

Minutes of 7th Week Council Hilary 2001

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting not available.

Ratifications

Ed Turner (Nuffield) ratified for Clubs committee. Jen Jackson (Linacre) and Catherine Sangster (Merton) ratified as Grad Exec Officers.

Elections in council

Catherine Wallis ARO.

Four Exec Officer vacancies.

Ben Newton (Jesus) co-chair ethics, FnF attender, uni rag committee, Jesus JCR comm, support for OUSU campaigns, people and planet president.

Stuart Hudson (Jesus) Press officer, RO. Been in OUSU a lot. Hard working exec required.

Louise McMullen (Wadh) not lots of experience, but enthusiastic. Non-payer, would like to get involved in queer rights, women and target schools.

Eleanor Thompson (Wadh) students should be involved. Vigorous SU, free education, improving access. Elected as a delegate. Has time. Attender, scrutineer, interested in pro-choice.

Anatole Pang (Wadh) Common Sense OUCA. Right should not lose representation on Exec lost by two of the resignations. Attender, delegate. Has got involved in ethics, elections committee, FnF, Divinity and steward. Minority background. Sensible right-wing.

Rodrigo Davies (Wadh) OUSU/NUS rep. Independent. OUSU reps, FnF, march, occupation. Professional and committed.

Jin-Yu Cheong (LMH) International student. Economics committee, JCR 3rd vote.

Laura Santana (Hildas) committed to promoting OUSU. Keen on entz. Close down Campsfield.

Karim Palant (New) co-chair OUSU academic affairs. Wants to be part of making the SU better.

Nick Clark (Some) JCR Treasurer and VP. Getting job done, battels, access scheme, FnF.

Mike Stamp (New) LGB parenting scheme, welfare, peer support trained. Important position should be student focused. Nick Anstead (Mansfield) Has been seen to be effective, accessible and approachable. Important issues are FnF and access. Mansfield NUS rep, occupied, involved in Oxford access scheme.

Questions

Jane Blumer (Hildas) Two women have gone, should we replace them with two women? Why didnt you stand last term?

NA more aware this term. For all students. MS just elected, position coming to an end. NC have had busy term, fewer women run, so more men get on. KP 1st year, too early. Yes not enough female rep, but also lost two male posts. LS shouldnt be a question of gender, didnt know enough. JC understanding the weather, yes need more women but also foreigners. RD finding feet. Need more women, but must elect best people. AP fresher, did stand as delegate. Would encourage women. ET delegate, premature. LM lack of knowledge SH let women, academic BN need women, doing lots of stuff.

David McCormick (Oriol) time commitment?

MS yes
no probs
free
ET - free
NC no probs
SH already in OUSU a lot
BN current commitments would go
JC free
AP free
LM - free
KP
LS exams over
NA - free
RD

James Kettle (New) political affiliations? Hours in Bod occupation?

NC Labour Club. Drifting in and out. KP OULC, Labour Party, critical friend of government. At beginning, wrote article. LS no affilis, left, 6hrs JC OUCA. Right of centre. Not in occupation. RD None. Amnesty. Centrist 2nd evening, 5hrs. AP OUCA, Bow Group, AWL attender!! Popped in. ET OULC, Labour Party. On video tape. LM Lib Dems, but not OULD. Whole 2 days. SH OULC and Labour Party. Press for occupiers. BN Evan Harris supporter. People and planet, rag, amnesty and friends of the earth. NA none. 2hrs and most of second night. MS Charter 88, Amnesty. Didnt know where it was.

Will Straw (New) attendance of FnF committee.

KP every fortnight, all marches, views known, believes in access, wants to get involved. LS non-payer, marches, target schools. JC cant be non-payer. Not been to FnF, but has been involved in target schools, has shown kids around. RD attender of FnF also TS. Non-payer. AP not entirely pro FnF. ET marches, once to FnF. TS. LM not FnF, non-payer, TS. SH not involved, some marches. BN college rep, TS. NA has done everything. MS not been. NC some support.

Regan Early (Wadh) what portfolios would you like?

LS AcAf, Promoting choice, entz. JL FnF, access. RD secretary, FnF. AP Battels, Clubs and socs. ET Promoting choice, secretary. LM Int Students, Queer Rights. SH anything, AcAf, press, battels. BN ethics, environment, FnF, one world. NA any, FnF, access. MS Queer Rights, battels. NC OSS, battels, Freshers. KP AcAf, access

Sacha Ismail (Some) political outlook

Various confusing and disturbing answers given.

Publications Board

Sacha Ismail (Some) only candidate. AWL etc, co-chair of FnF, exec, helped anti-racism, unplanned pregnancy.

David McCormick (Oriol) what publications do we do? SI named quite a few.

In response to a number of questions said he was a libertarian socialist, had had a motion of censure passed in him, would be fair and impartial, would respect constitutional independence of the OxStu, happy only to attend some meetings of the pubs board.

Emergency Motions

I. University Police

Proposing: Sacha Ismail (Some) policy came from Freedom Party demonstration, someone was injured, but the motion was vague and contradictory. This seeks to remedy that.

Oposition: Tony Lord (Wadh) resolves I is stupid. Exec is not a corporate body. Would never get a full opinion.

Amendment to delete why and should be abolished from resolves I.

Opposition to amendment from Heenal Rajani (Merton)

Kirsty McNeill (Balliol) a majority of exec is irrelevant as they cant make policy. Cant mandate them like this.

Will Straw (New) MTV Vino Singrapillai (Hughs) opposed as not all had had their say.

MTV passes Summary Tony Lord (Wadh) cant mandate us to vote one way. Heenal Rajani (Merton) have to find out the results on one side.

Amendment passed.

Sean Sullivan (Seh) this is nothing to do with exec, they have better things to do, if people want to act against the uni police they should leave exec out of it and bring there own motion to council.

Sacha Ismail (Some) it simply asks exec to write a report.

MTV passes.

Motion falls.

2. Sussex occupation.

Proposed: Sacha Ismail (Some) to show support for their occupation which is about student funding.

Sean Sullivan (Seh) are they behaving themselves? Sacha Ismail (Some) cant tell. Nick Clark (Some) what are their demands/aims? Sacha Ismail (Some) that non-payers should not be sent down.

Motion was passed.

3. Lobby of Parliament.

Sean Sullivan (Seh) concerned that message coming across is confused and can include such things as tax the rich

Tony Lord (Wadh) is purposefully wide to encompass as much as possible.

Kirsty McNeill (Balliol) is OUSU policy that there should be higher taxes.

MTV passed.

Summary Sacha Ismail (Some) this is hardly controversial. Opposition registered.

Motion passed.

Passage of motions nem con.

Motions 1, 2 and 3 passed nem con. No. 4 withdrawn. No con motions withdrawn.

Point of order. Ask to move 5 up the agenda. Fails.

The Amended Budget.

Passed.

Motions authorising capital expenditure.

Digital camera

Steph Gray (Pembroke) need digital camera, would save OxStu money.

Robin Sivapalan (Some) will this extend to JCRs SG will be used by OxStu and OUSU publications.

Wally (Balliol) proposed amendment, get three cameras at a cost of up to 900. Sean Sullivan (Seh) do we have this to spend? SG yes. Amendment accepted. MTV on main motion passed. No summaries. Passed nem con.

Computers

Passed nem con.

Other motions

5. Oxford revolution

Raphel Mokades (Hughs) celebration of access scheme. 100 target schools pupils, lots of celebs.

Short factual questions

Kirsty McNeill (Balliol) do they pay? RM no the scheme pays for everything. Sacha Ismail (Some) how can one of the goals be anti-racism when one of the patrons is Paul Boatang whos so anti immigrants. RM agree, but he is a black minister. Will Straw (New) 1. When are tickets on sale? 2. No. needed to breakeven? 3. How many have been sold? RM 1. Christmas term. 2. 1200 3. 259 Kirsty McNeill (Balliol) what does VIP entail? RM sit down dinner and VIP zone (open only to them before 11pm)

Move to debate passed.

Steph Gray (Pembroke) amendment to remove resolves 2 and replace it with to offer the Oxford Revolution a full page mono advertisement in any edition of the OxStu during Trinity term, in exchange for two pairs of tickets to the revolution to be given away in a competition run in that newspaper during Trinity.

Peter Orlav (New) does this set precedent? SG No.

Amendment passes.

Opposition: Will Straw (New) not opposed to revolution its aims or the event, but New/Queens/Keble/Wolfson are all around the same day. Lots of them give money to charity, OUSU shouldnt differentiate between them by endorsing in this way. Proposes amendment striking resolves 1 and 3. OUSU shouldnt give its full support. MTV passes Amendment falls. MTV on main motion. Passes. Summary: RM access event which SU should support. Against - ? (Exeter) could damage JCR members elsewhere, discriminates against other JCRs.

Motion passes.

Point of order. Tony Lord (Wadh) that motion 6 should not be put. Nothing to do with Oxford Students. Opp Marc Stoneham (Merton) duty to discuss such issues, massive importance. Procedural motion falls. Proposing: Marc Stoneham (Merton) about sensible stewardship. Hunting is not upper class, everyone appreciates it. Defend hunting against the worst excesses of New Labour. Tony Lord (Wadh) How is this not a political motion? MS not attacking TBs political stance generally, only on one issue.

Move into debate.

Jane Blumer (Hilda's) not something we should have policy on, disenfranchises people.

MTV passed.

Summary: MS question of liberty and job losses. Melanie Marshall (ChCh) OUSU doesn't have to do anything, unnecessarily alienates.

Motion falls.