

Minutes for ousu council 5th week trinity term 2002

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m. other motions

I. Life advertising ban

Procedural Motion: secret ballot

Motion FAILS

Procedural Motion: recorded ballot

Motion PASSES

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's, proposing: I'd like the Life pregnancy care centre to advertise. It provides useful welfare services, the ban was placed because concerns existed because counsellors were pro-life. Their code of ethics says they should not give directive advice unless asked – counsellors are asked to discuss in whatever manner client wishes. I really think this is not directive. Life provides baby clothes, info on social services, medication, and assistance.

??, Pembroke: Are not all Life counsellors trained?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: Yes, but every untrained counsellor has a senior counsellor as a supervisor – trained counsellors do most post-abortion counselling.

Andrew Copson, Balliol: What evidence have you seen that it's non-directive?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: I've talked to Ms. Paula Flynn, who said that if one of her counsellors was giving directive advice they would be dismissed.

James Rowlands, Pembroke: Where does Ethics committee state in its report that Life doesn't have a directive policy?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: Ethics concluded that pro-life counsellors couldn't be completely non-pro-life, but that that didn't make it directive.

Antonia Bance, Somerville: Are you aware that over-turning the ban will still not allow Life's address and phone details in welfare material?

Jane McTaggart, Harris Manchester: What evidence is there that for referrals to Life?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: from Life.

Question: Did Life acknowledge pro-life stance in its advertisements?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: no, but Life doesn't mention pro-life stuff.

Point of information: Life has a picture of a fetus on its publicity – could be seen as pro-life.

John Craig: In what way is Life non-directive?

Procedural motion: Move to debate

Motion FAILS

Jack Clifford, CCC: Is Life on the British Pregnancy Advice Service site?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: Yes

Jack Clifford, CCC: Does OUSU have a link to this site?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: Yes

Laura Santana, St. Hilda's: If any counselling service were found to give directive statements, would that mandate OUSU to ban it?

James Rowlands, Pembroke: It could be banned by council.

Nicky Ellis, Queen's: What does 'client-led' mean?

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: 'Directive' means a client not knowing where to go, whereupon the counsellor directs.

Procedural Motion: Move to Debate

Motion PASSES

Speech in Opposition:

Antonia Bance, Somerville: I've had a long history dealing with Life. I called them to try the service, as did others in OUSU. Advice was judgemental and directive. The service only covers one option. In this way we violate OUSU pro-choice policy.

Procedural Motion: Move to Vote

Motion PASSES

Summary in proposition:

Sarah Taylor, St. Hilda's: This is important for student welfare, and we shouldn't cut off info from our students.

Summary in opposition:

Antonia Bance, Somerville: I've already spoken about why this is bad, please vote it down.

Recorded vote taken: For: 8 votes, Against: 65 votes, Abstentions: 1

2. Recycling

Proposing: Luke Haywood, Somerville:

City Council proposes that they will take rubbish for recycling from colleges. This is a great move. This move needs your support.

SFQs:

Tessa Davies, Wadham: What's the current setup?

Luke Haywood, Somerville: The council's green box scheme.

Rebecca Wilkinson, Teddy Hall: Is this motion ultra vires?

Eleanor Fletcher: It does affect students as students, so no.

EF: Will the city council extend this scheme to university departments, including OUSU?

Luke Haywood, Somerville: I'm not sure.

Jane McTaggart, Harris Manchester: Do you have any leaflets on how we can comply with this scheme?

Luke Haywood: Environment committee has guidelines, but we thought it'd be better for colleges to decide the eventual form of recycling. There's a Green Guide Handbook though.

Josh Kern, Pembroke: CropOxfoReaping – are they involved in the current scheme?

Luke Haywood, Somerville: No.

George Toynbee, Balliol: Our bursar said recycling bins are a safety hazard. What can you say about that?

Luke Haywood: That it's a very bad argument.

Move to Debate

Amendment: Proposed by Jack Clift, CCC:

Strike 'JCR and MCR Presidents' from Believes 5.

Proposition: It's silly to motivate Presidents. If Environment Reps want to do it, then they can.

Opposition: There's nothing wrong with motivation!

Amendment FALLS

Procedural Motion: Move to vote

Motion PASSES

Main Motion PASSES

3. Trades Council

Procedural Motion: That motion not be put

Motion FALLS

Proposing: Pete Morton, Somerville:

This motion mandates delegates to go to Trades Union Council and propose the motion in italics.

SFQs:

Josh Kern, Pembroke: Is this ultra vires?

Pete Morton, Somerville: It's one trade union giving money to a trade union – it's okay.

John Townsend, University : Why are we even members of Trades Union Council?

John Craig, New: We're a student union. This is a body for unions. Hence, we're members.

Move to Vote

Main Motion PASSES