thing to contribute.

y. wouldn't call people a loon but misunderstanding of what difference they can make in the world. Don't want to discourage but need to think about the most effective way of affecting issues. Point is that people would not be prevented from discussing issues but deeper impact on the issues.

n. agree that important that when passing policy to think about how can be effective. Mandate someone to do something; don't agree with tokenistic motions, various sus work together and get things done. Need to be constructive. This clause isn't going to affect this, stops us doing things.

Inquorate so council business in 7th week. Start earlier

Provision for special council?