

7th Week Hilary Term 2019 Student Council Minutes

TIME: 17:30

DATE: Wednesday 27th January

LOCATION: Balliol College, Lecture Room 23

If you have any questions about Student Council, please feel free to contact:

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a. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February were considered.
Passed with no opposition.

b. Matters arising from the minutes

No amendments were noted. Passed with no opposition.

c. Elections in Council

Chair of Council

Charlotte Sefton was elected with 97% vote for.

No questions received.

Returning Officer

Finn Conway was elected with 97% vote for.

No questions received.

d. Reports from and questions to the Sabbatical Trustees

Apologies received from Katt Walton, VP Women; Ellie Macdonald, VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities; and Rosanna Greenwood, VP Charities & Communities.

Allison D'ambrosia, VP Graduates reported that 1. She mainly focused on issues around Park's College.; 2. Reminded the council to fill out the college survey which will be closed on Friday and highlighted that there were over 600 respondents. It was important to hear from students about college provision.; 3. Held a successful access and equal opportunities conference in diversity.

Lucas Bertholdi-Saad, VP Access and Academic Affairs reported that 1. He mainly emphasised on access and he is working on bridging a foundation year with the university.; 2. Working on subject access requests and making sure that students have access to exam feedback etc.; 3. Helping with Mind Your Head Week.

Joe Inwood, Present presented 1. Helping with Mind Your Head week and there are a lot of events going on.; 2. Had a meeting on trustees board in 5th week, reviewed where they are as an organisation. Had a first meeting with external trustee, last meeting with outgoing student trustees, and termly meeting of the joint committee, education committee, and student members, which is the university's oversight committees of university. Students voices have been heard. But there are still a lot to listen to in other areas. 3. Helping JCRs presidents with rent negotiation and he raised issues of underfunding of the ?? office.

No questions received.

e. Reports from CRAE and Suspended Students' Campaign

Report from CARE Campaign:

Lamis Hamdi presented the report.

No questions received. Pass with no opposition

Report from Suspended Students' Campaign

Tenya Blagoderova presented the report.

No questions received. Passed with no opposition

f. Reports from Divisional Representatives

Report from Humanities

Samuel Budnyk, Graduate reported that there are issues around funding for graduate students. They've been involved in new funding scheme – HRC through a partnership with open and Cambridge University.

Passed with no opposition.

Nikita Ma, Undergraduate reported that she held an UG joint consultative forum with UJCC chairs and committee. And there was a demand for lecture capture and she created a survey on lecture capture, which is currently under the ethical approval process. It will be distributed to all the UG humanities students to complete and hopefully will bring this issue to the divisional board. She also brought this issue to undergraduate studies committee and referred to few documents about lecture capture lowering students' attainments, the misuse of the recording during the strike last year. She was advised by the committee to include these documents in the survey as well for students to refer to.

Lucas highlighted that he is also working with disability campaign for the access to lecture capture and encouraged to work together.

Passed with no opposition.

Report from Scrutiny Officer:

Rosie Sourbut reported that she met with 6 sabbatical officers and discussed their reports (goals, targets, and detailed activities and processes) with them.

No questions received. Passed with no opposition

g. Items for Resolution

1. Mandate VP WEO to promote Disabilities Campaign Accessibility Pledge

Council Notes:

1. Students at Oxford have a range of accessibility needs.
2. Accessibility issues are a common occurrence at Oxford, resulting in the exclusion of students with disabilities.
3. Students with disabilities (which includes physical, sensory, cognitive, developmental issues, mental health problems, and learning difficulties) do not always have access to all aspects of the university, both in person and online.
4. The Accessibility Pledge in Appendix C.

Council Believes:

1. Disabled students deserve to access all aspects of the university.
2. Oxford SU should work to raise awareness of inaccessibility within the university.
3. The Disabilities Campaign Accessibility Pledge helps to provide guidelines on increasing accessibility within the student community.

Council Resolves:

1. To mandate the VP WEO to promote the Accessibility Pledge until it closes on 9/3/19 (Saturday 8th week, HT).
2. To mandate the VP WEO, for the next three academic years, to promote the Accessibility Pledge during Hilary when it Pledge runs.

Proposer: Josie Paton, Linacre College

Secunder: Ebie Edwards Cole, New College

Josie Paton, Linacre College presented the motion to the council. She highlighted the importance of accessibility to students with disability and there are 5 actions that should pledge to follow.

Question:

Joe, President: What does Pledge close mean?

Josie Paton, Linacre College clarified that it is a deadline (end of this term) for clubs, societies, JCRs and MCRs to fill in the google document so as to facilitate the process.

Passed with no opposition.

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2. Divisional Representative Ratification

Council Notes:

1. The former MPLS UG Divisional Representative tendered their resignation.
2. Oxford SU advertised for the replacement representative following this announcement. Applicants were interviewed.
3. The successful candidate for MPLS UG Divisional Rep must be ratified by Student Council.

Council Believes:

1. That the candidate for the MPLS UG Divisional Representative should be ratified by Student Council.

Council Resolves:

1. To ratify Rebecca Colquhoun as the MPLS UG Divisional Representative

Proposer: Lucas Bertholdi-Saad, Oxford SU

Secunder: Allison D'ambrosia, Oxford SU

Passed with no opposition

h. Items for Discussion**1. Parks College Update**

Update of Parks college, what would people like to see from this college, problems they have, concerns, governance thoughts/concerns.

Proposer: Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU presented the discussion topic and questions.

Constantin Schneider, Pembroke asked if the library and book collections are accessible?

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that UG collections will be moved and rehoused in a different library, but they don't know where it will be. PG collection will be moved temporarily back to RSL. The college library will run as a Bodleian library and access by everyone.

Constantin Schneider, Pembroke asked if there will be an inter period.

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that there will be a short period of time when books are inaccessible because they are in transit. But they don't know exactly when, since this decision is under process.

Lucas, Oxford SU suggested that someone from departmental and school level should have more information about the transit of individual collection.

Ebie Edward Cole, New college asked how to ensure the accessibility of the college?

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that none of the documents mentioned the accessibility of Park's College. There will be construction zone and will make accessibility for all students' inconvenience. There is not much information there.

Benjamin Fernando, MPLS Graduate concerned about student experiences in colleges and highlighted that students will arrive without support in September 2020 and will not be included in the governing body. And said that college need to make support student experiences.

Allison D'Ambrosia agreed with Ben and said that there is no student consultation, except her survey and she also concerned about students' experiences, since there will be no dining hall, no accommodation etc for 150 students who will pay large amount of money. However, they don't know what is going on and no official documents.

Benjamin Fernando, MPLS Graduate asked about the detailed plan (including budget etc) about setting up a college and highlighted the difficulty of changing the legal document, which should have been done by now.

Allison D'Ambrosia said that there is no document coming up to the council.

Lucas, Oxford SU said that Park's College is more like an organisation and society.

Joe, Oxford SU, president said that in terms of the budget, St cross and Kellogg is a good example. ???

Marianna Lovato, Mansfield asked that how do international students know more information about the colleges? Park's College is a new college under construction.

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that Oxford will be consulted and will make sure the information on the website is correct. She also mentioned that head of the engineering will be head of the college.

Marianna Lovato asked about how about the outreach strategies?

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that he is bringing companies, so the companies will let others know that they are not going to Oxford, they are going to Park's College.

???, New college asked the possibilities of closing or postponing the project since the lack of graduate supports and access problem.

Allison D'Ambrosia, Oxford SU said that two opportunities in Council and congregation could shut it down, but only a small chance. But can also be delayed.



Joe asked will students want Oxford SU to make the movement to close down the project?

???, New College suggested that maybe it should be delayed or closed it down if there are no movements.

Benjamin Fernando, MPLS Graduate said that since the expansion of students in MPLS, there is a little opportunity to close down the process and suggested to push a year delay rather than to close down the project.

i. Any other business