

Reports to Council

5th Week Council Trinity 2015

Sabbatical Officers

Louis Trup – President

Dearest OUSU Council:

Things I have been doing:

- Supporting large common rooms with their financial stuff
- Supporting St Catz JCR in doing what they are doing with becoming independent and all
- Working on divestment – meeting with people in the university and writing things and getting support from New York University and more – this took up a lot of my time.
- University Council went well.
- Helped organise a return trip for Myanmar students to Oxford. Anna was the main person doing it because I was ill.
- Met with two candidates for the Vice Chancellorship.
- Helped some common rooms with rent negotiation stuff.
- Media work to promote the referenda. This went well – turnout was high, and the president of the NUS shared my video on faceyB.
- Working on sport issues and the sport strategic sub-committee
- Gearing up to present OUSU's budget, impact report, accounts and more to the university
- Been working on making a pretty impact report, rather than the dull one that is presented to uni committees.

Other declarations:

Political declaration: In my spare time, I have been working to get Laura Marks and Richard Verber elected to the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Richard won, Laura didn't. There's always next time, ey.

Love always,
Louis

Ruth Meredith – VP Charities and Community

Hey, Council! Happy 5th week! This past fortnight has shown how important student activism is to the wider community, and how important a difference we can make.

This is what I've been up to this week:

1. Living Wage Campaign

I've been helping out the Living Wage campaign. We held a celebration event on Friday for everyone who's ever been even tangentially involved in Living Wage, after the campaign's massive year. We were lucky enough to hear from the person who founded the campaign in 2003, and see how far the campaign's come, but how much further we have to go to ensure

that our staff are respected fully.

We're also working on a protest for late 5th week to show colleges who aren't paying the Living Wage that it's not acceptable. Alongside this, we're looking to link up scouts being paid the Living Wage with unions, and making plans to have talks from lower paid staff in Fresher's Weeks.

2. On Your Doorstep

Oxford City Council scrapped plans to criminalize rough sleeping! After OYD's online petition, action on Cornmarket, and lobbying individual Councillors, the City Council backed down. Congratulations to Freya and the campaign, without whom, this definitely wouldn't have happened!

The campaign also hosted a panel event about the housing crisis in Oxford, at which I spoke about the interaction between students and homelessness in the city, and how we can mitigate our impact. The campaign is also hosting a fundraiser this week for Oxford Poverty Action Trust at the Bullingdon.

OYD has started thinking about next term's homelessness awareness week, and how we can make it bigger and more meaningful than last year!

3. E&E

E&E successfully lobbied the University to ban investments in coal and tar sands oil!

This is a massive step forward, proving that divestment is not irresponsible or radical, but a legitimate step for investors serious about limiting climate change.

Although we didn't get all of our asks, by getting the University to agree in principle to divest, the campaign now has so much more gravitas, and so much more power to ensure that more meaningful changes happen in the future.

This has taken 2 years to get to this point, which is testament to the importance of student activism. Special mention to Dan Tomlinson and Michaela who ran last year's campaign, and to Ellen, Rivka, Cara and Louis for working so hard on this year.

Other headlines:

4 – RAG

In the past fortnight, the RAG Network has supported 3 different fundraisers for local and Nepalese charities. We're also gearing up to a skydive, cocktail party and Summer VII's stall.

I've also been working really hard to try and improve RAG's paying out structure and committee structure. More of this to come next Council, I think.

I've finally finished and distributed RAG's Impact Report! See Appendix 1 for a summary of my + RAG's work up until Hilary term this year.

5 – Referenda!

I led the #ReadyforHilary campaign to move OUSU's elections to Hilary terms. Thank you to everyone who voted to move them, and to Jack for running such a great counter-campaign, and facilitating really important discussion about how we improve OUSU. I'm excited that we will be moving elections to Hilary, and looking forward to seeing OUSU grow and develop.

More importantly, the three sets of referenda saw a record turnout of 40.6%! Congratulations to Joe, and to all the OUSU staff and sabs who worked really hard on running these referenda.

If there's anything not in these headlines that you're interested in finding out, please email me on vp candc@ousu.ox.ac.uk, or ask me a question in Council.

Anna Bradshaw – VP Women

Happy 5th Week Council –

This week I want to encourage you to use #5thWeekFree to share good and fun things that you do for yourself, if you want to join the WomCam campaign to introduce a reading week to the Oxford terms.

I'm also really excited to start working with Sam Shearn, who has joined the OUSU part-time executive as the Student Parents and Carers Officer. He has lots of great ideas, and I'm looking forward to spending the rest of my time in office getting him settled and ready to the next few months. This will enable continued work on a number of things that have been a focus for me this year, which is obviously pretty great.

As always please do feel free to ask me any questions you have. You can also get in touch with me by emailing women@ousu.ox.ac.uk.

xAnna

Sexual Health & Sexual Violence

Consent Workshops

A paper on the development of the consent workshops has gone to Student Health and Welfare Sub-Committee, and the last pieces of the evaluation are underway as SOARCC (Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre) looks over my recommendations for the updates to the materials. I've booked in all of the training that will happen this term for the students who will

become trainers for the facilitators, and then me and Lucy will start to plan for Freshers' Week. Yay!

Manifesto pledge: 'I will ... expand and develop the programme ... [and] introduce compulsory freshers' workshops in 1/3 colleges by the beginning for next year.'

Other Training

First Responder training continues, and I'm working with Rita to offer common rooms different ways that they can introduce a policy around their events that makes use of this training. This is going well, and we'll be starting a couple of different policies in a few common rooms by the end of this term. I also hope to work with Lucy and Rita during handover to help Rita prepare to push this over the summer.

I ran a training session on first responding that was specifically for Junior Deans that went well, and which the participants found useful. I hope to hold one more of these this term. I also ran a training session with Oxford Brookes' FemSoc, on leader identity and assertive leadership.

Related to manifesto pledges to do with 'actual first responders' and my focus on 'Sexual Health & Sexual Violence',

Academic Attrition & Women in Leadership

I held a drinks reception to mark the end of the Women's Leadership Development Programme, which brought together women in all sorts of positions of leadership from across the collegiate university. The event was a real success ☺ Over the next couple of weeks I hope to re-negotiate the terms of our sponsorship for the Women's Leadership Development Programme, so that it is secure for the next two or three years, and to meet with common rooms who are interested in introducing a micro-scheme in their college.

The Mentoring Scheme has been stalled by a whole host of different administrative issues – but this is okay because this is what a pilot is for. I am still confident that all of the families will be linked up by the end of the term. The University has also committed to supporting the evaluation of the pilot scheme, which should really help to provide a strong academic stream going forward.

Manifesto pledge: 'I will work closely with the Graduate Women's Officer to hold events that encourage undergraduate women to consider further study, including open nights in STEM departments, and Ask a Grad events in colleges.'

Manifesto pledge: 'I will make the continuation and expansion of OUSU's Women's Leadership Development Programme a priority. I want to enable facilitators to run parallel events in colleges and departments...'

Campaigns

WomCam

WomCam has lots of lovely new committee members and is running some great things. Over the last couple of weeks they've hosted events jointly with the other OUSU liberation campaigns, with a deliberately intersectional focus, which is so great to see. The zine is also out – if you want a copy get in touch!

It Happens Here

Work on the App continues, particularly around refining the content following the feedback session that we ran a few weeks ago. I'm in particular working on the FAQ section. IHH is also getting ready to plan for next term, including some exciting art projects and speaker events.

Women's Garden Party

Yay! This went really well. We had over 300 people come to the party, including lots of families, and lots of different women's societies and groups pulled together to put on something that was really lovely. We had food, workshops, craft, facepainting and lots more.

Referenda

I went on Newsnight, which was fun but also weird. I worked with the campaign to get rid of compulsory sub fusc, and even though we lost I'm really proud of the fact that we had a really good and interesting debate with the Save Sub Fusc campaign, and reduced the percentage of students voting to keep sub fusc from the last referendum.

I'm also so so pleased with the turnout figures, and worked with Ruth on the campaign to move the OUSU statutory elections. We one that referendum, which is fab, as it will hopefully improve engagement with communications of the elections, and will definitely let us try something and see whether it works.

Events and Committees

- Women in Leadership Drinks (14th May)
- Hosted a group of student union leaders from Burma/Myanmar (a reciprocal trip to the one that Louis and I went on in April) – (18th May)
- First Responder Training for Junior Deans (19th May)
- JCR PresCom (20th May)
- Equality and Diversity Panel (21st May)
- Oxford Brookes FemSoc Leadership Training (21st May)
- Living Wage Accreditation Party (22nd May)
- Teaching to Transgress: 20 Years of Women's Studies at Oxford Conference (23rd May)
- Women's Garden Party (24th May)
- WomCam Intersectionality 101 (25th May)

Chris Pike – VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities

Hi Council,

Here are some things that have happened, in an as yet undetermined order.

WelfCom: I held a meeting of over thirty common room welfare officers followed by formal hall at Hertford College. It was very well received and a great chance to share ideas and experiences.

Mind Your Head: I am working on a Testimonials Week for Mind Your Head in 7th week: watch this space! We'll be using it to relaunch the testimony wing of the campaign, so if you're interested in telling your story (anonymously if you'd like), send me an email.

Committees: I represented students on the Joint Supervisory Committee for Visiting Students and on the Equality and Diversity Panel.

Campaign Constitutions: I supported all four campaigns in my portfolio in creating their constitutions (brought to you today).

Sexual Health: I met with the Terrence Higgins Trust with plans to improve our sexual health provisions. I also compiled a document with information on how to access STI testing, including the availability of fifty free postal saliva tests for HIV (on a first-come-first-served basis). Look out for an email from your welfare rep!

Accessibility: The Accessible Venues Checklist is now available for anyone who would like to use it, and we can happily say that this is the first Council for which anyone can anonymously submit an accessibility request (ask Nick if you want more info).

LibCom: Copying from WelfCom, there will be a similar event (now confirmed) next Tuesday for all equal opps, liberation, LGBTQ, BME, women's and disability reps. Encourage your reps to attend (and to email me if they haven't heard about it yet!).

Autism Working Group: There will be an 'anti-social' (closed to only autistic students) taking place at a date and time to be confirmed; watch this space and please come along! It will be a space which will as far as possible accommodate any accessibility needs and will be a chance for autistic students to meet, discuss and share.

Solidarity,

Chris

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Jack Matthews – VP Graduates

Ahoy Council. Since last we spoke I have had numerous Committees to attend, and have also been working with a number of Common Rooms to support them with inquiries about governance – especially at St. Catherine's College. As well as this work, I have picked out a few major topics of work which I highlight below;

Government Consultation on Support for Postgraduate Study

In consultation with Graduate student representatives from around the University, I have been drafting OUSU's response to the Government Consultation on Support for Postgraduate Study. The broad stroke of my approach has been to welcome the loans, but recognise that they are not substantial enough to be of significance to students studying at Oxford. The final response will be sent to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on Thursday of 5th Week. I will lay a copy of my response before Council as an annex to my next report to Council.

I also feel there is significant room for improvement in the initial proposal outlined in the Consultation – as well as political potential for change. I may therefore lobby relevant Ministers, based on the policy on this matter adopted in 3rd Week Council this term.

Graduate Forum

On Monday of 5th Week I held the first Graduate Forum – the replacement to the Postgraduate Strategy Summit. Many thanks to St. John's MCR for hosting. This was an ideal opportunity for Graduates to come together from across the University and help set the direction of OUSU's Graduate work. This format appeared to work, and I am confident that if it were to be advertised earlier, and opened up to graduate course reps, the event will blossom into a regular and valuable feature on the OUSU calendar.

Student Barometer

All my data processing and analysis is now done on the Student Barometer results. I have produced personalised reports for every Common Room and Course, both undergraduate and graduate. This data will be made available to student representatives over the coming week, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to ask.

Student Representation on the Buildings and Estates Subcommittee

Following discussions at University Council on the future work needed on Graduate Accommodation at Castle Mill, I proposed that it was necessary for students to have representation on the Building and Estates Subcommittee, if the work is to be done in true consultation with students. This suggestion was well received, and I shall be advancing discussions, along with the Vice President Access and Academic Affairs, to see this development come to fruition.

Declaration of Interests and Gifts

- I received lunch in the SCR at St. Catherine's College while supporting the JCR in the on-going discussion with College regarding their legal status and Education Act provisions.
- I was invited to take part in a meeting with some Sabbatical Officers in advance of our interviews with the Scrutiny Committee. As a former Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, I felt uncomfortable at the idea of such a meeting taking place, and so refused to attend.
- I was the Campaign Leader for a NO vote in the moving of elections referendum. I have

declined the £25 made available by OUSU to fund referendum campaigns as I am personally opposed to the idea of OUSU funding electoral campaigns.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me,

With all good wishes,

Jack J. Matthews

James Blythe – VP Access and Academic Affairs

Hi Council!

It's been a really busy fortnight for me. Tomorrow is the Teaching Awards, which is going to be amazing – I hope you all come (6pm @ the Weston Library).

I've mainly been doing the following (and have in consequence eaten more sandwich lunches than I can care to recall...)

- Reviewing Blackfriars Hall – which, though small, was lovely! A great place, although I have learnt that since the review, the roof fell in, which is less good.
- Attending University Council, where I thought the discussion on divestment was pretty disappointing, but where we ended up with a reasonably good outcome and the student view was clearly heard.
- Reviewing the Department of Earth Sciences, which seems to be doing pretty well.
- Reviewing the PPE course: this was a fascinating experience. I, as well as nearly all the students we spoke to, supported the course having more interdisciplinary elements and more assessed coursework. It is clearly very difficult to change a course spread over two divisions and three departments, though. We shall see what happens!
- Visiting the headquarters of QAA, the University's regulator. This was ahead of the Higher Education Review visit in Hilary 2016 and I got lots of useful information in order to inform and support my successor, Cat Jones, who will be the lead student representative for the process.

Other than that, big items are:

- Prelims Feedback – I've been encouraging JCRs to submit their own responses to the big university consultation, and preparing a guide for students on making data protection act 'subject access requests' for their own prelims feedback, as the next step in our Council mandated campaign.
- Target Schools – I've been working closely with the TS committee on improving our safeguarding processes and developing a new bursary scheme to support people for whom travel costs put them off coming on the shadowing scheme.
- Arranging the annual meeting between the Permanent Private Hall Supervisory Committee and Common Room presidents from the PPHs.
- Leading for the sab team on arranging for the OUSU summer party!

Committees:

Council; PRAC; Committee for the Language Centre; Joint Sub Committee of Education Committee with Student Members.

Part-Time Executive Officers

Marina Lambrakis – Graduate Academic Affairs Officer

Hi Council!

Since 3rd week I attended Research Committee and the RSL Working Group, where we had a really in-depth discussion on what students need from a science library and how best to accommodate those needs. I'm working on a few things currently, particularly in the areas of postgraduate access (I'm setting up a meeting with various other officers to think about where we are currently and how we can expand), and suspended status students. I'm also thinking a bit about how better to engage graduates, which I hope we will address in Graduate Forum on Monday of 5th week. If you have any ideas or concerns, I'm just an email away - gradacaff@ousu.ox.ac.uk :)

Marina

Minerva Lim – International Students' Officer

Hi Council, over the past two weeks I've been busy trying to organise the International Students' Festival - it will be held at Bonn Square on the Saturday of 7th Week so do come down for what promises to be a great afternoon of fun, food and cultural showcase! Do help us to promote the event as well to as many people as possible so that we have a big turnout on the day :) As always I have also been working on international student related issues, including facilitating OxPolicy research on international students and setting up a meeting for all international student reps, tentatively to be held the weekend of 6th week!

Lindsay Lee – Disabled Students' Officer

Hello council! With exams going on, not much has changed since last council meeting: OSDC and I are planning a campaign to lobby local businesses to make their establishments more accessible. More on this forthcoming.

This council I've put forth motions related to increasing the accessibility of OUSU at our events and online. I'm looking forward to this discussion, and please vote for them! It's difficult for OUSU to be strong proponents of disability access if we are not inclusive ourselves!

Please let me know if you are interested in helping plan the disability and sexuality workshop in Michaelmas, or if you have any comments about it!

As ever, please let me know if you have anything you'd like for me to talk to Disability Advisory Service about or any questions. My email is disability@ousu.ox.ac.uk.

Jenny Walker – LGBTQ Officer

Another exciting two weeks for the LGBTQ Campaign! We had our first introductory night which was fantastic – great turnout and loads of new ideas for projects and working groups. Our next committee meeting will be an open one, so anyone is welcome to come along and join in. We will also be electing a Treasurer and hopefully a Grad rep. We're collaborating with WomCam and CRAE on various events. Keep tuned via the Facebook page or message me to be added to the mailing list if you're interested in what we're doing.

Sam Shearn – Student Parents and Carers Officer

Having just stepped into the role, I have been having preliminary meetings and conversations with my two VPs Anna Bradshaw and Jack Matthews, and have met the Head of Childcare Services, with whom I now being to a steering group. Since I haven't done much yet, here is an indication of what I hope to do:

One of the key aims I have for my time in the role is improving the communication with student parents. Currently the university collects no organized data about whether students care for dependents. Thus despite useful OUSU emails being sent, the membership of the mailing list has been hit-and-miss. I propose to build relationships with key administrators at the college level and put systems in place such that the gathering of contacts happens automatically with each new year of admissions.

With these contacts in place (and a continual effort to make contacts), I hope to make help and advice more accessible to student parents and facilitate mutual support by, for example, putting single parents in contact with each other, publicizing student-run playgroups, and also point to OUSU events and services.

Another area where I believe I can make a difference is by feeding in a student parent perspective to the strategic planning processes for graduate accommodation in Oxford. While low rents are a priority, I believe quality of life for student parents often relies even more significantly on other factors such as community. In this regard, the architecture of future buildings can play a big role, if, for example welcoming communal areas and play areas for children are included in the remit of the architects.

Building on the sterling work of many previous OUSU officers, I hope I can make a difference in this new role which focuses exclusively on student parents and carers. Being a parent of three young daughters myself, and since Council takes place at the children's supper and bed-time, I will probably be sending apologies for many future meetings, including this first one, but I would encourage all JCR, MCR and OUSU council members to be in touch with ideas and concerns to help me fill out this role.

Nikhil Venkatesh – Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer

Since last council I have been working on furthering progress to fulfil my manifesto pledge of campaigning for a more diverse faculty at the university. Myself and Marc Shi, chair of CRAE (Campaign for Racial Awareness and Equality) met with representatives of the newly-established BME Staff Network to hear their concerns and suggestions. Hopefully this collaboration can continue into the future. The Equality and Diversity Unit has just appointed two people to share the role of 'Race, Religion and Belief' manager, and I look forward to working with them as well.

I have also taken part in a panel discussion as part of the 'We Unite' equalities week run by four JCRs, which was a great success; I have attended a CRAE meeting as well, in which I reported on progress with another of my manifesto pledges, increasing the number of BME Officers in common rooms, and put together plans of how to speed the process along and make it work effectively and sustainably.

David Parton – Health and Welfare Officer

I am currently awaiting feedback from the Student Advice Service on the information I have collated for my mental health awareness and service-signposting pack. Once I have received this I will work with VP for Welfare and Equal Opportunities, Chris Pike, and the OUSU Communications Team to physically design the posters, webpage and leaflets. This I hope to have finalised by the end of 6th week, at the very latest. I also attended a meeting of thirty welfare reps from across the common rooms for a meeting and formal at Hertford last Thursday.

Joe Reason – Common Room Support Officer

Hey council,

Sorry that I can't be there tonight but if you have any questions just send me an email on commonrooms@ousu.ox.ac.uk. This also means I won't be at the event after but if you want to talk about the role, send me an email and let me know.

Since my last report, I have attended undergraduate president's committee and held the second OUSU Representative Committee of term which went well. The next meeting of OUSU reps will be held in St Anne's MCR, 5:30pm on Tuesday June 2nd (6th Week) - please come along and send me any agenda items.

I have now collected the information on common room officers for most undergraduate and about half of graduate common rooms. I will be pushing this more from next week. I will also be working on compiling information on ball committees for the presidents over the end of the term.

I have also now completed my first final exam for my degree and will be back to helping common rooms more from 6th week. If you would like me to attend your common room

meeting, just send me an email.

OUSU love

Will Brown – Clubs and Societies Officer

I've been advising clubs and societies with regards to such issues as uncollected mail, Fresher's Fair, and registration with the University.

I've continued to work on formatting the clubs and societies mailing list, and to develop a system of organisation for university-wide clubs and societies.

I've also made enquiries towards encouraging colleges to record and submit information about their clubs and societies.

Rita Nissim – Graduate Welfare Officer

Hi OUSU Council!

Christ Church GCR and St. John's JCR now have a **First Responders Policy** for their events ☺ Anna and I are planning to discuss more ideas about how this policy can be adapted to meet the needs of different common rooms. Chris and I are also now finalising a few details of **Alcohol Awareness Training** we have been approached about developing; Welfare Officers and Social Secretaries will be hearing more about this soon! Tonight is also when the **Graduate Forum** Jack has organised is taking place so hopefully we will have a good turnout ☺ Other than that, things have been moving along smoothly and I now have more time to spend on the **Welfare Leaflet** I've previously mentioned.

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions/issues! Email me at gradwelfare@ousu.ox.ac.uk!

Rita

Julien Coyne – Academic Affairs Campaign Officer

Over the last two weeks the main thing I've been doing is helping with the Annual Quality Report that Matt, James, and Jack were writing; this is a summary of the state of academic affairs and academic representation (the quality thereof) in the eyes of Oxford students. I met up with Matt twice over the last two weeks for a few hours to help add to and edit the report. Moving forward, I'll be working on the Sharepoint site again and also helping out with/presenting an award at the OUSU Teaching Awards this week!

Yoni Stone – Community Outreach and Charities Officer

I have been in contact with individuals from NHSBT and also the founder of the Bristol Donors society in order to research how the Oxford Donors society would work best. Also started

recruiting the positions necessary to register the society with the university. Hoping to launch at the beginning of Michaelmas.

Zuleyka Shahin – Graduate Women’s Officer

Hi Council,

I have had a really tough week and have not got much done. I have tried to support a couple of women, but for once my own personal self-care had to take precedence. We can achieve nothing as strong young women if we’re bruised, burnt and tired. I am trying to pick myself up and carry on working hard. I want to inspire women by showing them I am human, I suffer, I am not perfect, but I am trying my best. I also want to extend huge thanks to Anna Bradshaw VP Women for her support during what is a difficult time and hope Council can forgive my recent efforts over the last two weeks.

Henna Shah – Access and Admissions Officer

Hi Council,

I've been planning some exciting new things over the past couple of weeks. I am in the process of organising another shadowing day with ACS for Michaelmas and have contacted other student societies for other minority groups about doing the same. I hope we'll be able to run a couple more next term, with a more diverse basis to build on the great one we had last term. I've also been organising Access Forum (now with added socialising!) for Thursday next week, and following my discussions with access officers will be wanting input on a summer project compiling info about all the fantastic access work we do in Oxford into a booklet in time for Freshers' Week. I've also been doing little jobs like advising individual students on going back to their schools, chatting about college alternative prospectuses, chairing Target Schools Steering Group and I'm presenting an award tomorrow!

Please also watch this space for a new campaign around First Gen students that I have been supporting - expanding it is really important!! Get in touch with me or Lynton Lees at Christ Church to find out more.

Henna

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Divisional Board Representatives

Hilary Chow – Social Sciences Graduate Rep

1.

The Social Sciences Board has met on 8 May and has discussed the following issues:

LiveFriday

Divisional Risk Register

Proposal to introduce SIAS DPhil in Area Studies

Second consultation on possible revision to Statue XII

EJRA: Proposals for the clarification of the Aims, and amendment of the Procedure, and the nature and timing of the Review of the EJRA
Conferment of the title of Associate professor: 2015 divisional exercise
Reflections on Research Excellence Framework 2014 (REF 2014) Results
2015/16 JRAM initial allocations
Divisional submission to the annual University planning round
Proposal to develop streamlined Master's programme structures in four Area Studies regions (China, South Asia, Modern Middle East and Japan)
Review of tuition fees for 2016/17 entry
Review of the MSc in Contemporary India
Review of the MSc in Modern Japanese
Review of the BA in Human Sciences
Review of the MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies
Proposal to introduce law MSc in Taxation
Joint review of the School of Archaeology by the Social Sciences Division and Education Committee
Joint review of the Oxford Department of International Development by the Social Sciences Division and Education Committee
Update on Institute of Human Rights in the Faculty of Law

2.

I have attended OUSU council.

3.

I have attended Manor Road Building Committee Meeting. They have decided they will continue giving cubicles gender assignment unless there is more support for otherwise, but will label the disabled loos unisex.

4.

I have attended divisional forum with some other student representatives, we have discussed course handbook, diversity in reading lists, graduate teaching opportunities, DPhil viva supervisor presence and involvement, business school student association, continuation fees, etc.

Eden Bailey – Humanities Undergraduate Rep

- Meeting with Shearer West
- Discussion of Workload Survey (has been passed down to faculty JCCs)
- Arranging Division-wide UJCC for 6th week

If anyone has any questions, please email me. I will be devoting most of the end of 6th week to Humanities UG matters (after my exams), hence this brief report, and much more to come when the exams are over!

Julien Coyne – MPLS Undergraduate Rep

I have been attending divisional meetings, notably CLIPS (which is a committee to discuss library provisions in MPLS) this past week. Because of the lack of a postgraduate divisional

representative for MPLS, graduate representation on this committee is spotty, and the chair of the committee asked if I could assist with sourcing a dedicated graduate to serve on the committee, even if there was no broader postgraduate divisional rep. I am in contact with him (the chair), and working on doing this.

Further, I would like there to be some structure in place for student representation on such committees to be ensured even if a divisional rep position is unfilled; this kind of scope for delegation of div rep duties is something I have also been thinking about.