

# OUSU

## student council minutes

7<sup>th</sup> Week Hilary 2007 OUSU Council, Roy Griffiths Room

Christine Quigley Chairing.

- a. MINUTES PASSED
- b. NO MATTERS ARISING
- c. QUEER RIGHTS AND HEALTH & WELFARE COCHAIRS RATIFIED
- d. NO ELECTIONS IN COUNCIL
- e. ALREADY HAD TERMLY REPORTS FROM SABBATICAL OFFICERS
- f. NO REPORTS FROM PART-TIME EXECUTIVE
- g. NO QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE
- h. EMERGENCY MOTIONS

### 1. EXAM CELEBRATIONS

Prop: Martin McCluckey (St Hugh's)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pete Surr (Univ)

Email went round yesterday from Senior Proctor extended ban to confetti, silly string, etc. We shouldn't be throwing stuff like fish, food, octopuses/pi around, as we're citizens. Last year heavy-handed measures just moved celebrations to turl/queen/broad st. Motions calls on Alan to call up Council to find out what the cleanup cost actually is. Also to set up tolerance zone on Merton st. Allowing for confetti, glitter, spraying champagne.

Questions:

Jenny HM, OUSU: On what basis is senior proctor banning champagne?

MMC, Hugh's: Because last year they allowed bottles but then people opened and drank them.

Ed Mayne, OUSU: Doesn't mean noise will be constrained to Merton st, disturbing finals?

MMC: Yes, but there will always be noise there even if people just bring balloons and gifts.

Jamie Frew, OUSU: Text missing?

MMC: Yes numbering is wrong.

Frank Hardee, Oriel: Marquee in Christ Church Meadow?

MMC: No idea.

JHM, OUSU: How far does unopened bottles ban stretch? Oddbins?

MMC: What?

Lewis Jones, Catz: Did this happen in Rules Committee? I sit on that.

MMC: Er..

Alan Strickland: Rules committee doesn't cover exam celebs

David Ellis, Wadham: Will someone tell Senior Proctor that celebrations are decades old, not just 4-5 years old?

MMC: I'm sure someone will.

Opposition?

Ed Mayne, OUSU: I am convinced that if you set up tolerance zone it will encourage noise. When I was still in exams, people were very noisy.

JHM, OUSU: Interesting as we sat on proctors meeting last term. Brings up safety issue as well in terms of slippery streets. When cobbles get wet, etc.

Mike Line, Balliol: Surely cobbles get wet any time of the year, not just around exams?

Amendment received:

Remove 'in merton st' from resolves 4. Accepted as friendly.

Imran Khan, OUSU: Create zones in colleges instead?

MMC: Things like glitter and silly string are less dangerous than things that happened last year like tying people to chairs.

Amendment received:

Add resolves 3; 'OR look into providing a 'beer tent' in Christ Church Meadow allowing cleanup to be come easier as tarpaulin can be washed down afterwards'

Prop: Frank Hardee, Oriel

2<sup>nd</sup>:

Mike

Downling,

Mansfield

Accepted as friendly.

Objection heard.

Prop: FH, Oriel: Good way to end finals. OUSU could run it as a money spinner!

Opp: Ben Jasper, Wadham: I don't think people will compose themselves to walk down to an OUSU fun tent! Impossible.

Amendment fails following vote.

Alan Strickland, Merton: Not convinced by arguments, and am mere servant of OUSU Council, but main things talking to city council are safety and stuff, so I don't think it would be helpful to add this to agenda!

Paul Dwyer, Keble: People will do it anyway.

MMC, Hugh's: Looking at the way it's gone, trashings have got worse as rules got stricter.

No more speeches, so move to vote.

Prop summary, MMC Hughs: As Alan says, got to put it in context, but it's still important.

No opposition heard.

Motion clearly passes.

## 2. JRAM

Prop Alan Strickland, OUSU:

Had two meetings on the JRAM, first one was with Donald Tate (ProVC responsible for it). This week got together 4 leading anti-JRAM academics. They reinforced our worries. Reality is probably somewhere in the middle. Motion is short, but issues to be brought. JRAM incentivises colleges to appoint research-only staff, substitute home + EU students for international students to resolve defecits. Important to have good international students, but stupid to do it just for financial reasons. We should decide academic policy first, not financial first. Important for us to be able to tell University Council what students think.

Questions

Paul Dwyer, Keble: Is it true that university is 100 home/EU students away from intl?

AS: Think so.

David Ellis, Wadham: Supplementing or replacing?

AS: Not wholesale shift, but there's more money for international students. Half of the collegse have enough money not to care, but other half who really need the money will be forced to follow the incentive to swap students around and get more international students. In most colleges it would only be 3-4 students, but poss up to 10.

Emma Clossick, Balliol: Clarify concerns?

AS: Keeping concerns vague so that it is flexible enough for students to tell us what their concerns are.

Amendment received:

Add council resolves 2: 'mandate OUSU's reps to University Council to request to be present for discussion on JRAM in 9<sup>th</sup> week council in case that it is listed on the reserved agenda'.

Prop: Andrea Miller, OUSU.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Helen Bagshaw, OUSU.

- i. NO MOTIONS PASSED NEM CON
- j. NO MOTIONS OF NO CONFIDENCE OR CENSURE
- k. NO FIRST READINGS OF CONSTITUTIONAL OR STANDING ORDER MOTIONS
- l. THE BUDGET OR AMENDED BUDGET

- 1. THE AMENDED BUDGET 2006-7

Prop Ed Mayne, OUSU:

I've produced document. Any questions?

Alan Strickland, OUSU: Thank Ed for putting budget together as it's really good.

- m. NO MOTIONS AUTHORISING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
- n. OTHER MOTIONS

- 1. CHILDCARE COSTS

Prop: Jenny Hoogewerf-McCombe, OUSU

Several hundred student parents, but none have got involved in OUSU. Possibly cause of childcare costs. We should pay, as we are already obliged to make meetings disabled-friendly. We should authorise this.

Questions

Lewis Jones, Catz: What's maximum that this could possibly cost?

JHM: Not very much, we could just have one childminder for everyone!

Imran Khan, OUSU: Meetings or everything?

JHM: Just official stuff, extra would be auth'd by Exec.

Lewis Jones, Catz: Childcare with relevant qualifications?

JHM: We'd allott it to them, they could give it to their usual childminder.

? Hall, Greyfriars: Don't they also need toys, games, location for children?

JHM: No response

Jamie Frew, OUSU: Sabbaticals?

JHM: Get paid anyway.

? Balliol: Contradiction... we employ someone or give them money?

JHM: Upto £7. We'd try and pay as little as possible in circumstances.

Ollly Munn, Lincoln: Has anyone with kids ever tried to do this?

JHM: Not at OUSU, but at ULU this happened. ULU has discretionary funds and it could have been used but wasn't. Student parents have important contributions.

Lewis Jones, Catz: £7 per person, child, max, what?

JHM: Need it to be as cheap as possible.. maybe bring amendment... Very very unlikely we will have 12 members with children.

Amendment received `£7 per hour per child if necessary` accepted as friendly.

Helen Lohead, Balliol: Maximum cost now?

JHM: That's why we have `if necessary`.

Tom Lowe, Hertford: Isn't it a bit patronising?

JHM: No, very significant barrier at ULU. Not patronising, they don't have much money.

No opposition.

Motion passes.

o. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Mayne: Talk to me about NUS stuff if you're unsure.

Jenny HM: Safety bus progress has been made with JCC.