

## Council Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> week Michaelmas term 2012

5<sup>th</sup> Week Council to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in Wadham College

If you have any questions about OUSU Council, please contact Oliver Gleeson, the Chair, at [chair@ousu.org](mailto:chair@ousu.org)

- a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- b. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- c. Ratifications in Council
- d. Elections in Council
  - 2 positions for Deputy Returning Officer
  - 5 positions for Complaints Committee
  - 2 positions for Scrutiny Committee
  - 2 positions for Internal Affairs
  - 1 Divisonal Board Representative - Undergraduate Medical Sciences
  - 2 positions for the Joint Subcommittee of the Education Committee with Student Members
- 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. Motions to Amend the Constitution or Standing Orders
- l. The Budget or Amended Budget
- m. Motions Authorising Capital Expenditure
  1. Money for 'Managing Your Supervisor' Event Motion
- n. Other Motions
  2. Appointment of DRO
- o. Any Other Business

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### a. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes passed no matters arising

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### d. Elections in Council

The following positions were elected in OUSU Council of 5<sup>th</sup> week.

**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.

**1 position for Scrutiny Committee** - Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinizing the work of the Executive. For more information contact [scrutiny@ousu.org](mailto:scrutiny@ousu.org).

No hustings requested.

Chris Gray (Merton) was elected to the post of DRO.

Junho Hyun-Sack (Keble) was elected to Scrutiny Committee.

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## **e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers**

### **President - David J Townsend**

OUSU is doing Movember started by some guys in Melbourne in 2004. It has really taken off here, take a look at report and see where you can donate.

### **Vice President Access & Academic Affairs - David Messling**

Number of hustings has gone up we have had over 20 thanks so much for all those who have hosted them and attended them.

### **Vice President Graduates - Chris Gray**

Nothing to add, just run the supervisor meeting and it will go online shortly.

### **Vice President Welfare & Equal Opportunities - Katie Colliver**

Next week Disability Awareness week, have got Abnormally Funny people performing on Tuesday in St Johns tickets on sale please attend.

### **Vice President Charities & Community - Sarah Santhosham**

This week is living wage week. Range of activities going on this week. Tomorrow night a meeting for everyone interested in extended their work on this.

### **Vice President Women - Suzanne Holsomback**

Major student wins. Wanted to highlight had the first meeting of the ending sexual violence campaign. Lots of people with lots of great ideas. Really exciting if you want it to happen in your college then get in touch.

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

Alex Cibulskis -

chair of scrutiny interview sabs and exec to see how the officers are doing and how OUSU is doing and try to make recommendations. Also want your feedback and suggestions if anyone has a comment they want to make. Send to [scrutiny@ousu.org](mailto:scrutiny@ousu.org) in the next week.

Both elected 46 to 2

No reports from the Exec.

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## **i. Passage of Motions Nem Con**

### **1. Money for 'Managing Your Supervisor' Event Motion**

#### **Council Notes:**

1. That OUSU has organised a 'Managing Your Supervisor' Workshop with Ingrid Lunt, an expert in postgraduate education.
2. That the event was filled within 24 hours of the notice going out to students.
3. That OUSU will be filming the event and will be putting it online as a resource for all graduate students in the future.
4. That OUSU has had the room fee waived at Exam Schools (£220) and has raised £100 from the Oxford Learning Institute to pay for most of the £150 cost of filming.
5. That there remains £50 to be paid for filming.

**Council Believes:**

1. That this event will provide a useful resource for graduates in the future.
2. That considering £320 has already been raised from other sources £50 is a small contribution.
3. That OUSU should use its discretionary fund to support events and resources like this for postgraduate students.

**Council Resolves:**

1. To spend £50 from the discretionary campaigns budget on this event.

**Proposed:** Christopher Gray (Merton)

**Seconded:** Katie Colliver (Univ)

Passes Nem Con

**2. Appointment of DRO**

**Council Notes:**

1. Election Regulation 3.3 (see Appendix 1)
2. No Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) was appointed in 1st Week Council
3. Council has not established a procedure for appointing a DRO under 3.3 of the new regulations
4. Statutory Annual Elections are happening this term

**Council Believes:**

1. That having a DRO to assist the Returning Officer (RO) would greatly assist the Statutory Annual Elections being conducted fairly and properly
2. That Council should establish a procedure for appointing a DRO in the event that a DRO is not appointed after 1st Week Council
3. That an appointed DRO should have familiarity with OUSU and its elections
4. That Council should leave one vacancy for the role of DRO so that someone could nominate later than 1st Week

**Council Resolves:**

1. To establish this procedure for the appointment of DROs under regulation 3.3 of the Election Regulations: "If no DROs have been elected by 1st Week Council in the term during which Statutory Annual Elections take place, or if there are no DROs due to vacancies arising, the RO may appoint no more than one current Sabbatical Officer as a DRO."

**Proposed:** David Bagg (Balliol)

**Seconded:** Chris Gray (Merton)

Passes Nem Con

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**m. Motions Authorising Capital Expenditure**

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**Council Notes:**

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**n. Other Motions**

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## **O. Any other Business**

Husts for OUSU elections to follow Council at 6pm.