



7th week Michalmas Term 2002

b. Matters arising from previous minutes

Andrew Copson, Balliol: The questions are not meant to say VP Women, meant to say VP Welfare.
Chris Hanretty, St Annes: I'm listed requesting a co chair I have nothing to do with.
VP Welfare: You did because I couldn't.
Minutes accepted.

d. Elections in Council

Alex Denner, New (A)- husting for 3 different positions- slow creeping centrism. I don't often stand up and say things, when I do I try to make them constructive. All three are to improve and preserve fairness.

Charles Hotham, SEH: issue of conflict pubs board and pubs complaints
VP Finance: My role to ensure not- would remove them.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Do you have any political affiliations?
A: No

***What experience of publications in Oxford or elsewhere do you have?
A: As I understand, I'm not sure that's what these boards are about- more dealing with scrutiny. I'm sorry I'm not well.

Mel Marshall, Christ Church: have you been involved though contribution, editing or trustee or publications in Oxford?
A: I have attempted

Ali Richardson, SEH: What experience have you got that's beneficial to sitting on complaints board?
A: OUSU?NUS rep responsible for raising concerns. I come to OUSU Council. Generally good relations with some of sabs.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Motion last year by Eleanor Fletcher, about number of sabs on pubs board going down, what do you think of current format and balance?
A: Number of sabs has been reduced, always danger that pubs become mouthpiece of that body. Too much influence, would be undesirable but doesn't interfere with quality.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Pubs board doesn't just deal with pubs, do you know what else it deal with?
A: That was the only function made aware to me.

Edd Southerden: Also appoints Fresher's Fair Co coordinators and Business Manager What experience do you have relevant experience?
A: In JCR Committee, I know what to look for.

Publications Complaints Board:

Alex Denner 54
RON 12

Publications Board
Alex Denner 50
RON 16

Complaints Board
Alex Denner 56
RON 10

POINT OF ORDER: Will Straw, New- remove motions e and f so that exec officers can make reports at the end.

g. Emergency Motions

1) re: deadlines for appointing co-chairs of consultation on female representation.

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda's: Basically not controversial, time moves on, not appointed co chairs and not sufficiently advertised- motion just moves deadlines.

Jack Cliff, Corpus: What were the original deadlines?

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda's: Deadlines

MOTION PASSES

2) Motion over ruled

Conor O'Neill, Wadham (Chair of Council): Motion doesn't relate to specific incident

POINT OF INFORMATION: Will Straw, New: Going to try to buy a banner soon. Promise banner by next term.

Motion withdrawn

h. Motions passing nem con

Library Opening Hours, Times Pages, Teach First

m. Other motions

1. Publications Accounts

Sean Sullivan, SEH (VP Finance): Job at the end of Michelmas to present accounts for previous year, in effect when I wasn't in office. I have no real comment to make.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Weren't attached to agenda.

VP Finance: Just like the chair referred not allowed to do loads of copies.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Where these emailed out with rest of OUSU mail?

VP Finance: Don't know, I know unfortunate prob with paper copies, have been available in office since 7th week.

Rebecca Wilkinson, SEH: Why do we have CUSU total profit?

VP Finance: Oxbridge Careers Handbook produced between us. Every year with divided profit.

Phil Thompson, St John's: One passage in report £7000 and then £1700 is less?

VP Finance: In relation to OxStu

MOTION PASSES

2. Complaints Board

Ali Richardson, SEH: Complaint from Mr Kettle, we investigated, deliberated and didn't carry forward.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Did this go out with agenda?

Will Straw, New: Only available to Council today. Job of general office to hand out reports. Haven't been sent out- problem, but available.

MOTION PASSES.

5. Clubs and Societies Motion

John Walters, Keble: President of JSoc this term, no help from OUSU, not made aware of facilities. We can share experience and organise joint events.

Peter Morton, Somerville: How many Presidents/Chairs of Clubs and societies have you consulted with before bringing this?

JW: Consulted with several clubs and societies and also sabs.

Mel Marshall, Christ Church: Believes 5: clarity what facilities this motion would add were committee to exist?

John Walters, Keble: Firstly up to clubs and societies to recommend what they require.

Nick Anstead, Mansfield: What grounding committee have if not a constitution.

VP Finance: Some committee secure in constitution, some formed by policy- we've done in past.

Andrew Copson, Balliol, VP Welfare: What is the meaning of the phrase 'OUSU more representative if have clubs and societies committees?

John Walters, Keble: Clubs and Societies represent a huge number of people. If OUSU gets input to Clubs and societies I think will make it a much stronger body.

*****Is Pres intention that only Pres of clubs and societies invited?

John Walters, Keble: Yes, so many would be potentially huge- could send a proxy.

Have you talked to proctors?

VP Finance: structure registered with proctors.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda's: Are you aware that any OUSU member can attend if committee formed and bound to OUSU policy. Who decides who goes, Council or constituent committee?

If set by policy then it's Council.

Phil Thompson, St John's: Give us an example of range of people consulted.

John Walters, Keble: JSoc, members of political societies, including OUCA.

POINT OF INFO: Peter Morton, Somerville: The Chairs of OULC haven't been consulted.

John Walters, Keble: I spoke to James Cloyne.

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda's: How often would this committee meet?

Dominic, St Hugh's: Further clarification from VPF how the exclusion process for racist societies could come about?

Societies do exist who's objectives contravene OUSU policy would they then be dismissed?

POINT OF INFO: Helen McCabe, St Hilda's: We have a no platform policy

Peter Orlov, New: Does the committee pass resolutions are they binding?

VP F: Not binding just recommendations

Laura Santana, St Hilda's: Could you clarify what is meant by a political issue.

John Walters, Keble: This committee set up to deal with clubs and societies. Should be about common ground- booking rooms is common ground.

POINT OF ORDER- Nancy Mendoza, Balliol: Lots of muttering- it's really difficult to hear.

Debate

Helena Puig Lauraurai, St Hilda's College: Straightforward motion. I've talked to several presidents of societies like the women's rugby Blues, OULD, and they are very keen for the committee to happen. There are no commercial implications of the committee.

Mel Marshall, Christ Church: No problem with what Helena has talked about but the motion has structural problems. The Clubs and Societies Presidents' committee goes against OUSU's inclusiveness by banning non-presidents. Resolves 3 is a bit of a worry- could be sexist homophobic, ageist allowable but only overtly racist groups would be considered bad. Withdraw the motion, redraft and bring back in Hilary.

Will Straw, New College: The clubs and societies Presidents' Committee like Pres Comm would just have OUSU facilitate their work. Do take out resolves 3 but OUSU should help clubs and societies- the constitution and standing orders shouldn't stop this. Give the VP Finance time to organise this is passed now.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda's: **Amendment 1: To replace 'clubs and societies Presidents' Committee' with 'clubs and societies committee'**

Pres Com was not set up by a motion through council, this is therefore not an OUSU Committee.

John Townsend, Univ: The Clubs and Societies Committee would be an admin committee to represent societies, letting non-presidents would subvert president's authority.

Andrew Copson, Balliol: If OUSU sets it up then OUSU Committees should be for everyone interested not just presidents.

Helena Puig Laurrauri, St Hilda's: This should be an OUSU committee open to everyone, advertise it through presidents though because it's easier.

Penny Berrill, St Hilda's: It should have inputs from treasurers, secretaries etc, not too many people, OUSU Committees are badly attended.

Sean Sullivan, Teddy Hall: OUSU Reps Committee open to all and even if called Pres Com it would still be open to everyone. Treasurers etc can still come.

Move to vote (MTV): **Passed**

Friendly amendment: To remove Council resolves 3.

Proposed: Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's); Seconded: Philip Thompson (SJC)

Friendly amendment: Add to the end of resolves 2: "...and advertise this meeting to all members of OUSU through OUSU Mail."

Proposed: Ros Dampier (St. Hilda's); Seconded: Philip Thompson (SJC)

Friendly amendment: Resolves 5: "To set up a Clubs & Societies Committee email list, for information sharing"

Proposed: Rodrigo Davies (Wadham); Mark Wardrop (Balliol)

Sean Sullivan, Teddy Hall: Sab officer responsible for clubs and societies. Presidents of clubs and societies are only in position for 1 term and not included in OUSU therefore this will be very useful. Won't be political, will facilitate good service innocuous will help VP Finance to do his job.

MTV- For: Ali Richardson, Teddy Hall: Have heard the issues. Vote now.

Against: Edd Southerden, Somerville: I'm exec officer for clubs and societies and I want to speak.

For 31 Against 21 Abstentions 1 **FAILS**

Peter Orlov, New: Good motion but should be done in different ways. Badly worded. Should be done later- take it away and think about it.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: OUSU one of only Unions in country with no relationship directly with clubs and societies which is crazy. We should register clubs and societies through OUSU rather than the University. Large scale structural reform is needed.

Andy Garlick,: Point of order to table motion

Will Straw, New College: Against, Sean needs time to put this in place. Start now and then discuss with committee in place.

For: 29 Against: 22 Abstentions: 4 **FAILS**

MTV:

Will Straw, New College: Let's vote now, we've heard lots of arguments.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda's: We need more information, if we vote now I will vote against.

For: 38 Against: 14 Abstentions: 4 **PASSES**

Summation Speeches:

For: Jonathan Walters, Keble College: Not trying to reform the way OUSU deals with clubs and societies especially with the motion. Need to consult clubs and societies to find out what they want and need. Consultation.

Against: Andrew Copson, Balliol: If the VP Finance is going to contact all chairs and presidents of clubs and societies, can do it without motion- then can find out what they want and what proper format of the committee would be.

Vote on motion: For: 27 Against: 26 Abstentions: 3

Move for a recount. Passed

Motion recount For: 27 Against: 26 Abstentions:3 **PASSES.**

7. NUS Motion.

Ali Richardson, Teddy Hall: Point of order- table next motion till next meeting.

Edd Southerden, Somerville- Please read report properly.

No opposition. **Motion Tabled**

Motion 8

Nicky Ellis- **tabled.**

Motion 9 – Roy Jenkins

John Townsend- table- opposed

John Townsend, Univ: Why table other motions and not this.

Will Straw, New College: May have top ups fees by next term- urgent.

FAILS

John Townsend, Univ: - request for a recorded vote. **FAILS.**

Will Straw, New College: Evan Harris says Lord Jenkins responsible for Liberal Democratic opposition to top up fees. Not sure if this is true. Jenkins is probably involved in this, if he is then we have clear policy.

Friendly amendment: Add ‘as Chancellor to University’ after Jenkins’ name.

Marc Stoneham, Merton College: Will Jenkins care?

Will Straw, New College: Maybe not. We should still do it.

MTV: because we’re being chucked out of the room

For: 30 Against: 15 Abstentions: 3 **FAILS**

Council moves to the Okinaga Room

Chair cites democracy in action.

John Townsend, Univ: Any evidence for allegations?

Will Straw, New College: Independent on Sunday which is a credible source.

Nick Anstead, Mansfield: Has Jenkins’ press office done anything to refute allegations?

Will Straw, New College: No

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda’s: Have you spoken to Jenkins?

Will Straw, New College: No

John Townsend, Univ: Jenkins’ is innocent until proven guilty.

Will Straw, New College: No.

Move to debate. No objections.

Dominic Curran, St Hughes: Do nothing for dignity of OUSU if pass motion on unsubstantiated rumour, Wait until he speaks publicly.

Charles Hotham, Teddy Hall: Publicity stunt for F&F- good. Get into national papers. Vote for this motion.

Marc Stoneham, Merton College: Jenkins is otherwise effective. No evidence against. Evil OUSU clique accusations unjustified. Huge decision. Make colleges disaffiliate. OUSU trying to get away from this sort of thing.

MTV

For: Rodrigo Davies, Wadham: Arguments clear

Against: Ali Richardson, Teddy Hall: Important issue, haven't heard all arguments.

For: 10 Against: 21 **FAILS**

Penny Berrill, St Hilda's: Publicity stunt. Not trying to remove Chancellor from official organisation. Saying Oxford students don't like it.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Duty for Jenkins to come out against top up fees if is. Hasn't justified himself.

Sonia Sodha, St Hilda's: No-Con is serious. Need evidence.

Andrew Copson, Balliol: If this is a publicity stunt, then OUSU is too unimportant. We have status it is a serious matter. Can't base it on unfounded rumours. Have voted against tuition fees, voted for the retention of college fees. Should no-con just on fees issue not for whole job as Chancellor.

Ali Richardson, Teddy Hall: Mandate from Teddy Hall to vote for this. Big issue. Jenkins' needs to speak on it.

MTV- Chris Hanretty- Teddy Hall mandate convinced him+ he needs to leave.

Opposed - Will Straw- friendly amendment to propose.

MTV withdrawn.

Friendly amendment: Add to resolves: "...but withhold any announcement until he has been given the opportunity to refute the allegations."

Final Speeches:

Will Straw, New College: It is a publicity stunt but very good because high profile.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda's: No mandates from a lot of JCRs. Controversial and difficult may not be the best way to oppose top up fees.

For: 41 Against: 4 Abstentions: 3 **PASSES.**