

OUSU

council minutes

5th week Council held on Wednesday 26th May in the Vernon Harcourt Room at St Hilda's

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a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

7th week council moved to Wednesday of 8th Week. Policy lapse booklet details policy due to lapse this year. If you wish OUSU to retain any of the motions you must submit a motion to OUSU Thursday of 7th week. Please email motions@ousu.org.

Chair explains procedural information.

No issues minutes passed. No matters arising

d. Elections in Council

Community Outreach and Charities Officer.

Genevieve Laurier (Hertford):

Not a member of anything, zero, zero.

I am first year PPE ist from Hertford, I sit on OxHub Volunteers exec, also run two charitable projects, Kids Adventure and Talent. Really involved, also like to support other projects, haven't managed to get involved with RAG yet, would like to increase relationship with OxHub and RAG, a lot of relevant experience, passionate about local community and student involvement. Proportion of students involved in community volunteering and would like to coordinate with RAG so students feel incentivised.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

Build bridges between RAG and OxHub, one of the biggest things is people say they don't have enough time, how would you get them to.

Genevieve Laurier (Hertford):

Certain point where have too many things to do. To say you don't have time, amount of time you commit is up to you, sometime not just about money. We had an auction for people to bid there time. Think both equally valid, think if we could build them.

One area which you see is important for community outreach?

Genevieve Laurier (Hertford):

One of the key difficulties, is that projects which do the same things, Jacari, and other reading projects, think time is being wasted, should be greater cooperation, would get fewer and more reputable projects, rather than many.

If you were elected when would you start.

Genevieve Laurier (Hertford):

Would start as soon as possible

The OUSU Returning Officer.

Jonathan Edwards Balliol College

No. Zero, zero.

Council requests a hust.

75 seconds given.

Jonathan Edwards (Balliol):

Would like to be returning officer, have plenty of time to do, it am able dedicate time, understand stv, and keen because wants to be involved in OUSU as does serious work, would enjoy administering election.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Do you have experience dealing with difficult people and how did it go.

Jonathan Edwards (Balliol):

I am a good mediator, and have resolved disputes in college amicably. Study law and have done work experience where clients have difficulties.

No experience running elections on a large scale.

If you haven't an answer fine. If you would change one thing about OUSU elections what would it be?

Jonathan Edwards (Balliol):

Outstanding thing is lack of candidates, and we should really push for more candidates, system is good, but need to advertise more broadly and get in more involved conduct.

Potentially interested in being RO for Michaelmas.

No further questions.

RO: Vote first preference or second preference on voting slips.

Deputy Returning Officer.

Stefan giving message from candidate

Hi I'm Rahul from st Benets first year PPE and currently acting President of my hall. Feel can help student voice be heard, will commit time and effort to the role. So let me have a go.

Vote in same way.

e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

Stefan Baskerville - President

Nothing to add

Kat Wall – VP Women

Nothing to add

Dani Quinn – VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

Nothing to add

Jonny Medland – VP Access & Academic Affairs

One quick thing, most in report, draw attention to the Student Response to the University Teaching Model, big project thanks to the committees to colleges who assisted us. Update on what is happening, myself and Hannah are presenting in next week to various committees it was briefly raised in University council. Able demonstrating how students can be powerful agents for change quote. The first point, a couple of common rooms have asked to come to your JCR's to discuss this further, really exciting and university responding in way I hoped they would do but wasn't sure that they would. Think my successor will take this forward so would urge you to read it, there have been copies sent to you and are copies here. Very big project not over and University taking incredibly serious.

Point of Order

To give Hannah and Jonny a round of applause.

Eorann Lean – VP Charities & Community

Only thing to say, tomorrow at 6.00pm in OUSU, meeting about Jailbreak, its larger than lost, get as far as possible from Oxford.

Sarah Hutchinson – VP Graduates

Sorry for no written report, lots of meetings. Bigger things, one thing is working DPhil 4th year fee liability. Since last time I have submitted OUSU submission for consultation, pointed out bad idea. If grads here or those thinking of doing a D Phil, feelings mixed in University, if have grad friends, so is potential for making a move.

Comparison of Masters at different university fees look cheaper, but in some colleges students don't know what paying for, pushing for greater transparency, going to be some changes to it.

Points based immigration reporting, going through at moment, kinks are being ironed out. If you as college reps are approached who are concerned about it, get them to get in touch with me, there are things that can be done to assist them and advise them they shouldn't panic.

PGA doesn't work looking to change representation for graduates.

Working on accommodation website. Lots of people now, for those of you who don't make it through council just to let you know we go to the pub somewhere, so please stick around.

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

Yuan Yang - Women's Officer

If interested in gender equality please turn to my report, new pie group looks at issues of gender and sex in society. If you would like us to come to our common room, we can hold a discussion and we can invite people to discuss with me. Urge you to sign up on new pie in your common room, great first step to get your common room engaged in gender equality. Can send an email to me or sign up on the sheet, hope to see you all in the near future.

Do you intend the meetings to be at end of JCR meeting?

Depends on the college, whatever is a good time for your common room, just let me know and we'll turn up.

Jack Matthews - Common Room Support Officer

Two things to add, had OUSU reps meeting on Saturday, it was a very productive OUSU reps meeting and raised issues of how OUSU communicates and there will be changes. This change will come into play on Saturday of 7th week, will be different from how they were.

MPLS looking into model answers, and is going to academic committee. Is something that department has proposed itself, if you want to feedback into this please contact me.

About Sky TV?

Some common rooms from Reading, Cambridge, Durham all on board once finish finals will work on it. Passed a motion through council, am going to write a letter and send it to other universities.

Meeting may not be Saturday, I will circulate a doodle poll as I want to see as many OUSU reps as possible.

g. Passage of Motions Nem Con

1. Report from NUS Conference

Opposition

2. NUS Affiliation

Passes Nem Com

3. Representing Students with Disabilities

Opposition

k. First reading of Motions to Amend the Constitution or Standing Orders

1. Clubs and Societies Support Officer

Council notes:

1. The increased support OUSU has been offering to clubs and societies over the past year.
2. That the Common Room Support Officer currently fulfils the role.
3. That the Common Room Support Officer already has a full portfolio.

Council believes:

1. That Clubs and Societies perform an important and essential role in student life.
2. The current work of OUSU in supporting Clubs and Societies can be greatly expanded.
3. That Clubs and Societies deserve their own Executive Officer

Council resolves:

1. To remove SO.D.1.2:
"OUSU shall have seventeen part-time members of the Executive, thirteen of whom shall be executive officers and four of whom shall be graduate executive officers."
and replace it with:
"OUSU shall have eighteen part-time members of the Executive, fourteen of whom shall be executive officers, and four of whom shall be graduate executive officers."
To amend SO.D.1.3, by inserting:

“, a Clubs and Societies Support Officer”
after the words “a Mature Students Officer”.
To insert A.3.n) into Schedule Four - Job Descriptions:
“3.n) Clubs and Societies Support Officer
Maintain a mail list of Clubs and Societies across the University, as completely as possible.
Attend University Clubs Committee.
Provide training and resources to Clubs and Societies as their needs dictate.
Provide a workshop, preferably once a term, but at least once an academic year, on how to set up a student society and how to register with the Proctors.”

Proposed: Jack Matthews (St. Peter's)
Seconded: Ian Lyons (St. Edmund Hall)

Jack Matthews (St Peters):
About a year ago became apparent no support for clubs and societies, I picked this up and since then have been doing training on how to register with the proctors, and register for funding. And there is money for clubs and societies to apply for, emergency financial situation, or a big project. Money available and recommend anyone involved to apply. Basically the role has grown of clubs and societies support, now too big to put onto common room support. Students aren't happy with common room support, next person shouldn't have to do both, they both deserve individuals to do this role.

Alice Heath (Univ):
University societies or just college?

Jack Matthews (St Peters):
No reason why can't support both. Do training on registering and finances, also developing to individual roles. Using mi-voice, can have post delivered and also setting up a bank account for them with Santander

Jesse Harber (St Catz):
Will we get another Jack Matthews

Jack Matthews (St Peters):
No won't be standing but if anyone interested in doing this, please do come and speak to me would like to groom someone in a nice way. Maybe will be a budding JJM.

No opposition - Passes

2. Memorandum and Articles of Association

Council notes:

1. That after decisions taken in 2007 by students through Council and Referendum, OUSU is becoming a charitable company limited by guarantee and will register with the Charity Commission.
2. It is intended that OUSU will be registered and take its new form during the summer vacation.
3. The attached Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&A).
4. That an M&A is the means by which OUSU becomes a charitable company limited by guarantee (the process of 'incorporation').
5. Benefits of incorporation include limited liability for OUSU trustees, a defined membership structure, with a clear set of responsibilities for a formal trustee board to deliver the benefits of the charity to its members.
6. That the M&A has been circulated a number of times for consultation, and significant student feedback has been received and taken into account, including substantive drafting changes.
7. That a majority of trustees (9 of 13) are elected students (6 sabbatical officers and 3 directly elected student trustees).
8. That the remaining 4 places on the board are reserved for external trustees, who will be appointed by Council after their nomination by a new Nominations Committee. External trustees will not be students or employees of the University of Oxford or its Colleges.

9. That OUSU can continue in its current form until agreement is reached with the University and the activities and undertakings of OUSU can be transferred across into the company structure established by the M&A. In the meantime, a company can be established with the M&A to prepare for this process.

Council believes:

1. The attached M&A are a positive change in OUSU's governance and will enhance OUSU's ability to represent and deliver for students.
2. That after the resolution of some urgent challenges earlier this year, governance change is the last remaining step in putting OUSU on a stable footing.

Council resolves:

1. To adopt the attached M&A to allow a new company to be set up, into which the activities and undertakings of the current OUSU will be transferred on the Effective Date, after discussions with the University are complete and agreement has been reached.

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (Univ)

Seconded: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Not going to repeat all of stuff have said it before, this is the structure of the new charitable company limited by guarantee. New body separate from university will be a contract between the university and us to state our obligations to each other. I have another meeting about the contract tomorrow. What this does is to establish the structure of the company. Adopting this, is the first formal step in the process of setting up a charity. At the effective date, we will have agreed the operating agreement, then the activities will be transferred to the new structure. Doesn't come into place tomorrow, but on the effective date once discussion with uni on operating agreement have come into place.

We had significant engagement with this, it has now come to set the process in motion, so that by September will be set up.

Chair:

If you wish to amend them now is the best time. As will only come to one termly council.

Question raised about having two categories of Sabbatical officers. Felt that all six should share management of the student union.

Does this have implications with charity commission?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

We have increased the number to 13 so 6 sabbatical officers, has to be 50% paid trustees. Essentially 7 unpaid and 6 paid.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Why there is something of a chance that people will have to approve a similar document in week 8.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

This is a feat the same as urgent challenges, this is an ongoing process. The university has its lawyers working on it, there will be negotiations going on, don't think uni should sit on it. They may show resistance and ask for tweeking we hope that the uni will be satisfied with this draft, but if the uni requires changes we may have to do them.

Hoping going to tell me at 11.00am tomorrow, have to go to two uni councils in 7th week in order to go to council in 9th week if so then can do in the summer holidays. The key people know we can do, we just need people to come back to us fast. The version that goes to 7th week committees, if changes you would need to approve in 8th week before goes to council in 9th week.

No opposition passes.

3. Constitutional Changes Referendum

Council Notes:

1. That OUSU is adopting a Memorandum & Articles of Association as its Governing Documents prior to registering as an independent charity later in 2010.
2. That these documents will supersede the existing Constitution and Standing Orders as the Governing Documents of OUSU.
3. That as a result of this change certain sections of the Constitution & Standing Orders will need to be amended or repealed.
4. That in order for this to take place before the end of Trinity Term the simplest mechanism for amending the Constitution is a referendum which would make the necessary changes.
5. That necessary Standing Order Changes are on the agenda for this meeting of Council and will - if passed - be submitted to the agenda for Termly Council in week 8 of this term.
6. That if these changes are not made by the end of Trinity Term than there will be inconsistencies and inclarities in the OUSU Governing Documents in Michaelmas Term.

Council Believes:

1. That necessary changes to the OUSU Constitution should take place this term, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company).
2. That for this referendum to take place the following timetable should be followed.
 - a) That nominations for 'Yes' and 'No' campaigns should be opened by the Returning Officer at midday on Thursday of week 5 of Trinity Term 2010, closing at midday on Thursday of week 6 of Trinity Term 2010.
 - b) That all JMB entries validly submitted should be posted online and on the OUSU noticeboard by Friday of week 6 of Trinity Term 2010.
 - c) That all complaints about a JMB entry should be submitted by midday on Monday of week 7 of Trinity Term 2010, with the RO following the procedure laid down in Standing Order C.l.f.l.v for complaints about JMB entries submitted after this point.
 - d) That polling in the referendum should take place online from 8am-6pm on Tuesday of week 8 of Trinity Term 2010.

Council Resolves:

1. To hold a referendum on the timeframe given in 'Council Believes'.
2. For the referendum question to be on the following changes to the OUSU Constitution:
 - a) To strike from Preamble 2.1.b) of the Constitution, "All Student Members, other than those who exercise their right as laid down herein to opt out of membership of OUSU, shall be full members of OUSU. No other persons, excepting the Sabbatical Officers as laid down herein, shall be entitled to full membership of OUSU."
 - b) To strike Preamble 3 from the Constitution.
 - c) To rename Article A2 of the Constitution "Equality and the Bye-Laws" and to amend Article A.2.1 to read "Nothing in this Article shall prejudice any provision of the Articles or Bye-Laws"
 - d) To amend Article B.1.1 of the Constitution to read "Within the limits set out in the Articles and the Bye-Laws, the Council shall be the principal representative, deliberative, and policy guideline-making body of OUSU , working closely with its governing body (the Trustees). For the avoidance of doubt the Council does not have primacy over the contracts and working conditions of the non-elected staff employed by OUSU".
 - e) To amend Article B.8.1.b) of the Constitution to read "Immediately prior to the fourth Ordinary Meeting of Council in each term there shall be held a Termly Meeting of Council, which shall confine itself to

consideration of proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws, the Election of the Chair of Council, the Election of the Returning Officer, and the receipt of Termly Reports as provided for in Standing Orders.”

f) To amend Article B.9.1.a) of the Constitution to read "Council's power to amend the Bye-Laws, and to make Policy Guidelines, shall not be delegated except as laid down herein. The power to pass motions of Censure and of No Confidence in officers of OUSU is vested solely in Council unless otherwise provided for in the Articles. Other powers of Council may be delegated by resolution of Council only in relation to a particular instance, and for a particular period of time, specified in the motion whereby the power(s) in question is/are delegated."

g) To amend Article C.5.1 of the Constitution to read "It shall be the duty of the members of the Executive to act in accordance with, and in a manner consistent with, the Bye-Laws and the objects of OUSU as those objects appear in the Articles and in OUSU Policy Guidelines."

h) To amend Article D.1.1 of the Constitution to read "OUSU shall ballot its membership on a day, chosen in a manner laid down in Standing Orders, after the Monday of 5th Week in each Michaelmas Term in Statutory Annual Elections for the purpose of electing the Sabbatical Officers, Student Trustees, and Executive and Graduate Officers."

i) To insert Article D15.1 of the Constitution, reading

"15 Filling of vacancies for a Student Trustee

15.1 A vacancy for Student Trustee shall be filled by an election in Council." And to renumber accordingly.

j) To amend Article E.4.1 of the Constitution to read: "Except as is provided herein or in the Articles regarding Sabbatical Officers, Trustees and members of the Executive, any person holding any office under OUSU, including that of Chair of any Permanent Committee or a member of any Permanent Committee Executive Committee, may be removed from that office only where a Motion of No Confidence in him/her is passed by a two-thirds vote of Council. Nothing in this clause shall apply to any paid member of non-elected OUSU Staff."

k) To amend Article E.6.5 of the Constitution to read: "By nature of their autonomy each equal opportunities campaign will have the right to pass their own policy. This will not need to be ratified by OUSU council because the policy they pass will be representative of the strict subset of students which the campaign represents. With each policy passed the campaign will have the option of having their policy ratified by OUSU council. However, Policy Guidelines must be brought to OUSU council if:

(i) the motion is financial

(ii) the motion uses the name of OUSU or has wider implications for the students of OUSU outside of the equal opportunities campaign

(iii) the motion contradicts the OUSU Bye-Laws or Articles.

Motions passed by any OUSU equal opportunities campaign must be made available to members of OUSU Council for their information. Anyone may bring a motion to OUSU council in objection to the policy of the autonomous equal opportunities campaign. OUSU Council and the equal opportunities campaign may hold contradicting policies.

l) To replace 'VP/Finance' in Article E.6.7 of the Constitution with 'General Manager'

m) To amend Article F7 of the Constitution to read,

"7. Sabbatical Remuneration

7.1 The level of remuneration to be received by the Sabbatical Officers shall be determined by Council"

and to Strike Article F8 of the Constitution.

n) To amend Article G.1.1(a) of the Constitution to read, "A Special Meeting of Council may be called to reconsider any specified motion or motions passed or rejected up to 21 days previously by any Ordinary, Extraordinary, or Termly Meeting of Council, or any Policy Guidelines passed by any previous Special Meeting of Council and still valid."

o) To amend article G.3 of the Constitution to read,

"3. Special Council and Amendments to the Bye-Laws

3.1 (a) If the motion to be reconsidered is the First or Second Reading of a proposed Amendment to the Rules, or the First Reading of a proposed Amendment to Standing Orders, and at that Reading in Ordinary or Termly Council as the case may be, the proposed Amendment was passed by the majority required under Article H below, the reconsideration at the Special Meeting of Council shall be considered the next (and, where appropriate, the Final) Reading of that Amendment.

(b) If the motion to be reconsidered is the First, Second, or Final Reading of a proposed Amendment to the Rules, or the First Reading of a proposed Amendment to Standing Orders, and at that Reading in Ordinary or Termly Council as the case may be, the proposed Amendment was not passed by the majority required under Article H below, the reconsideration at the Special Meeting of Council shall be considered the same (and, where appropriate, the Final) Reading of that Amendment.

(c) No proposed Amendment to the Bye-Laws, having received the majority required under Article H below at its Final Reading, shall then be referred to a Special Meeting of Council.

(d) Once a petition or request under 1(b) above has been received, or a motion under 1(b) above passed, to reconsider a proposed Amendment to the Bye-Laws, that proposed Amendment shall receive no further Reading prior to the Special Meeting of Council."

p) To amend Article G.5 of the Constitution to read,

"5. Referenda and the Bye-Laws

5.1 Where the matter referred to a Referendum is a proposed Amendment to the Bye-Laws, the Referendum shall be considered the Final Reading of that proposed Amendment as under Article H below; but the requirements of Article H below regarding the necessity of a two-thirds majority at a Final Reading shall be inoperative."

q) To amend all references to "Policy" in Article G6 of the Constitution to "Policy Guidelines" and to amend all references to the "Constitution or Standing Orders" to "Bye-Laws"

r) To amend Article H of the Constitution to read,

"Article H – Amendments to the Bye-Laws and the Lapse of Policy Guidelines

1. Procedure for Amending the Bye-Laws

1.1 (a) Except as provided under G3 and G5 above, Amendments to the Rules must be passed at a First Reading at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting of Council by a simple majority, at a Second Reading at the Termly Meeting of Council in the same term by a two-thirds vote, and at a Final Reading at the Termly Meeting of Council the following term by a two-thirds vote.

(b) Except as provided under G3 and G5 above, Amendments to Standing Orders must be passed at a First Reading at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting of Council by a simple majority, and at a Final Reading at the Termly Meeting of Council in the same term by a two-thirds vote.

(c) Proposed Amendments to the Bye-Laws may not receive their First Reading at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council in any term, or at any Extraordinary Meeting of Council held after the Third Ordinary Meeting of Council in any term.

(d) Each Amendment to the Bye-Laws, having fulfilled the requirements laid down above, shall take effect once ratified by University Council or by such body to which University Council shall delegate the said power of ratification, and shall take effect immediately if already so ratified. The Bye-Laws shall be subject to quinquennial review by University Council or by such body to which University Council shall delegate its power of review.

2. Policy Guideline Creation and Lapse of Policy Guidelines

2.1 (a) All Policy Guidelines passed by Council after the end of Hilary Term 2003 shall remain valid during the academic year in which it is passed and throughout the three subsequent academic years unless overturned by a subsequent Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting of Council, or by a Special Meeting of Council, or by a subsequent Referendum, or by a procedure specified in the Articles.

(b) Policy Guidelines determined by Special Meetings of Council shall remain valid for the same period, and shall not during that period be overturned or amended other than by a subsequent Special Meeting of Council, or by a subsequent Referendum, or by a procedure specified in the Articles.

(c) At the start of the term before Policy Guidelines lapse (usually at the beginning of Trinity Term) a Policy Lapse Booklet shall be distributed (including but not exclusively via OUSU Council and the OUSU website). This Booklet is for the information of OUSU members who may wish to see OUSU reaffirm its lapsing Policy Guidelines.

(d) Policy Guidelines determined by Referendums shall remain valid for the same period and shall not, during that period, be overturned or amended other than by a subsequent Referendum or by a procedure specified in the Articles.

(e) An Indicative Poll shall not automatically determine Policy Guidelines; but following an Indicative Poll it shall be the duty of the President to propose, and to find a seconder for, a motion in response to the results of the said Indicative Poll.

(f) Amendments to the Bye-Laws shall remain valid until subsequently amended as prescribed herein or in the Articles.

(g) Policy Guidelines shall not be determined by any means other than those prescribed herein or in the Articles, except that the Executive shall have the power, where two thirds of all the members of the Executive concur both as to the urgent necessity of action and as to the nature that action should take, to act on behalf of OUSU. Any decisions of the Executive under this Clause shall fall if not ratified at the next meeting of Council.

s) To amend Article I.1 of the Constitution to read: "Within the limits prescribed in the Articles and the Bye-Laws, the Postgraduate Assembly shall be a representative and deliberative body for graduate members of OUSU with the power to pass Policy Guidelines on matters as they relate to graduate students (subject to ratification in Council).

t) To replace all references to "Constitution" in Article J.1 and J.2 with "Rules".

u) To amend Article J3 of the Constitution to read

“3. Primacy of the Rules

3.1 Any part of any Schedule which is inconsistent with these Rules, or not adapted in accordance with the Rules, shall be null and void, as shall any part of any Policy Guidelines passed other than in accordance with these Rules. The Articles shall have primacy over the Rules in the event of any inconsistency between the two documents.”

v) To amend Article K of the Constitution in the following ways:

By inserting a definition of Articles as “‘Articles’ means the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the charitable company The Oxford University Student Union (which is due in 2010 to be incorporated as a company and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission), as agreed by Oxford University Student Union in Trinity Term 2010 and as may be amended at any point thereafter.”

By inserting a definition of Bye-Laws as “‘Bye-Laws’ mean the Rules & Standing Orders of Oxford University Student Union as agreed by Oxford University Student Union and as may be amended at any point thereafter.”

By amending all references in Article K to ‘this Constitution’ to “these Rules”.

By amending all references in Article K to “Policy” to “Policy Guidelines”.

w) To amend Article D 7 of the Constitution by renaming it ‘Use of Voting Systems and inclusion of RON in elections’ and to insert

“7.2. Elections for the positions of Student Trustees and NUS Delegates shall be conducted by Single Transferable Vote. There shall be no RON option in elections for Student Trustees and NUS Delegates.”

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen’s)

Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Jonny Medland (The Queen’s):

Each of the next 5 motions are amendments to our governing documents to make them make sense in line with the articles of association, we can do a lot of them in council Changes to the constitution can’t usually do over one term. What this motion is doing is arranging a referendum on technicalities, references to constitution struck because of new structure which voted to adopt. Anticipating it may be the least controversial referendum in student union history.

Jessie Harber (St Catz):

What is quorum?

No quorum requirement.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund)

If this motion passes when do the changes come into place?

Jonny Medland (The Queen’s):

Believes I. covers this will come into effect on the effective date.

Lukas Wallrich (Merton):

The M and A may still change, would we then have to go through this again.

Jonny Medland (The Queen’s):

Hard for me to see how could, as things uni may have problems with are likely to be things relating to student trustees etc, things which are not yet in our governing documents. The numbers may change but they will still be there.

David

Is a referendum needed?

Only one way we can do this, is by getting you to get your mandates from your colleges.

No opposition – motion passes

Results of Elections

DRO – Rahul St Benets now deputy returning officer

RO – Jonathan Edwards now returning officer

COC officer – Genevieve Laurier.

4. Reconciliation of Standing Orders with the Articles of Association

Council Notes:

1. That the introduction of a Memorandum & Articles of Association requires the OUSU Standing Orders to be amended in order to ensure consistency between the Articles and Standing Orders.
2. That this can take place in Council in weeks 5 and 8 of Trinity Term with revised Standing Orders being in place from Michaelmas Term onwards.

Council Believes:

1. That the following changes should be made to ensure consistency between the Articles and the Standing Orders.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend the Standing Orders in the following ways, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company).
 - a) To replace all references to the "Constitution" with "Rules" except as designated below.
 - b) To replace all references to the "Constitution and/or Standing Orders" with "Bye-Laws".
 - c) To replace all references to the "Constitution or Standing Orders" with "Bye-Laws"
 - d) To replace "Constitution, Standing Orders" in B.7.1.a), C.4.a), C.5.a.1), C.5b.8.iii), C.5c.ii), C.6a.i) with "Articles, Bye-Laws"
 - e) To replace "Constitution" in B.7.2.a) with "Articles and Bye-Laws"
 - f) To replace all references to "Policy" in Standing Order B with either "Policy Guideline" or "Policy Guidelines" as grammatically appropriate.
 - g) To replace "Constitution, Standing Orders" in C.4.b.2), J.2.1, J.2.7 with "Bye-Laws"
 - h) To replace "these Standing Orders, in the Constitution" in C.5a.9) with "the Articles, Bye-Laws"
 - i) To amend Standing Order G.1.1 to read "The President shall have responsibility for ensuring that these Financial Standing Orders are observed. All Standing Orders within this section should be read in line with the responsibilities of the Trustees as defined in the Articles."
 - j) To amend Standing Order G.6.3 to read "The governing board of OSSL shall be composed in the manner laid down in the Memorandum & Articles of Association of OSSL."
 - k) To amend Standing Order J.1.1 to read "Council shall be empowered to make Regulations governing the administration and execution of Standing Orders, provided such Regulations do not contradict any express provision of the Articles or Bye-Laws."

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Following on from David's question we can do standing order changes, this week and termly council. As with the const changes which you voted for a referendum on this tidies up the Standing orders.

No opposition

5. Amendment to the Schedule of Associate Organisations

Council Notes:

1. That the introduction of a Memorandum & Articles of Association requires the OUSU Schedules to be amended in order to ensure consistency between the Articles and Schedules.
2. That this can be done by a 2/3 majority of one meeting of Council in accordance with Article J.2.1.c) of the Constitution.

Council Believes:

1. That the Schedule of Associate Organisations should be amended, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company),
2. That the Schedule of Associate Organisations should also contain details around Associate Members, as specified in Article 12 of the Articles of Association.

Council Resolves:

1. To strike Schedule Two and replace it with:

“Schedule Two - Associate Organisations and Members

A. Associate Organisations

A 1. Amendment Procedure

1.1 This schedule may be amended as specified in Article J.2.1(c) of the Rules.

A 2. Associate Organisations

2.1 Associate organisations shall include:

i. The Ruskin College Student Association

B. Associate Members

B1. Procedures for Admittance

1.1 The Trustees shall have the power to admit individuals as Associate Members of OUSU. Any individuals admitted as Associate Members shall have their status as Associate Members presented for ratification by the next meeting of OUSU Council.

B2. Entitlement to OUSU Services

2.1 Associate Membership of OUSU shall not come with any entitlement to OUSU services beyond those determined by Council in accordance with any procedures specified in the Articles or Bye-Laws.”

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen’s)

Seconded: Sarah Hutchinson (St. Cross)

Jonny Medland (The Queen’s):

We need some way of appointing associate members, have to apply to trustees, then council would have to ratify. Not entirely clear why anyone would want to be an associate member, council would decide what benefits they can get, so that council can confer rights on them.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

Do you envisage charging a membership fee?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Answer no as haven't thought about it, if we did take on visiting students and it imposed costs, would have to be discussion with uni about this.

Question

What voting rights?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

None unless council voted to give them.

No opposition

6. Election of Student Trustees

Council Notes:

1. That the Articles of Association will require 3 Student Trustees to be elected to sit on the Trustee Board of OUSU.
2. That this motion enables candidates for Student Trustee to also run for the part-time Executive or NUS Delegate or both.
3. That it enables candidates for Student Trustee to run on slates in a manner similar to how other positions are elected.
4. That it also allows candidates for Student Trustee to run unslated.
5. That it sets an identical deposit and publicity budget as for candidates for the OUSU Executive.
6. That it sets a date at which Student Trustees take office, as required in the Articles of Association.
7. That it (along with the procedure stated in our current Constitution) clarifies the voting system by which Student Trustees will be elected.

Council Believes:

1. That there needs to be a procedure to elect Student Trustees.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order C.2.a.i), to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company), to read:

“Candidates may not stand in more than one concurrent Direct Election, with the following exceptions:

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Executive Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Sabbatical Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Graduate Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Student Trustee.

Candidates may stand for the position of Student Trustee and Executive Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of Student Trustee and Graduate Officer.

Candidates may stand for the positions of Student Trustee, Executive Officer and NUS delegate.

Candidates may stand for the positions of Student Trustee, Graduate Officer and NUS delegate.

In the event of a candidate standing for any position concurrently with standing for another elected position or positions, the expenditure and publicity limits laid out elsewhere in the Standing Orders shall not be cumulative, rather only the higher expenditure and publicity limit shall apply. ”

2. To strike from Standing Order C.2.a.2, “Council Delegate or”
3. To amend Standing Order C.2.c.i.vi to read, “A deposit, comprising £15 per NUS delegate candidate, £25 per executive or graduate executive candidate or candidate for Student Trustee, £50 per sabbatical candidate and £50 per referendum campaigning group.”
4. To insert Standing Order C.2.f.iv to read “Three candidates for Student Trustee” and amend Standing Order C.2.f.iv to read “Five candidates for NUS Delegate” and renumber accordingly.
5. To amend Standing Order C.2.h.4 to read “If there remain vacancies to be filled, this shall be done according to the Rules D.11-15.”
6. To amend Standing Order C.3.c.i.i to read “£50 per NUS delegate candidate or executive or graduate executive candidate or student trustee candidate”
7. To amend Standing Order C.4.a.4 to read “The elections for each sabbatical officer shall each be deemed separate elections. The election of the executive officers shall be considered separate elections, as shall the election of the graduate executive officers. The election of the NUS delegates shall be considered a single separate election, as shall the election of the student trustees. Each referendum question shall be deemed a separate poll. This shall not preclude the use of one or more joint ballot paper(s).”

8. To insert Standing Order C.6.3: "Student Trustees elected in the Statutory Annual Elections shall take office at midday on Sunday of week 9 of the Michaelmas Term in which they are elected."

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (University)

No opposition to friendly amendment. Motion stands amended

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Now have voted for student trustees, need to have some process for electing them what we have done here, is ensure that they are elected in student elections in Michaelmas, ensures that you can run on slates or not on slates. Creates a system for electing them and a date for them taking office, if a student resign can either be co-opted or a bi-election

Speech in opposition

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

Worries about this, but need to ask Jonny them. Inserting student trustees in the slate system will reinforce the OUSU slate, all bar one of the NUS delegates were slate coordinators, will be seen as way to get money onto presidential slate.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Why good idea run on slate. Is because want to have student trustees, when we limited number of exec candidates running on slates, had less candidates, we do it for every other position, 3rd reason, was a publicity budget, can only be spent on only trustees, Conclusion came to that wouldn't be taken as seriously as possible. Essentially would be nice for people to take our elections seriously, but need to get a cultural change rather than writing a different structure.

No opposition

7. Nominations Committee

Council Notes:

1. That OUSU will be incorporating as a company limited by guarantee prior to registering as an independent charity later in 2010.
2. That as a result of this process OUSU will have Trustees who will be responsible for the management and administration of OUSU.
3. That the Memorandum & Articles of Association create 13 Trustees - 9 students who are elected in cross-campus ballot (6 of whom will be sabbatical officers) and four external Trustees who cannot be students or employees of the University of Oxford or its Colleges.
4. That a Nominations Committee will have responsibility for nominating candidates for External Trustee to Council.
5. That Council will then be able to decide whether to accept or reject these candidates for External Trustee by a simple majority vote.
6. That any External Trustee will be able to be removed from their post, either by a simple majority of the Trustee Board voting to do so. or by a 2/3 majority of Council voting to remove them at two separate meetings of Council, or by a simple majority in a referendum provided that at least 1,000 members of OUSU vote in it.
7. That External Trustees will have four year terms of office which may be renewable once (either consecutively or non-consecutively).

Council Believes:

1. That the Nominations Committee should include an External Trustee, a nominee of the University, the OUSU President, and students.
2. That Trustees should never be a majority of the Nominations Committee to prevent a situation where Trustees can nominate candidates for Trustees.

Council Resolves:

I. To insert a new Standing Order, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company), as follows:

“E5: The Nominations Committee

5.1 The Nominations Committee shall have responsibility for nominating candidates for External Trustee to Council in accordance with the Articles.

5.2 The Nominations Committee shall consist of:

- i) The President, who shall chair the committee
- ii) An External Trustee selected by the Board of Trustees
- iii) Two members of the Executive, elected in the Executive, of whom no more than one shall be a Trustee.
- iv) Two members of OUSU, elected in Council, neither of whom shall be a Trustee.
- v) The Registrar of the University of Oxford or their nominee

5.3 All members of the Nominations Committee shall have one vote, with the Chair having a casting vote in the event of a tie. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members by a 2/3 majority of all voting members.

5.4 The Committee shall be responsible for determining the criteria against which potential nominees shall be considered. Council shall be asked to approve the criteria at the first meeting of Council in Michaelmas Term. Council shall have the power to amend the criteria against which potential nominees shall be considered.

5.5 Members of the Nominations Committee elected under 5.2.iii above shall be elected in the first meeting of the Executive in Hilary Term to serve for a year. Members of the Nominations Committee elected under 5.2.iv above shall be elected in the 1st Ordinary Meeting of Council of each academic year to serve for a year. Vacancies arising in either of these categories shall be filled by a by-election in Council in the case of members elected under 5.2.iv or an election in the Executive in the case of members elected under 5.2.iii.

5.6 Any candidate nominated to Council by the Committee must be approved as a Trustee by a simple majority vote of Council. In the event that Council rejects the nominee of the Committee then the Committee shall nominate two candidates (one of whom may be the previously rejected candidate), with Council choosing between the candidates by a simple majority vote.

5.7 The quorum for the Nominations Committee shall be four. For avoidance of doubt the Committee shall be able to conduct business by circulation if necessary provided that all voting members of the Committee are included in any such circulation and are given a reasonable opportunity to comment on any such circulation.

5.8 For the purposes of the Council Agenda as laid out in Standing Order B.4.1, consideration of recommendations from the Nominations Committee shall be Elections in Council.

5.9 External Trustees approved by Council shall hold office as specified in the Articles, taking office immediately after their approval by Council unless otherwise agreed by Council.

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen’s)
Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (Univ)

Amendment has a typo. 5.2.4 and last line 5.2.3.

Amendment stands amended and is accepted as friendly.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Just dealt with student trustees, now need to deal with external trustees. Most charities have nomination committees, this structure was developed after looking at other Unions and University. This is responsible for coming up with the set of criteria for nominees. 2nd point is the structure which is 5.2 in the motion. Never have trustees nominating trustees, the reason why university has representation on this, is because they don't have representation on trustees. We think it is a good thing for the uni to be represented on this as external trustees can bring things we can't to the organisation. A minority of the committee will always be trustees, students would always be in a majority on this. If council rejects a candidate for any reason, then the committee nominates two and council decides between.

Any chance for nominee of registrar to be a trustee.

Theoretically could be an abstract possibility, main point for uni to have representation, but would undermine why they asked us to put them on this.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Do they get paid?

Don't get paid. Paid minority on trustee board, why would people want to be on this? Alumni of Oxford might want to, but I wouldn't anticipate us having a problem, we hope that people with experience in higher education would be nominated.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund)

5.4 must come to first meeting of Michaelmas term. Most of the exec not here on summer. How will committee meet in time?

The answer is this committee will only be formed effectively in Michaelmas a messy handover were don't follow exactly what is written here.

I think what likely to happen is President will be on the Registrars nominee will be on. A slimmed down version will be working on drafting this over the summer. Don't think that we will have a version by the first week of Michaelmas, because when creating

Is there a quorum.

Quorum 4

What made you pick the first meeting of Council.

Not overly attached, but we do elections in first week to avoid rolling elections, gives continuity on committee. Think should be in Michaelmas, central husts take in 5th week so think it might be good idea to get them elected before then.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

5.4 strictly council has to approve criteria. Need to make an insertion.

Amend 5.4 2nd sentence to the following:

Council shall be asked to approve the criteria at the 1st meeting of Council in Michaelmas Term.

Proposed: Ian Lyons (St Edmund)

Seconded: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Amendment made.

Taken as friendly.

No opposition.

8. Elected Charities

Council Notes:

1. The Charities Executive is elected in Hilary Term of each year.
2. The new Charities Executive needs to plan events over the Long Vacation in order to start fundraising at the beginning of Michaelmas Term.

Council Believes:

1. The Charities Executive should know which charities it is raising funds for.
2. It is helpful for charities, especially the small local ones, to have money across the year rather than just one lump sum at the end.

Council Resolves:

1. To strike Standing Order G.9.1, and replace it with:
"G.9.1
a) Funds raised by Charities Committee shall be distributed to, usually, four charities each year, the majority of which shall do local work in Oxford.
b) The charities to which funds are distributed shall be decided by Charities Committee at the end of Hilary term, and shall take effect at the start of the Trinity term.
c) The allocation of the funds raised each term shall take place at the end of each term."

Proposed: Eorann Lean (St. Hugh's)

Seconded: Charlotte Le Fluffy (The Queen's)

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's)

At the moment RAG charities are elected in Michaelmas, this leaves us with a summer vac where we have no idea who we are raising money for. Think should be elected in Hilary term at the same time as the RAG exec.

Amendment 'place' into resolves 1c

SFQ

Kat Wall (LMH):

The charities we have at the moment we are going to continue with the ones we have RAG exec voted on this.

Motion passes

9. Survival Guide

Council Notes:

1. The Report of the Strategic Review Group which recommended that the Survival Guide change in nature, becoming a guide produced 'in-house' in chapters distributed to Common Room Officers and all students on request.
2. That the Survival Guide is currently printed professionally and distributed to all incoming students at the annual Freshers' Fair.
3. The discussion on this issue which took place in OUSU Council in week 3 of Trinity Term 2010.
4. The fact that the Survival Guide contains no commercial advertising and is a costly publication.
5. That it is required to be published by Schedule Three of the OUSU Standing Orders which can be amended by a simple majority of one meeting of OUSU Council.

Council Believes:

1. That the Survival Guide should no longer be published in its current format.

Council Resolves:

2. To strike Schedule Three, A.3.2.i) "The Survival Guide" and renumber accordingly.

Proposed: Dani Quinn (Merton)

Seconded: Jesse Harber (St. Hilda's)

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Reason proposed is SRG found this was replicated and the information is in other guides. Quite expensive to produce, think more targeted to not do it, difficult to update it. Better to focus on more detailed guide.

This only requires passing in one motion of council.

No sfq

Dawn Hollis (Balliol)

Where it says council notes I, does it mean that students can have it on request. Is there anything to replace it?

Dani Quinn (Merton):

We have different guides on various issues, which are changed according to what is important to students.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Would this be a place to mandate where a single page was put in people pidges of first year.

Logistically quite difficult to do, make common room officers aware on them, could put in Presidents email.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

The information could be made available in the Freshers' guide.

No opposition

10. President-Elect as an NUS Delegate**Council Notes:**

1. That Annual Conference is currently the policy-making body for the National Union of Students, to which OUSU is affiliated.
2. That NUS Conference typically meets annually over the Hilary vacation, with its responsibilities including electing the NUS sabbatical officers, student trustees, National Executive Committee, and passing policy guidelines which set the policy agenda for the NUS.
3. That OUSU sends delegates to this Conference every year to represent the views of Oxford students to the NUS.
4. That these students currently consist of the OUSU President ex officio and several students elected cross-campus in OUSU's Michaelmas elections each year.
5. That the OUSU President-Elect is on the ballot at the same time as any elected NUS delegates, meaning that they win a cross-campus ballot of OUSU's members at the same time that elections for NUS delegates are taking place.
6. The report of OUSU's Strategic Review Group which recommended that the OUSU President-Elect be an ex officio NUS delegate in addition to the OUSU President.
7. That the current OUSU President and other delegates to the 2010 NUS Conference believe that this would be valuable and guarantee that the President-Elect would attend NUS Conference, improving their understanding of the national student movement prior to them taking up office.

Council Believes:

1. That the OUSU President-Elect should be one of OUSU's delegates to NUS Annual Conference and any Extraordinary Conferences which are called during their period as President-Elect.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order M.2.2 to read "The election of delegates to all NUS bodies at which OUSU is entitled to send delegates shall be governed by the relevant parts of section C of the Standing Orders (Elections). Electoral regulations shall lay down the number of delegate positions for each NUS Conference. The OUSU President and President-Elect (when such a position is filled) shall be ex officio delegates to each NUS Conference or Extraordinary Conference."

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Seconded: Jason Keen (St. John's)

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

This relates partly to NUS report which comes later in the agenda, changes from current situation where sitting president and six delegates attend NUS Conference. Status to President and President elect and 5 elected delegates. Went at Easter this year, found out how other places are doing things, a really good developmental thing for me if done just before took office then it would really have helped. Made no sense that I do it 8 weeks before I leave, change proposes that when you stand to be President you would know you were also standing to be an NUS delegate, could accompany your predecessor to conference, and being making a commitment to attend.

Motion passes.

11. Introduction of a Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy)**Council Notes:**

1. The previously circulated final report of OUSU's Strategic Review Group (available at <http://www.ousu.org/democracy/ousu-council/agendas/agendas-for-council-tt10/>).
2. That the review group recommended that the current position of OUSU Vice-President (Charities & Community) be replaced by a new position of Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy).
3. That this recommendation came at the end of an extensive consultative process, including a survey of the entire Oxford student body on their views of OUSU and what activities it should prioritise; focus groups for JCR Presidents, MCR Presidents, OUSU reps, people with an extensive involvement in OUSU and a Common Room Committee; individual conversations with members of the Strategic Review Group which all members of OUSU were offered; assistance from the NUS Regional Organiser in going through the data generated by the survey and written submissions to the Strategic Review Group by individual members of OUSU.
4. That 3rd week Council indicated that it would like to see this recommendation brought forward through the mechanism of Standing Order Changes in week 5 and (if accepted) week 8 as opposed to a referendum, delay until the 2010/11 academic year or any other suggested proposal.
5. That no job description for the proposed Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) is on the Council agenda for approval today as this can be done in week 8 Council by simple majority.
6. That if this motion is approved by simple majority today then job descriptions for the Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) and revised job descriptions for other members of the OUSU Executive will be on the Council agenda in week 8.
7. That a draft job description for the proposed Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) is nevertheless annexed at the end of this Council agenda to help inform debate.
8. That the reasoning of the Strategic Review Group for this proposal as outlined in the Final Report of the Strategic Review Group is also annexed at the end of this Council agenda to help inform debate.
9. The valuable and hard work which successive Vice-Presidents (Charities & Community) have performed on behalf of the students of Oxford.

Council Believes:

1. That the position of Vice-President (Charities & Community) should be replaced by that of Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) in line with the final report of the Strategic Review Group.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order D.1.1 to read "OUSU shall have as a Sabbatical Officers a President, a Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities), a Vice President (Women), a Vice President (Graduates), a Vice President (Access and Academic Affairs) and a Vice President (Campaigns & Democracy)."
2. To amend Standing Order E.2.2 to read "The Charities Committee shall be responsible for co-ordinating charitable fundraising and giving within OUSU."
3. To strike from Standing Order E.3.3 "The Vice President (Charities and Community) shall decide when these elections shall take place in consultation with the Environment and Ethics Committee." and insert "The Environment & Ethics Committee shall decide when these elections shall take place".

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)**Seconded: Dani Quinn (Merton)**

Secunder not in attendance therefore is replaced by Dani Quinn (Merton)

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Most controversial issue on agenda all year, makes a large change to the student union. You have heard me talk about this change throughout this term. I am going to explain why on agenda, Option in 3rd week which had support of OUSU council took a vote on how wanted it brought. 24 votes for doing this. The idea comes directly from consultation, focus groups and survey to SRG created to address problems we identified, and what we took as student priorities for OUSU. Lack of active and visible campaigning, a knowledge gap between what OUSU does and what students think OUSU does, a perception gap. Something we need to change, a lack of engagement with student elections. Other student unions which have positions like this, Lancaster, Manchester, both Birmingham Unis. The con of it is, other sabbatical officers let up on campaigning, but what also do is inject campaigning.

We are part of a movement, that formally has 7 million members across the country. When you go to NUS conference, you see whole range of students campaigning for change, this will help bring students into OUSU and recognise the power they can have, can do this if bring in a position which does this.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

Point 5 no job description.

Bright yellow pamphlet, that is what we envisage job description to be, Think you can get an essence of what the role is about. Combination of what's written and what I've said allows you to vote.

Alice Heath (Univ):

Have you spoken to current and previous sabs about what they think about this?

St Hilda's

Having skimmed through, focus has to be on both equally, can you explain democracy part. Would it be a networking thing. How would you increase vote turn out?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Not going to predetermine what the campaigns should be, as turns it over to you. You have to choose what you want to vote on it. Partly about profile of OUSU's elections, think lots can be done to make OUSU elections more visible. Voter turnout is driven by face to face contact, rather than online or leaflets. If this person is building relationships all the time will be perfect.

Sounds to me like will be networking. How would you avoid it becoming internal?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

At the very worst this job will do nothing for this problem, if it is created, the ability to roam meeting members of jcrs who get involved can gradually bring people in to what OUSU does.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

Has the university been consulted on this, and what are there views.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

No no discussion during budgetary process about the sabbatical roles. The university doesn't want to micro manage what we do. What if Uni says doesn't want to pay for this position. Up to us to make them understand that this position is useful. Don't think we should be precluded from doing what we want by the university.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

Why wasn't it done?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Wrote to both uni and conference, and didn't get a response from conference. Uni said questions to broad, once got firm things then send them through.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

If passed, do you see any problems in getting it through uni committees?

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

The governing stuff needs to go through two committees in 7th week, so will happen in time for Michaelmas.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Explain how OUSU currently publicises election.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

JMV in OxStu, its online but as you know our website is not appealing. The booklet indicating what current roles are, get in touch.

Alice Heath (Univ):

Does C & C sit on any committees?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Sits on SRI and Environment panel, and steering committee, see president sitting on SRI, a sabbatical officer and E & E officer.

Christina Head

Would targets and equal opps remain where they are or go under the new one?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Yes would remain as it is, but depending on what OUSU Council suggests there issues are, mix of factors as to what they give to different things. Can't predict now what it will be, amount of support can only stay same or go up.

Question:

Who will take over representation in colleges? How will it be decided and when would it be decided.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

There won't be someone doing this job for a year from now. Daniel will do it for 2011 /12.

Mae Penner

If this motion passed this time, would the Job description come through next time?

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):

E & E had thoughts and concerns about who sits on panels.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

This needs to be discussed.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

If pass this today, will be serious of motions in week 8 which will change the job descriptions of the appropriate roles.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

Job description, a lot of things would do would support other campaigns. I wondered why shouldn't be more administrative support, why did you go towards an elected person rather than administrative support?

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Think need to be elected, you elect people when representative function for the role. Will be competing visions for what this role stands for, and this is an important characteristic. Think can be an inspiring role. Don't think get with administrative support.

Ian Lyons (St Edmund):

If conflict between cam dem and the person who is responsible for the campaign, what will the outcome be?

Dani Quinn (Merton):

The campaign takes precedence, they are autonomous, if we don't fulfil our support roles, don't think problem.

Point of Order

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):

Move to debate.

Speech in opposition

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):

I really understand that we have a visibility and campaigning problem in OUSU. I am worried we are trying to deal with a problem, by putting it in a sabs position, think we may need to do training and make the exec more campaigning. Think we need to think about this first.

Think the argument against what VP C & C does now and Cam Dem, the job has to change, we can't just decide position useless or pointless. We have been much more in touch with community groups and they are desperate for being involved in this.

This change makes OUSU's focus student for student and our union will have this outlook worried that moving to VP cam dem would do that.

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Last night had a break from looking at rocks and had a look through srg survey. Good response, I am really worried that this motion isn't listening to the students that responded to this survey. Of the things OUSU does at the moment they were least satisfied with OUSU engaging with the community. Think OUSU should be building relationships with the community. Thing you said OUSU should be doing and we're going to cut it. OUSU used to have representation on many council committees. Shouldn't be cutting students have said what we should do

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund)

Jumped to conclusion that by campaigning students will know more about OUSU also don't know if students want ousu to campaign more. Always had the ability to make sabs campaign but haven't asked them to do.

RAG, E & E and Target schools bring reps into OUSU. The campaigns are transient, the last few times we have rushed decisions, Cambridge had a referendum and they want a VP ethical affairs.

Point of Order increase time limit to 3 mins

Opposition

Lots of people constructed large arguments need more time, important hear all of the arguments.

David Townsend (St Cross):

Difference between 2 and 3 mins doesn't make much difference. Lots of people mandated to vote a certain way.

10 for lots against.

Sarah Hutchinson (St Cross):

I have to say I don't know which we should have, a think we should out-facing huge role for SU to play in enhancing role in community. We need to build on and make better links in local community. What I want to draw peoples attention to is that we have continuously rushed through decisions in trinity, don't know if best solution. Think beneficial that we take time that people are happy and have a clear idea of what going to do and what should do. Really urge caution. Not voting now doesn't mean can't vote on.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Respond to Jack. First question most satisfied. Modal response was didn't know enough to have an opinion. Even if VP C & C changes shouldn't be stuck in meetings. Want to explain what this is about, is about getting things done, Su is a collective action group. Come back to teaching review, can make a good machine, but we are centralising. What about is lots of students exerting pressure, could have on exec but think we need a paid position. Disagree with Sarah, trinity term debate isn't ideal but think that a lot of people have ideas.

Daniel Stone

What people are crying out for is a community and campaign, need out-facing but also have to have a campaigning side. Democracy and trying to raise voting and turnout would come together. So makes perfect sense to combine the two.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Was slightly worried about cam dem role, as would have a broad remit. This betrays representative role. Leaves too much will be taking initiative, will be representing certain views that they are not representing everyones view.

Point of Order

Can you split into specified parts.

Chair

Yes can be done in whatever bundle want to.

POI

If this changes, other roles job descriptions will have to change, if this happens only have 4 weeks to make these job descriptions.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Deadlines 2 weeks to think up the changes or new ones wish to insert, may be a case of inserting and removing items into. The only one have to come up to completely is VP Cam Dem

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Don't think way done is rushed. Benefits doing now is that people we have here are informed. Had a really good C & C officer, seeing it as its best. Informed decision. Unfair for VP Community and Campaigns wouldn't help.

Community is an umbrella term, we don't need to make things unclear who is responsible. I think that Eorann is right gets training. Campaign should do this, training can't fix.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

The SRG represented that the VP C & C does good work. Community engagement was on par with Student Advice ragged higher than Access, shifting roles to the President not going to get good representation on this, won't have time. On Dawn's point Jesse said VP Cam Dem going to be mandated by Council. I imagine that VP cam dem will come to council and propose their own motion. Oxhub are community volunteers, I'm talking about breaking down East Oxford myths and it is growing we need to combat this.

Sarah Swanson

I think there are a lot of different issues going on here. Think difficult when scrapping VP C & C and the creation of VP Cam Dem, difficult. Think that difficult because not voting on a job description.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Not asking to commit before you can commit.

Ultimately think OK, but the job description does need to address. I think this person will only encourage people that already run and will be an invisible barrier. I worry unless spec in job description need to take into account and ensure that there isn't an invisible barrier. Looks like networking reinforces problems we already have.

Chair advises that he has to leave. Chair ceded to Sarah Hutchinson who is going to abstain.

Quorum count

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Lots of things the strongest theme of the written responses, OUSU good but I don't know what it does, OUSU needs to consolidate and get better at what it does. SRG very good but don't see evidence to support the election of VP Cam Dem. SAS and external representation are seen as on par. Don't think the President can take on the representation that the students are asking us to do.

Move to vote

Opposed.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

If we have quorum now, and then anyone leaves then we can't vote. So please don't leave.

If people need to leave, then please move to vote before you need to so.

Withdrawn

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Good to see people rather than just SRG and sabs talking about this. Most important thing is whether you think this is a good idea rather than our methodology.

Question

Do you recognise that students have suggested that representation outside the SU are equally as important.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Would rather we created Cam dem than reordered this job on a rolling basis.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

We have redesigned it when funding change.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Think we should step back and look at what students want. Disagree with characterisation of survey results. Think you should use your votes and make your own decisions.

Eleanor

I really intensely dislike VP cam dem for 3 reasons, don't think were democracy fits into it or how part of a sabbatical role, don't see how best way to get people involved. Think that community is a really important part of the C & C role. There is a failure of students to engage with the local community, makes more sense to have a campaigns and community, as it is not so much student for students.

Marhta McKenzie (St Johns)

Try really hard to get people to care about OUSU. Don't think current sabs team thought, we need someone else, someone who can pull away and talk to other members of common rooms. Think if this is the job of cam dem and remove the idea of an OUSU clique. Higher education funding is going to get serious and we need to work as a campaigning body.

Kat Wall (LMH):

A lot of work we have done is increasing representation, disjunction between organisations that are campaigning focussed and those that are based internally. Teaching review engaged students but Jonny also has the relevant representation on committees. This role is isolated from university committees, they will be engaging students in democracy. Have angle of difficulties for students for students. Campaigning alongside difficult but not impossible. Further time for President to do camp

Alex Shattock:

As SU can't necessarily do all the things we want to do. Think the SU voting for cam dem is an important thing. If students want to have community and charity engagement will vote in someone with these priorities. Think President good at sitting in local community committees, rather than the person sitting in this role. Thirst Lodge is the best example of student and local engagement.

Jesse Harber (St Hilda's):

I think with respect your reading of statistics is disingenuous, wanted students to engage with the outer world but not just the community. I think the phrase knocked around is students for students, a dirty word. Don't think fair to call the new job this, it doesn't mean we have to be inward looking. Don't think it follows that students will become all that matter to students.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

SRG said that VP women and C & C have a lot of work to do. We are creating a job with no specific portfolio which is what the SRG review group said it didn't want.

Massively concerned that VP Cam Dem might say want to occupy building and the sab team will say no to this which would cause conflict in the sab team.

Jesse Harber (St Hilda's):

Not about where arguments happen. You won't have to have the same person motivating and meeting with the Vice Chancellor

Daniel Lowe (St Edmund):

If not sure how to vote. Then vote down. I will take it as a mandate to deal with our campaigning problem.

Quorum count.

Move to Vote

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):

Same people getting up speaking.

Stefan Baskerville (Univ):
Other people who haven't spoke.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):
Procedural motion, allow people who haven't spoken to let them speak and then move to vote.

Any opposition.

Alice Heath (Univ):
I was really excited when heard Stefan speak generally sounds really good and offers something that OUSU hasn't got. But now really dubious after listening to what I have heard, so not sure a good idea. Community is not just about us being nice and volunteering, taking it away sends out a major message to the community. Committees, I have done a lot of campaigning in my time, most effect is by speaking to loads of people and then talking to the people in authority. Think someone who is fully.

My bursar is really pro-environment and worried about this motion. Thinks needs more thought. Going to vote no.

Tom Meakin
Lots of problem, conflicts between uni and students, however a lot of these problems can be solved when we divide remits next week, I will look at the job descriptions. Principle still stands, we have no venue, I think the only really sustainable way to engage students is in campaigning, its on wider political debates and higher education. Go

Christina Head
I am here with a mandate. People were there hadn't filled in survey. The conversation that was head wasn't head. The basic thing was that what the job does is that OUSU already does the campaigning.

Hannah Cosworth (Brasenose):
Uni and impact on numbers. The uni was really impressed with teaching review because we talked to so many people could have spoken to far more people if we had spoken to more and had cam dem. Issues and students think an issue and something we should be working on then we will do it. Think it should be done, really sick of people talking about things and not doing anything. Higher Education review, we will need to do mass action campaigns, and it needs someone full time like vP cam dem. Part of it is engaging people in the work we do, need to talk to a lot more people and engage people don't normally do.

Mae Penner
Specific things, everyone here is frustrated that students are ill informed. Think this job has not been thought out in a sensible way, having a job with a broad remit is not a good thing. Realistically anyone standing for this, they have no structured engagement with any groups already. They have no one they are already working with. This is so unthought out, the idea have to do it now is ill thought out. Making it urgent is manipulating how much will it change.

Lukas Wallrich

To me the numbers of SRG review don't matter, we have to do some thinking it is up to us to think how we engage with the community, one thing is volunteering, one campaigning, one is communicating with stakeholders. Very important to realise that campaigns are transient. We could aim to get one person at their time in Oxford could engage with one campaign.

Tom Scott
Agree with Martha, members of my common room think it is very exciting to have a person engaging. Why should RAG and E & E get support, why don't the other campaigns deserve this support. If the the campaigns don't think getting enough support then can come to council and ask for more support. Don't see why community should not be engaged with.

No opposition move to vote.

Dani Quinn (Merton):

Stay for Disability motion. People don't think that what they think is what OUSU thinks, appalling that we don't speak for students, they come to us, I'll go to committee, instead of being engaged. Students don't even realise that they could say things. Would love to campaign but spend most of his time, working with students who have been messed up by their colleges or on committees. We can't just drop things if there is a need for a campaign, we are too stretched already. Think we should do it now if we are going to be informed.

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

First of all doesn't have to be now, can be merged together. If this passes it can't be amended. If this passes we will have a VP Cam Dem. The teaching review was brilliant because of the person, with a campaigns person it might not be good it depends on the person. We can go away and look it and we can think about and engage with people in the elections. I'd like to have looked up the options. I am seeing one solution to a problem think there are more solutions.

Favour – 21

Against – 17

Abstentions – 2

Motion passes.

n. Other Motions

1. Report from NUS Conference

Council Notes:

The appended report on NUS Conference.

Council Resolves:

To mandate the President to implement its recommendations.

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Seconded: Jason Keen (St. John's)

Any opposition to tabling this

2. NUS Affiliation

Council Notes:

1. That OUSU has been affiliated centrally to the National Union of Students since 2006.
2. That this affiliation comes with a range of benefits, including the NUS providing training to Common Room Presidents and OUSU officers. It has been agreed that training will be provided to Common Room Presidents during Trinity and Michaelmas terms, to ensure as many new and incoming Presidents as possible are able to attend.
3. That another benefit of affiliating to the NUS is that OUSU's delegates to NUS annual conference are able to vote on NUS policy, ensuring that the views of Oxford students are represented at a national level.
4. That NUS officers and staff have been helpful to OUSU on a range of issues in the 2009/10 academic year, including governance, internal OUSU affairs, campaigning and HE funding.
5. That the 1994 Education Act requires Student Unions to affiliate to external organisations on an annual basis.
6. That the 2010/11 OUSU Budget was passed in OUSU Council in week 3 of Hilary Term 2010 and budgeted £11,000 for the cost of NUS affiliation in 2010/11.
7. That the NUS have more recently provided a figure for affiliation in 2010/11 of £10,065.77.

8. That as a result of the abolition of affiliation fees and OUSU being funded through a block grant, the University will fund this affiliation as it was agreed in the OUSU budget accepted by the University.

Council Believes:

1. That OUSU should be affiliated to the NUS owing to the important role which the NUS plays in supporting student unions and in campaigning on student interests.

Council Resolves:

1. That OUSU should affiliate to the NUS for the 2010/11 academic year at a cost of £10,065.77

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Seconded: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Motion passed Nem Con.

3. Representing Students with Disabilities

Council notes:

1. In most Common Room Committees, no officer has explicit responsibility (or knowledge) to ensure that the views and needs of students with disabilities are taken into account in all of the Common Room's activities.
2. More than 1,300 students have disclosed a disability to the University, although there are likely to be many more students with disabilities in Oxford, given that many students choose not to disclose.
3. There is an incredible range of disabilities, ranging from Specific Learning Difficulties, such as dyslexia, which affect approximately 2/3 of students with disabilities, to physical disabilities and impairments, to long-term health conditions, such as chronic fatigue, to mental health difficulties (including depression, eating disorders and bipolar disorder).
4. Issues affecting students with disabilities arise in all areas of college and university life, from the location and timing of tutorials, to the etiquette used when discussing disability or addressing people who have disabilities, to the barriers that can exist when attending public events or visiting friends in other colleges.
5. Many Common Room activities can, often unintentionally, exclude students with disabilities, or be less accessible for them. For example, meetings can be held in rooms that only have stair access or don't have hearing loops, minutes and agendas for meetings can be in a font that's too small for students with visual impairments or that isn't appropriate for students with dyslexia (Arial 12+ is best practise).
6. There can be a lack of awareness about disabilities, or the needs and rights of people who have disabilities. Many students are unaware of 'invisible disabilities', such as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, mental health problems, diabetes and Asperger's Syndrome, which make up 90% of disabilities), or misunderstand what reasonable adjustments are or why and how they should be made.
7. Academically, the University and Colleges also have grave failings, such as needless barriers to adequate adjustments to examine students fairly.
8. A few Common Rooms already have the position of Students With Disabilities Officer, or equivalent; those we are aware of are: Univ JCR, Corpus Christi JCR, St John's JCR, St Hugh's JCR and Balliol JCR.
9. Many of the CRs in Cambridge have a Students with Disabilities officer, or equivalent.
10. The appended sample 'job description' for Common Room SWD Officers.
11. At the last meeting of the SWD Campaign, it was agreed that it was desirable and necessary to introduce the position of SWD Officer (or equivalent) in Common Rooms.

Council believes:

1. All students should be equally able to enjoy their time in Oxford, whether or not they have a disability; all students have the right to have their voices heard and their needs as students met.
2. It is unacceptable that students with disabilities are, on average, less likely to have a positive experience in Oxford (National Student Survey, 2009, data for Oxford University). Common Rooms should play a part in tackling this inequity.
3. CRs should take positive steps to ensure they consider the views and needs of students with disabilities with all of their activities and representational work. It is neither adequate nor fair to rely on, and expect,

students with disabilities to complain or leads campaigns if they feel they are being excluded or that the CR's activities could be more accessible.

4. The position of Students with Disabilities rep would be an important and valuable addition to many CR committees. The office-holder need not be a student with a disability or a long-term health condition.

Council resolves:

1. To support the creation of the position of Students with Disabilities Officer (or equivalent) in Common Rooms.
2. To mandate the SWD Officer, and the VP (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) to work with Common Room Officers to encourage and support them to introduce the position of Students with Disabilities Officer (or equivalent) in their CRs.

Proposed: Dani Quinn (Merton)

Seconded: Eorann Lean (St Hugh's)

Marcus King (St Hugh's):

Firstly can negotiate college accommodation. They understand how things work. At a collegiate level students need disabilities awareness raised. Colleges are disability nightmares, need someone who knows the college, really important. Real opportunity to make a huge difference.

No opposition – motion passes.