

Council Minutes

5th week trinity term 2012

5th Week Council held at 5.30pm prompt, on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 at Magdalen College

If you have any questions about OUSU Council, you should feel free to contact the Chair, Charlie Baker at any time on chair@ousu.org

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a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

No problems passed

d. Elections in Council

The following positions were elected in OUSU Council of 5th week.

1 position for Undergraduate Humanities Divisional Board Representative

Basil Vincent - Keble College was elected.

e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

Martha Mackenzie - President

Hi Council please take a look at my report. Thanks

Jim O'Connell - VP Graduates

Been busy lots of colleges having rent negotiations supporting MCR colleges with David and Martha.

Seb Baird - VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

Any questions get in touch. The Queen's College have chosen the Mind your Head campaign, as their charity of the term next term, so will have an extra £2000 would like your support and input on what to do with it.

Daniel Stone - VP Charities & Community

RAG at summer eights please support.

Hannah Cusworth - VP Access & Academic Affairs

Update on Motion student involvement in the fee, going to Conf of Colleges tomorrow remind them that you signed letter if see head of house.

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

Sarah Pine - Women's Officer

Most important thing was slutwalk really great, lots of people and common room present. Met Proctors today to talk about sexual assault.

Clara Ferreira - Graduate Women's Officer

Working on Athena Swann auditing policy, things are moving on if have queries about what's going on in their departments then get in touch.

i. Passage of Motions Nem Con

i. motions affecting OUSU members as OUSU members

1. Funds for OUSU Garden Party

Council Notes:

1. That there are many, many people in Common Rooms, OUSU Campaigns, OUSU Committees and OUSU Council who work to enhance the student experience.
2. That there isn't currently an effective means of getting all these people together in a celebratory manner.

Council Believes:

1. That the end of an academic year provides a perfect opportunity to celebrate the work of OUSU and Common Rooms.
2. That Garden Parties are fun and provide a perfect opportunity to bring all these people together.
3. That the only adequate way to thank you all for the work you've done in the past year would be to put on a garden party free of charge.

Council Resolves:

1. To dedicate the money remaining in the discretionary campaigns fund towards the OUSU garden party.
2. To endorse the OUSU garden party as 'the place to be' on Wednesday 8th Week.
3. To organise the garden party as a collective celebration; giving room for Campaigns, Common Rooms and Committees to showcase their work and meet each other.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone, St Peter's College*

Seconded: *Martha Mackenzie, St John's College*

Passed Nem Con

2. Minimisation of OUSU's Environmental Impact

Council Notes:

1. In 2009 OUSU Council passed policy, encouraging OUSU as an organisation to mitigate its environmental impact by using recycled products.
2. That using recycled paper reduces the amount of waste going to landfill, the amount of pollution and the amount of energy used in the overall process.
3. Currently the white paper in the OUSU building is 100% recycled and FSC sourced but the coloured paper is only FSC sourced.
4. Recycled coloured paper would add significant costs to the OUSU stationery bill.

Council Believes:

1. That OUSU should lead by example on environmental issues.

Council Resolves:

1. To ensure that all paper used in the OUSU building is FSC sourced and wherever possible, 100% recycled.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone, St Peter's College*

Seconded: *Daniel Tarry, Mansfield College*

Passed Nem Con

3. OSSSL/OUSU Code of Conduct

Opposition

4. Pro-Choice motion

Opposition

ii. motions affecting OUSU members as students at Oxford University

5. OUSU Funding Motion

Opposition

iii. motions affecting OUSU members as members of the student movement

6. NUS Affiliation motion

Opposition

iv. motions affecting OUSU members as residents of Oxford University Student Union

7. Opposition to Campsfield Detention Centre

Council Notes:

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2. This was further supported by a motion condemning detention in general.

Council Believes:

1. That detaining people without charge or time limit is unacceptable within a civilised society.

2. That as an important stakeholder in the Oxfordshire area, OUSU should lend its support to the campaign to close campsfield.

Council Resolves:

1. To mandate the VP (Welfare) to write to the campaign organisers to reiterate our support for their cause.
2. To reinforce our opposition to the use of detention centres in this country.
3. To continue to support the right to asylum.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone, St Peter's College*

Seconded: *Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)*

Passed Nem Con.

v. motions affecting OUSU members as residents of the United Kingdom

vi. Motions affecting OUSU members as citizens of the world

8. Advertising Ban on Esso/Exxon Mobil

Opposition

9. Coca Cola Boycott

Opposition

10. Support for Fairer International Trade Rules and Practices

Opposition

11. International No Diet Day

Council notes:

1. That Council has previously supported International No Diet Day (May 6th), but this policy lapsed in TT11

Council believes:

1. Overall health and positive body image are more important than achieving any physical ideal.
2. The diet industry thrives on unrealistic images of beauty.
3. Self-respect is a right that should not depend on physical appearance.
4. The discourse around bodies and dieting conditions young people into hating their appearance.

Council resolves:

1. To support International No Diet Day
2. To encourage activities which promote positive body image such as WomCam's Love Your Body Garden Party

Proposed: *Sarah Pine (Wadham College)*

Seconded: *Sussanah Deedigan (Balliol College)*

Passed Nem Con.

n. Other Motions

vii. motions affecting OUSU members as OUSU members

1. Funds for OUSU Garden Party

Passed Nem Con

2. Minimisation of OUSU's Environmental Impact

Passed Nem Con

3. OSSL/OUSU Code of Conduct

Council Notes:

1. In 2009 OUSU Council renewed policy calling for OUSU's commercial activities to be restricted to prevent dealings with ethically dubious companies.

Council Believes:

1. That by selling advertising space to ethically dubious companies we endorse their practices.
2. OUSU's attempts to make the University invest ethically are undermined if it relies financially on advertising revenue from dubious companies.

Council Resolves:

1. That OSSL/OUSU under the advise of OUSU Council, will adhere to the following code of conduct:
 - OSSL/OUSU will not sell advertising space to organisations that take away the right of the individual, or to manufacturers of torture equipment or other equipment that is used in violation of human rights.
 - OSSL/OUSU will not sell advertising space to businesses that derive more than 10% of their profits from the manufacture, sale, licensed production, or brokerage of armaments.
 - OSSL/OUSU will prefer businesses that take a pro-active stance on the environmental impact of their own activities and who avoid repeat damage to the environment.
 - On occasion OSSL/OUSU will make decisions with regard to specific companies involving ethical issues not explicitly included in this ethical policy.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone, St Peter's College*

Seconded: *Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)*

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

The context for all the motions on ethical content took to E & E and decided which ones brought forward and which should lapse. Felt important to have something to guide the commercial activities of OUSU.

Alex Lans (St Catherine's)

Aren't point made in Council Resolves vague?

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Trying to find a balance restricting companies we don't want to advertise without being too restrictive. Don't want to put unnecessary restraints on companies that do want to advertise. Talking about basic human rights, broad to allow to use common sense.

Oppostion

Alex Lans (St Catherine's)

Difficult time with motion as it is incredibly vague, take away a person's right could be done by any company. I don't think can vote for as doesn't have strict enough parameters, needs criteria about which is important. Gives way to much latitude if take away someone's right too vague.

Alex Borskiss

Personally feel right have broad parameters, as need these in which we can debate whether a company fits the spirit of the criteria. So we can discuss whether a company fits the spirit. Broad sense of what we want to discuss when a company wants to advertise.

Jim O'Connell (Univ)

Motion will function quite well, this will help guide us away from companies who are bad, but ensure that we get enough advertisement.

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Idea to make broad so can capture a lot of companies, use our common sense when making a judgement.

Alex Lans (St Catherine's)

Old cynical don't trust people in government to make decisions on this, not opposed to having vague guidelines, think it is missing criteria to make it more normative. What human rights people value is different.

Motions passes.

4. Pro-Choice motion

Council Notes:

1. OUSU's current pro-choice policy is due to lapse at the end of this term.
2. That this motion largely reproduces the substance of the previous pro-choice policy, with some updates.
3. That, regardless of Council's stance on this or any issue, the Student Advice Service will continue to provide free, impartial and non-directional advice to individual students on pregnancy and other issues.

Council Believes:

1. That OUSU is an organisation dedicated to representing the interests of all Oxford students.
2. As such, that OUSU as an organisation should affirm the right of all students to choose what happens in their lives and what happens with their bodies, including the choice of whether or not to continue with a pregnancy.
3. OUSU should campaign accordingly.
4. Abortion is often a difficult moral choice, which we trust students to make for themselves.
5. That through cuts to maternity grants, Sure Start, and midwife training is making it more difficult to have children.
6. OUSU can and should do more to support both students who choose to have children during their time at Oxford, and students who arrive in Oxford as parents.
7. That OUSU should, through the Student Advice Service, continue to make available impartial and non-directional welfare support to those students who are pregnant and in need of advice.

Council Resolves:

1. To support a woman's right to choose, and to campaign in support of this right being legally established.
2. To oppose measures that make it more difficult for students to choose either to terminate a pregnancy or to carry it to term and to work to ensure that no additional restrictions are imposed at a local level so that Oxford students have a real choice.
3. To campaign to extend students' right of practical access to an abortion, and to extend their rights of choice over their own pregnancies.
4. To campaign for the University and the colleges to provide greater support for students who choose to carry their pregnancy through to term.
5. To work with other groups campaigning for the above objects.
6. To reaffirm the importance of the work of the VP (Women) in representing and supporting student parents, in order to further the provision for student parents by OUSU and the University.
7. To revise and expand OUSU's Student Parent Guide, and seek at least some of the funding for this from the University.
8. To clearly affirm our support for a non-directive, impartial and supportive Student Advice Service, as laid down in the OUSU Bye-Laws.
9. To continue producing non-directional information on unplanned pregnancy through OUSU's 'Unplanned Pregnancy: Your Options' booklet.

Proposed: Sarah Pine, Wadham

Seconded: Jim O'Connell, Univ

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

Think this motion is really important, students in this university have to face lots of moral choice, carrying a pregnancy to term is an individual decision. Recognises OUSU being non-directional. This isn't a pro abortion motion it is a pro choice motion, everyone has a right to choose.

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

I think I thought long and hard about whether to oppose, believe in non-directional policy but think there will be times when difficult. Personal believe is that whether someone in mothers womb or someone who's 19 debating committing suicide deserves support.

Jim O'Connell (Univ)

A lot of people have questioned why have a pro choice policy, important as a student union that we help people choose to make the right decision for them. Need to ensure that the right to choose remains intact.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Have student advise service that give impartial advise, important that it remains non directional we need to have policy on this, that directs the sabs.

Point 5 government making it harder on maternity rights. If want to keep student focussed, then should take out anything that is political.

Not accepted as friendly.

Debate on amendment.

Sean Robinson (The Queen's)

The government has been doing some pretty bad things, engaging dodgy groups in offering advise on abortions, groups that put pressure on people in not having an abortion, is a political and welfare issue. Don't think having this in is bad.

Jim O'Connell (Univ)

Appreciate spirit, political because welfare, have to campaign on things that effect our students, we do have students who want to have children whilst studying. If think too divisive, then not blame government.

Would support in that spirit.

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

We don't exist in a bubble most students if choose to take pregnancy to full term will have to engage in welfare system to take. Shouldn't loose this.

Lucy (Corpus)

Is inherently political, isn't that easy for women to have abortions in this country, so we are connecting with world outside Oxford.

Overtly saying government, happy to take Jim (Basil)

Accepting amendment as stated by Jim

Move to Vote

Amendment passes in point 5 (take out Government)

Move to Vote on Motion

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

Nothing to add really important to affirm fact really difficult decision for people and OUSU should support.

Motion passes.

viii. motions affecting OUSU members as students at Oxford University

5. OUSU Funding Motion

Council Notes:

1. For the financial year 2012-2013 Oxford University Student Union will receive £296,700 from the University and £97,500 from the Colleges, a combined block grant of £394,00.
2. The average block grant of Russell Group¹ student unions is £1.8million.
3. The common rooms of Oxford generate around £1.1million annually², combined with OUSU's block grant this sum is still significantly bellow the Russell Group average.
4. Furthermore, the valuable time burden of supporting common rooms is not a concern facing other student unions.
5. OUSU's independent funding means are also uniquely restricted. The student union does not have the lucrative opportunities, such as bars, shops, and food outlets, which present themselves to other student unions.
6. The University often makes it extremely difficult for OUSU to raise independent income.
7. This year OUSU made a request for modest extra investment, this request was denied.
8. OUSU's current budget is very tightly controlled, with very little room for manoeuvre once basic staffing costs are covered.
9. The Hilary Term Report of the Scrutiny Committee noted 'It is clear that more administrative

¹ The Russell Group represents the leading research-intensive UK institutions.

² Research conducted in January 2011, based on the mean of funding provided to thirty-four MCRs and JCRs.

staff in the OUSU offices would be incredibly beneficial in allowing the Sabbatical team to function more effectively and healthily, and this committee would endorse any requests to the University to that effect.'

10. OUSU struggles to break even every year.

Council Believes:

1. This situation is far from ideal and dangerously unsustainable.
2. OUSU is extremely limited by its restricted income and often fails to meet the expectations of its students, particularly in areas of Academic Representation, provision for clubs and societies, successful communication, and broad service delivery³.
3. With the introduction of nine thousand pound fees students' material and educational expectations will rise.
4. Without extra investment OUSU will continue to under-perform and will be unable to meet these expectations and rise to the unique challenges posed by the new higher education funding climate.
5. The students of Oxford deserve a properly funded student union that can successfully enhance and improve their student experience.

Council resolves:

1. To express frustration at the University's decision not to increase investment in the student union for the 2012-2013 financial year.
2. To call on the University to increase the central funding of the student union.
3. To mandate the OUSU President to write to the Vice-Chancellor about resolves 1 and 2.
4. To mandate the OUSU Executive and Trustee Board to continue exploring alternative sources of income.

Proposer: *Thomas Rutland (Jesus)*

Secunder: *Martha Mackenzie (St John's)*

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

Important to understand reasoning and facts, OUSU receives a block grant of £300,000. £1.8 million to other Russell Groups. The student union doesn't have a money making building, the University often stops some of the commercial ventures of OUSU, therefore vetoing our attempts. OUSU asked for £100,000 rejected as said that the things weren't unavoidable. Needs better funding, greatest risk is meeting students expectations. OUSU is lobbying if funding remains the same won't be able to manage these expectations. Increased administrative staff would help support the staff, want to support clubs and societies, want a better website want to communicate more, need more resources. Common rooms already contribute a lot. University is failing to support our more professional student union.

Think will be done in a constructive way, mandates that the President writes to the VC and that the sabs and trustees look at ways forward. Working with them and show them good for you and good for us.

Sean Robinson (The Queen's)

What was uni's argument against it?

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Simply that the spending pressures weren't unavoidable, talked to a lot of senior members of university who supported. Only got two line response.

Nick Cooper (St John's)

³ The most recent International Student Barometer survey reveals 89.9% of users were satisfied with their experience of OUSU³, this is an improvement on recent years but it is still far off the Russell Group average of 94.5%.

Per student for funding?

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Averages out the same as other Russell Groups. No spare money, tried best to make cuts. Making cuts on NUS training each sab is only going on one training course, and had to pull money from other pools. The only other cut would be a member of staff.

Sarah Pine (Wadham)

When increase of fees happen Uni will have more money.

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

The cuts will be more than matched by the increase in fees. More money in bank also have raised £1.2 billion for university.

Sam Hall (Merton)

What difference in services by other groups, do they have bars and clubs and societies.

Tom Rutland (Jesus)

Some give money to their Clubs and Societies. More training more representation as don't have to do so much administration.

Sean Robinson (The Queen's)

Has been discussed at Conf of Colleges.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

I mentioned to them that we suffer from lack of resource. Want a whole new funding structure with university don't want to increase funding burden on students.

Passes.

ix. motions affecting OUSU members as members of the student movement

6. NUS Affiliation motion

Council notes:

1. OUSU's affiliation to the National Union of Students is about to lapse.

Council believes:

1. That students are stronger when they join together to speak with one voice and engage in collective action.
2. That the NUS provides valuable services such as resources, training, and support for OUSU sabbatical officers, executive officers, staff, and autonomous campaigns.
3. That OUSU should continue to engage in the national student movement.

Council resolves:

1. To renew OUSU's affiliation to the NUS
2. To debate OUSU's affiliation to the NUS not later than Trinity Term 2013.

Proposed: *Martha Mackenzie (St John's)*

Seconded: *Jim O'Connell (University)*

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Annual NUS affiliation motion. Dani Rafferty Sab officer at NUS can answer.

Vice President for Society and Citizenship. We bring student unions across the country to set political direction. Oxford is one of our most active members.

Jamie

Work on coordinating our services to student union, from training to websites, to elections. Really important that we use opportunities like this as often only speak to student officers rather than the wider student body.

David Townsend (St John's)

What do you do directly in support of students.

Jamie

Until recently did very little for individual students, last couple of years have put resources into student activism to build effective campaigns on whatever issue that they want, already trained 2000 this year. Gave funding to most popular grass roots campaign. Any of you can get national accreditation for anything that you do outside of the classroom, course rep on council. Important get recognised for those skills.

Dani

Priority been come Clean, on some of the higher education reforms the government is making. Highlighting differences between fee waivers rather than bursaries. Supported Bristol to help get bursaries for their students. Work through student union not direct them, help to win things for their students.

Jamie

Have reduced affiliation fees, now 40% rather than 90%.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

We have been charged higher affiliation fees as we have changed our funding model.

Jamie

Combination of our purchasing consortium, things people sell in shops and bars. Unions get cheaper price but we get money. NUS cards, we get £4 unions get £4.50. People commissioning research from our leading research team so people are recognising this. We are investing in a digital platform which will give student unions free CRM systems, which is a free service for our members investing £2 million in this. Will give us scope for media sales, student unions will get large incomes of this.

Dani

One member one vote, come to council a number of times, we have put together a research commission on this. Most further education organisations don't have access to their own data. If had one member one vote, then only HE people would have a vote not FE.

Jamie

Have democratically been set a goal of reducing affiliation fees altogether.

Brasenose

Concerned that NUS is not representative of mainstream student opinion.

Dani

Have got clearly engaged students around country. We need to engage organisations enough, want to go out to student unions and run free activist training. For too long NUS had headline campaigns trying to make issues more local, have been working hard to engage new activists from non traditional backgrounds. If not engaged in student union locally then won't be engaged nationally.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Currently on £10,000 used to be because of funding by colleges. New because of new funding model. But around £24,000

David

How can ordinary students get engaged.

Dani

Developing master classes, are designed for students not just sabbatical officers. HE zone running come clean campaign. I work on living wage. Lobbying and negotiating locally. Green impact train hundreds of carbon ambassadors.

Jamie

Exciting stuff is student skills awards, especially those who are just below sabbatical level. Never said no to training or advice. You should get more out of your memberships. If unhappy get in touch with the NUS sabs if unhappy with what were saying. If not in membership that wouldn't happen.

Susie (Balliol)

Bursaries not applicable to way Oxford works.

Dani

Oxford has different wants and needs. I did a postgrad at Girton, found strange experience, real challenge, to engage with students like you who have different needs. Get in touch, work with officers to engage locally, I don't set political direction you do. Able to put more money into training on issues which are relevant to you.

Jamie

Liam our national president talked to government of bursaries rather than fee waivers. Liam took a view which Martha highlighted was wrong, he now has a much more nuanced view. Really low block grant, reading gets triple your block grant and yet less students. Increased marketisation you need more of a national voice now more than ever.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Doesn't cost us any money if choose to disaffiliate, we wouldn't get money back to spend on student services. This year we made money from NUS Teaching awards, couldn't have done without money from NUS. Yuan got money from NUS to fund Inclusive Leadership. The NUS have a lot of online resources, helped our CEO. Helps us as a student union. Hannah sits on Student support group, what she thought about fee waivers and bursaries and which has been passed through college.

Anti NUS motion was proposed by Kent and Sheffield worked with Gerard, to run serious lobbying operation many I contacted were extremely responsive and the parts which were anti Oxford were removed. If we hadn't been able to lobby would probably have passed. Makes sense to be part of a wider movement.

Lose money or not, seems a huge amount of money. Could we not argue for this money.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Last year we made a cut on funding moving to new building they would take it back. Allowed tiny increase to budget for reaffiliation. Understand point but think worse.

Ben Marshall (Balliol)

Comes from University.

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Way funding work is block grant, get treated like department scrutinise every line. We are not allowed to generate surplus, we should run at break even. Clearly scrutinise line in budget. The entire OUSU NUS affiliation is paid for as part of block grant.

Shay Bishoi (Magdalen)

With that amount of money maybe they don't need for anything else, can't be portrayed as no lose. Level of awareness amongst grads of NUS is low at individual level.

Jim O'Connell

Graduate point. Need to increase awareness but has been very effective for International students, lots were worrying about staying in UK, lobbying we and NUS did on post graduate work visas was brilliant. Liam has been lobbying on loan schemes for post grads.

Move to Vote

Passes with clear majority

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Council Believes:

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Proposed: Daniel Stone, St Peter's College

Seconded: Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)

Passed Nem Con

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8. Advertising Ban on Esso/Exxon Mobil

Council Notes:

1. In 2003, 2006 and 2009, OUSU Council passed policy against Esso/Exxon Mobil.
2. Esso's activities continue to cause serious damage to the world environment.
3. These activities are in opposition to the stance taken by OUSU Council through the Environment and Ethics Committee.

Council Believes:

1. That environmental issues are important.
2. That OUSU policy should be upheld.

Council Resolves:

1. To continue to ban Esso/Exxon Mobil from advertising in OUSU publications, the Oxford Student and from any form of commercial partnership with OUSU/OSSL.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone (St Peter's College)*

Seconded: *Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)*

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Esso isn't covered by other motion. We are quite clear that poor performing businesses Esso stands out amongst them.

Seb Baird (Corpus Christi)

In knowledge have we ever been approached for advertising.

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

We are thinking about the environmental impact they have, doing research stood out on taking no regard on environmental issues in countries they were working.

No particular news story.

Sam Hall (Merton)

Will passing this motion have any positive effect?

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Think it is good that we have a clear effect, important to take a stance if there are companies we disagree with.

David Butler

Will this effect any involvement with the Careers service?

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Careers guide is bound by OUSU policy.

Sean Robinson (The Queen's)

Seems arbitrary, we should not allow companies that cause serious harm.

Accepted as friendly.

Opposition on amended motion.

Nick Seeker (St John's)

If careers guide is bound by this, it will mean that all oil companies won't be allowed to have their adverts in this publication. Unfair on students that want to work with oil companies. Oil companies still have historically bad environmental models.

Nick (Corpus)

Feels like passing as legacy model, and singling out one company. Feels like this is covered by something already passed. Only solves one problem, feel that if voted down we are endorsing.

Tom

Saw deepwater catastrophe, definitely a relevant thing for today.

Does the motion remove Exxon Mobile,

Shay Bishop

Seems arbitrary picking on Exxon Mobile.

Clarification text of amendment.

Notes

Unchanged

3 we should not allow companies that casue serious damage to environment to form commercial Mandates to look into other oil companies.

Jim O'Connell

Think Sean's amendment is too broad. My worries are that the amendment is too broad. Poses serious risk to advertising.

Alex Lans (St Catherine's)

Getting to point of extreme as it is BP sponsors enhanced bursaries which gives people assistance, Should we include BP. Oil companies are doing a lot of research into resources for change. Exxon has been at the forefront of change. I think banning Exxon is just something from the past.

Motion Falls

Charlie cedes chairs

9. Coca Cola Boycott

Council Notes:

1. In 2009 OUSU Council passed policy to boycott and impose an advertising ban on Coca Cola.
2. Policy was passed because workers in Colombia were being denied their fundamental human rights, local people were being denied access to their own water supply and the actions of Coca Cola in India were causing environmental catastrophes.
3. There have been recent reports of further atrocities in Guatemala where workers are unable to join unions and have become the victims of human rights abuses.

Council Believes:

1. That reported changes haven't been significant enough to warrant a change in OUSU policy.

Council Resolves:

1. To continue to boycott all Coca Cola products and to institute an advertising ban on Coca Cola, until such time as the ILO are satisfied with Coca Cola's practices in South America and the wider world.
2. To mandate the OUSU President to write to the board of directors of Coca Cola informing them of our advertising ban and boycott, and the conditions upon which they are made.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone, St Peter's College*

Seconded: *Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)*

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Similar motion more evidence about some of the practices that coca cola are doing.

Motion Falls

10. Support for Fairer International Trade Rules and Practices

Council Notes:

1. In 2009 OUSU Council renewed policy supporting the reformation of international trade rules and practices to give priority to poverty reduction and environmental protection.

Council Believes:

1. That there remains a pressing need for this policy.
2. That international trade is currently weighted against those in developing nations.
3. Governments in developing countries must take some responsibility, but in the meantime we can make a difference to their poorest citizens through our purchasing power.

Council Resolves:

1. To encourage students to buy fairtrade products.
2. To renew efforts to promote and campaign on issues of trade justice.

Proposed: *Daniel Stone (St Peter's College)*

Seconded: *Beth Hanson-Jones (St Hugh's College)*

Daniel Stone (St Peter's)

Again idea is to be as broad as possible, showing that OUSU cares about Fair Trade.

Motion clearly passes.

11. International No Diet Day

Council notes:

1. That Council has previously supported International No Diet Day (May 6th), but this policy lapsed in TT11

Council believes:

1. Overall health and positive body image are more important than achieving any physical ideal.
2. The diet industry thrives on unrealistic images of beauty.
3. Self-respect is a right that should not depend on physical appearance.
4. The discourse around bodies and dieting conditions young people into hating their appearance.

Council resolves:

1. To support International No Diet Day
2. To encourage activities which promote positive body image such as WomCam's Love Your Body Garden Party

Proposed: *Sarah Pine (Wadham College)*

Seconded: *Sussanah Deedigan (Balliol College)*

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o. Any Other Business

1. Election regulations

- *Explanation by Martha Mackenzie*
- *See Appendix A*
- *Please send any thoughts/comments to president@ousu.org*

Martha Mackenzie (St John's)

Please read election regulations and make comments.