

Council minutes 7th week Hilary 2002

c)-ratifications in council:

Nick Anstead, mansfield and Nabeel Irshad, st johns, as entz co chairs

e) sabbatical reports:

jack clift, corpus: is Catherine Sangster's illness impairing her work?

Rh: i do not know

Oscar van nooijen, queens; when does CS finish?

Rh: friday of 8th week

VP Finance;

sorry you all got the student mirror. complain to the NUS.

Antonia bance, some:does EF recommend complaining to the NUS treasurer?

Ef: was inappropriate to deliver it, so yes.

jack clift, corpus: why did corpus only get 1 copy?

Ef: not aware of difference, doesnt know why. ask them!

sacha ismail, some: email the treasurer: gerant@nus.org.uk

sarah monroe, balliol: there was a double spread about the environment

Ef:yes.

Ruth hunt:

is a good opportunity to complain coming up at NUS husting, thurs 8th week,.

EF: yes, go and ask them.

Ali ichardson, SEH: can we find out if other SUs have it?

Ef:will let us know

g)emergency motions:

1) LGBT report

got deadline wrong, needs to do this report soon and needs a mandate to consult, on lgbt and disability issues.

No opposition

PASSED

motions from hilary 02 postgrad council to be ratified:

1)telephone provision

2)nursery provision

both ratified

m)passage of motions nem con:

motions 3) sexual health, passed nem con

m)other motions

Procedural motion proposed by Matt Selwood, new, to move motion (7) to first. passed.

motion 7)green electricity

prop:matt sellwood:

we don't do enough about climate change, it will affect us directly. by 2050, 5bn people will be affected, half the world's population. oxford is in a valley. we cant stick our heads in the sand. best approach is to act locally, so engage with the issue, vote for this to act locally. university is already trying to accommodate us.

Short factual Questions:

Andy thomas, st annes: electricity comes through national grid, how do we split it?

MS: it is possible, commercially and residentially

sacha ismail, some; what is likely cost for students&is this campaign not pressurising the government?

MS: for the council, was 3% cost increase, hard to say but transferral to students would be about £5 a year, worth it, but, should have total cost transferred to students. need to meet with domestic bursars to say exactly. We don't have enough full time activists to lobby the government.

Ben harris, st hughs: in processing this, aren't we using electricity that already exists, so it won't affect the grid?

MS: it will push demand up. government is trying to make sure 10% of electricity is green in 10 years.

Vinno sangarapillai, st hughs: is it ever conceivable that this could reach 100%?

MS: yes can cause huge extra jobs too.

Marc Stoneham, Merton: can you confirm it will cost £75,000? Why don't we use nuclear power?

MS: won't commit to a figure. Is an estimate based on council. Doesn't support nuclear power.

Oscar van nooijen, queens: are you aware that the domestic bursar's want whole cost passed on to students?

Can we ask uni to subsidise it in resolves?

MS:no problem. Not aware of db issue.

Point of info, ruth hunt: VC will say colleges are autonomous. Presidents must follow line too.

Duncan weldon, Somerville: surely colleges get own power-can uni force them?

MS: colleges buy in bulk fund. Would switch if uni did.

Nick clarke, Somerville: is thee just one supplier~?

MS: there are lots.

Move to debate

Speech in opposition, Marc Stoneham, Merton:

Awful lot of money, not best way to spend it. Have campaign instead uni needs the money for bursaries.

Move to vote.

Motion passes.

Equal Opportunities motion:

Prop:

James Rowlands:increasing amount of colleges have equal opps reps, having an equal opps committee will support them. Simple.

SEQ:

john townsend, univ: why isn't this covered already?

JR:is a new thing. Always been covered before separately.

Guy ritchie, pemb :will you be making sure scrs provide training?

JR:top-down. Group will help.

Mel Marshall, chch:how many colleges have these reps?

JR:10 so far.welfare and on its own.

Antonia bance: can you reassure us this wont hurt the other equal opps campaigns?

JR: yes. This could never do their work.

Chris hanretty, st-annes:how many equal opps campaigns are there? How will exec be allocated?

Jr;6. Exec will be assigned next year as usual.

John townsend, univ: is there a reason status quo is different?

JR:no, this is just providing added support.

David Rankovitch, univ: this is more bureaucracy isn't it?

Ruled out of sfq by chair

Sarah monroe, balliol: will lgbt reps go to both? who will attend?

JR: less specific than QR, so consultation and legislation would be discussed instead of cases for example.

Anyone will come

Sacha ismail, some: if it is ad hoc, when will it meet?

JR: as and when we need it

Debate:

Opp: David Rankovitch, univ: just bureaucracy. Won't change anything.

JR: no. this is direct support for those who need it. Ready made group for uni to consult.-can give consistent and useful feedback.

Antonia bance: this has a new purpose. Is necessary. Not overseeing other campaigns. Different beast.

Eleanor fletcher: is a new thing in jcrs, so it is our duty to help develop these posts.

Move to a vote

Prop: JR: this is a great motion, colleges want it.

MOTION PASSES

2) Recycled paper:

proposition:

Luke haywood, some: this is our chance to do something. OSSSL is a good provider. Use it. Recycled paper at no extra cost to JCRs, so colleges should use it, but for OUSU it makes sense. Worth the small extra cost, so use recycled paper.

SFQ:

Andy thomas, st annes: extra cost will be no more than £100?

Eleanor fletcher: will be £72.50 a year.

Laura west, st catz: does it actually make a difference?

Luke haywood, some: use. Creates demand, reduces landfill. Conserves energy. 74% less air pollution.

Move to debate

Opposition: marc stoneham, Merton: as in last motion, agrees with sentiment not rate of return. Not sustainable. Need another way.

Sacha ismail, some: normally a sceptic, but this is tiny cost, lets not knee jerk reject environmental stuff.

Move to a vote

MOTION PASSES

3) nem con

4) childcare officer:

proposition: antonia bance, some: there are 600 student parents. The fund for university's childcare officer is gone, so i VP women does it. An untrained person should not be doing casework. Especially not as are only part time. More sensible for vp women to do all of job.

SFQ:

Sarah monroe, balliol: have we had problems filling this role?

AB: yes, in part

NO OPPOSITION

5) support for mods and prelims

proposition:

nick instead. Mans: it is a matter of luck if you get support when you fail prelims/mods. This is bad. Depends on your tutor. Aim is to give john craig a mandate and create a policy for this problem. Also to raise awareness of discrepancies. Officers should go back to colleges and talk about it. Ac/aff committee drew up

this code of conduct; the key is for students to have contact details for tutors. to have access to support and info.

Sfq:

Mel marshall, chch: what about hilary mods?

NA: this is an omission, we'll change it.

Alex belcher, st peters: can you add medics too

NA: no problem

John Townsend, univ: how many fail

NA: sizeable amount

Josh kern, pemb: didn't prelist show that there is a common problem?

NA: yes

Opposition:

David rankovitch, univ: there should be welfare and support, but this should be at the college's discretion. If a person is useless, why should they re-sit? The college is best placed to assess this

Debate:

Nick Clarke, some: move to a vote-only small opposition to this

Failed

Debate:

Antonia bance: we have a duty to all students, as do their SU. There should be a fair procedure for all.

Nick instead, mansf: yes. We should move away from an individual tutors' criteria. This is too important to a person's life

James rowlands: it is absurd that colleges can decide whether someone may re-sit. This will be illegal in about 2 years anyway!

Jack, corpus: colleges should have some discretion. This isn't good enough anyway, it will bring standards down! We shouldn't force this on presidents

Josh kern, Pembroke: who will campaign on this?

John Townsend, univ: this will erode college independence. It is dangerous. The relationship with a tutor is contractual and personal.

Marc Stoneham, Merton: amendment: shouldn't be a black or white. Should be only 'code of best practice', not automatic policy.

Nick instead, mansf: no, point is decision shouldn't be taken by an individual. Can't lobby for an unwritten code of best practice!

James rowlands: any attempt to divide people is foolish, and hurts individuals need a clear code so that discrimination is impossible.

Move to vote on amendment.

Marc: it's not revolutionary for colleges to decide this. Shouldn't have automatic right of re-sit.

Nick instead: to be seen to be fair, all must have same written rights.

Amendment falls.

Debate again:

Nick A: friendly amendment substituting 'support for' in place of 'campaign for' code of practice.

Move to a vote

MOTION PASSES

6) College redistribution:

Prop:

josh kern, pemb: Major recommendation is that money is pooled and used as income by recipients, not endowment. Very few actually receive. Some like Keble and Anne's neither give nor receive. Inequality on so many levels.

SFQ:

Marc Stoneham, Merton: no college can be forced to do it?

JK: shifting of cash makes no difference. Not spending more, just more wisely.

Sacha ismail, some: you had said you would work out an average cost of living.

JK: table 5© in 6 colleges is done.

John Townsend, univ: is it obligatory?

JK:yes. (James rowlands: colleges sign up for assessment, then have to abide by recommendations)

JK:this doesn't do much really.

Opp: Chris Acom, Merton: this is short term, not a long term investment.

Prop:JK: no, is not a stop gap. We are pushing for reform. No point in just accumulating endowment.

MOTION PASSED

8) Post Comm:

proposition:

sacha ismail, some: first is why we should oppose liberalisation, then why we particularly need this policy. If the market is opened up, private delivery services will come in. CWU says in order to maintain current service, PO would have to then double cost of stamps, or services will deteriorate. Specifically in oxford, our local TU movement is campaigning on this. Trades council has supported us before, so would be nice to back them up. Long tradition of mutual support, especially on fees campaign. UNISON also sponsors the anti-fees demo. This is reasonable and rational, and very important for all of us.

SFQ:

Helena puig laraurri, st-hildas: can you explain the terms better?

Sachs: we oppose the PO monopoly being broken. We support the objectives of their campaign. We are against liberalisation. If anything specific happens, will be brought to council.

Nick anstead, mansf: what is TUC/OUSU relationship? Do we have two delegates there?

Sacha: we send delegates, elected in council. Tradition of co-op on funding and close campusfield campaign.

Chris hanretty, st annes: doesn't the government have to do this because of EU regulation?

Sacha: i don't know, but there is a case for it. We can still campaign against a law.

Sophie, st-hildas: what do we gain from a public postal service?

Sacha: a lot

Opposition:

John Townsend, univ: this is opposing liberalisation and EU. This is outside the range of OUSU/. The PO is not a viable business at the moment. Needs privatisation, or will go bust. This is not OUSU's job, will destroy the OUSU brand. Degrades us.

Sean Sullivan, she: this is another motion we shouldn't be talking about. Not students as students. It is not for us to judge what is going to happen. This detracts from our core responsibility and sets a precedent.

Teddy hall will laugh at us. None will take us seriously. Makes us coy about what ousu does. We are not part of the TU movement.

Move to a vote)josh kern)

Opposed by sacha, but passes.

Proposition:

Sacha: the government is trying to open the PO to competition. We need this service to be well provided. Look what has happened with other privatisations. We should continue to co-operate with relevant labour movements. Please vote for this.

Opposition:

Ali richardson, teddy hall: we a are an SU, not a TU. This is too wide. It is not relevant. It is irrelevant to students.

MOTION PASSES (26/16/20)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

James Rowland's: ali rishardson is on esther next week.

Nick clarke: come to burma campaign benefit gig on Friday at hildas.

Srah livermore: ousu reps Monday 7pm

Josh k: please sign up to college contribution list

Antonia B: please email me about electoral regs. Come to meetings Friday 8th week 3.30 corpus