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council minutes

iii. Termly reports of the President and Vice-Presidents

Chair: Sit Down. Could I have the Termly reports please from the Sabbaticals.

RW: Hope you have read my report. Please keep emailing me about self defence classes, we need people to attend them and not just to express interest in them. If you have the key to get people to attend then also email me. A letter about the Cherwell newspaper about the financial involvement has been minimal and involvement was also minimal.

Siobhan McAndrew (SM) (&): For the first time we were quorate at Post Graduate Assembly (PGA) which was good. We discussed graduate accommodation and teaching as ongoing concerns. As for the recent election and referendums Graduate Colleges were not sure where to vote which did lead to graduates being disenfranchised, but this was not a personal incompetence upon the Returning Officer.

Nicky Ellis (NE) (Queens): I have nothing further to add to my report. But I will re-emphasise the fact that the Student Advice Service (SAS) is impartial and will continue to offer its non-directive and impartial advice.

Linsey Cole (LC) (St Johns): The current provision for study skills is really poor and much more work needs to be done. In January I will be visiting the States to see the schemes at places like Harvard and do some research where we can improve and develop. There are forms from the National Student Service, I suggest that you tell people to either fill it in or opt out. If you have any questions then please get in touch.

Ian King (IK) (Keble): Most of the stuff is in my report. This term we have raised lots of money for charity and lots of money as well as the profile of RAG. The community volunteering scheme is going well and if you want information go to the RAG website.

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i. Election of Chair of Council

Chair: the first thing to do is to elect a Chair of Council, over to John Blake

John Blake (JB): First of all, if anyone wants to be RO then let me know as soon as possible, as no candidates have come forward as of yet. Now to the election of the Chair of Council, we have two candidates Rob Vance (Wadham) and Kim Gillingham (SEH), if we could have two short hustings speeches.

Rob Vance (RV) (Wadham): Hello Council. There are basically two reasons why you should vote for me, the first is competence I have held other responsible positions such as Wadham SU presidency. The other reason is that I am knowledgeable of OUSU, I know the constitution and the standing orders very well.

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JB: Are there any questions?

Rebecca Wilkinson (RW) (SEH): As Chair of Council you are not allowed to pass comment during the proceedings, do you foresee this as a problem?

KG: No I don't foresee this being a problem as I have said I have fulfilled a similar role in being DRO

RV: As I am longer mandated to be here and not to be contentious, I have been to voice my opinion but I would be able to allow Council run without my undue interference.

JB: Any further questions? No. Could you now vote on the green ballot paper and hand it in.

ii. Election of Returning Officer

No candidate nothing to add to my report. It has been a difficult term, as most of you will know. But I believe the problems can and will be surmountable. I am grateful to all the people who have helped this term, in particular the executive. I don't think that some of the destructive criticisms are particularly useful but discussion is very important. Any problems or issues people might have we are only to happy to receive and act upon.

Rachael Escher (RWa) (Green): my written report contains what I have been up to this term. Although there are the PGA and OUSU rap s forums graduates can feel that their voice is not being heard and that representation is not strong. I am setting up a graduate forum so that people can raise issues and how OUSU may be able to help. So email if you want to be involved and spread the word.

iv. Termly Reports by the Executive and Committee Chairs

Chair: Any more? Any questions to the executive? No. then we move to the constitutional amendments. There is one amendment tabled, it needs to pass twice and once at Termly Council. Nicky Ellis, could we have a short speech in proposition.

v. Constitutional Business (Second and Final Readings of Motions to Change the Constitution and Standing Orders)

1. Student Advice Service appointments committee FINAL READING

NE: When we take more people on board we need to make sure that they are the right people for the job and the general board is not the best forum to decide who to take on. If you have any questions please feel free to ask them.

Chair: Are there any short, factual questions? No. is there any opposition? No. then the amendment passes Nem con.

JB: Rob Vance: & ..

Kim Gillingham:& &

I therefore declare that Rob Vance is duly elected Chair of Council.
7th Week Council

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from 3rd Week Council

Chair: The lack of ratification of the 3rd Week Council Minutes due to them being mislaid and controversial, so we shall adjourn until next terms Council in First Week (HT 05). Is there any opposition? No. Then the minutes are adjourned until First Week Council next term.

NE: Which part is controversial?

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Daniel Russell (DL) (St. Antonys): I believe there is but without the minutes this cannot be resolved, this a question of transparency. I challenge the Chair on this matter.

JB: Could I have a speech in Opposition.

Oliver Morton (OM) (Magdalen): This is not necessarily a question of transparency but that we should attempt to move on and allow ourselves to be slowed down.

JB: I will speak in Proposition. I think that there is a matter of transparency over this matter and we should be entitled to see the minutes before deciding to pass them.

JB: Those in Opposition to overruling the Chair and those in Proposition.

VOTE

JB: The minutes are adjourned till next meeting. Ruling not overturned.

Chair: Any further questions? Is there any material disagreement about content?

NE: I think some may still remain.

Chair: Are they substantive? Any Opposition to the previous Council's minutes? No, they Pass.

b. Matters arising from the Minutes

Chair: Any Opposition to matters arising from the minutes? No, they Pass. I'll read the ratifications:

c. Ratifications in Council

Chair: Ratifications are Graduate Executive Officers, Rachel Wechsler (Green) and Wen Shi (Magdalen), Committee of Curators of the University Laurel Bessemer (St. Hildas), ICT Committee Matthews Mtumbuka (Hertford), Conference of Colleges Justin Roffey (Wadham) and the Language Centre Committee Ayelet Banai. Any Opposition? No, they Pass.

d. Elections in Council

JB: As you may be aware at the annual elections there were insufficient candidates for Part-Time Executive therefore we can elect in Council. There are eight candidates. But we will first elect for University Council Rep., there is one candidate Daniel Simpson. Could we have a very brief speech about why you wish to be University Council Rep.

Daniel Simpson (DS) (Balliol): Hi, I have been on the Part-time executive for a year now, I know the workings of OUSU very well and the areas where we can use Council to our benefit. I don't have any time commitments and I will be effective in representing your interests.

LC: How do you think the current use of Council is working?

DS: I am under no illusions. We really need to improve our effective use of Council as a tool to facilitate change.

Chris Allan (CA) (Somerville): What will you do in situation where there is no OUSU policy?

DS: Well if indeed that is the case, I would first check with the relevant committees. But in the end it is a question of judgement sometimes.

? : Are you running for OUSU President because in the past 3 times the future President has run for this position.

DS: I have no intention of running for President.

JB: If you could vote now please. If I could have all the candidates for OUSU Council Delegates please. I have apologies from one candidate, Craig Aston (Keble) he told me that his political affiliations are OUCA and the Labour Party. If you could give a brief speech.

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Vava Gligorov (VG) (St. Johns): I have no political affiliations. I am the St. Johns MCR OUSU/NUS Officer and Co-Chair and I have also been on the JCR Sub-Committee on Charges. I think that I have the suitable experience to do a good job.

Ed Griffith (EG) (St. Johns): I have been involved in the Stop The War Coalition and CND. I have been involved in OUSU and first applied for my first post in 1998 and started coming to Council in 1999. I didn't do it so I could campaign for the life campaign. I urge to support the anti-imperialist left within OUSU.

Peter Thomas (PT) (Balliol): I supported the keeping of OUSU no-platform policy upon abortion and hacked all day in lodges and even tried to persuade a life supporter to vote No. I have no political affiliations, I am a fresher and I hope to bring fresh ideas.

James McGrath (JM) (Balliol): I am also involved in OUSU and the No campaign. I want to keep people interest in this organisation. I have no political affiliations.

JB: Any questions then? Then please vote in order of preference. Could I now have candidates for the Part-Time Executive before Council. Your political affiliations first?

Helen Bagshaw (HB) (Balliol): None.

Tim Bennett (TB) (St Peters): OUCA, Conservative Party and St. Peters.

Lorna Stevenson (LS) (Hertford): Amnesty and the Labour Party

Tom Dale (TD) (Corpus Christi): None,

Iain Simpson (IS) (Magdalen): OULD and Labour

Bryn Addams (BA) (Christ Church): & & & .

Claire Chalmers (CC) (University): Amnesty International and CND

Jennifer Hoogewerf-MacComb (JHM) (Merton): OUCA

JB: A brief speech please.

HB: I have attended Target Schools and Access Conferences and I also delivered tickets for Freshers Fair as well as posting Publications. I will continue to work for OUSU in the same way.

TB: I want to represent students views. So that when they are consulted their views are adhered to. I also want to see an end to stint reform and other student issues should be campaigned upon.

LS: I have been Hertford Rep. And hope to have an idea of how OUSU works. I hope do all those jobs that need to be doing and generally help out.

TD: I am OUSU/NUS Rep for Corpus and am also the Co-Chair for Ethics Committee. I hope to bring two different perspectives, how it works and how it should ideally work.

IS: I have the time and commitment to make OUSU work for the benefit of the students it represents. I have organisational experience and I can raise money.

BA: I have been involved in Funding and Finance (F&F) and involved in OUSU Campaigning and I want to get further involved.

CC: I have also been involved in F&F, as well as rents, target schools and Wom Com. I have seen and know how OUSU works and I hope to make the most of being on Part-Time Exec to bring ideas to forward.

JHM: I have been Academic Affairs Officer at Merton and have been involved in the No Campaign. I want to be a representative for students views and I don't mind campaigning for things. I also have experience on the JCC English board.

JB: Any questions? Have you ever run in a JCR election and what was the result?

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IS: No I am in my first year so the opportunity hasn't yet arisen.

CC: Equal Opportunities and & ..

JHM: Academic Affairs and won

HB: Admissions and also won.

BA: ?

LS: ?

TB: ?

NE: Were you involved in the Constitutional Amendment Vote?

TD: Yes in the No campaign

IS: No campaign also

CC: Also the No campaign

JHM: No campaign

HB: No campaign

BA: No campaign

LS: No campaign

TB: Yes I was involved in the Yes Campaign.

DR: Do you have any Committee portfolios that you have a preference for?

TD: OUSU and Ethics as Co-Chair

IS: I would concentrate on any portfolios that I may be given but I would like Academic or Rents

BA: Probably F&F

CC: I would like to work upon Equal Opportunities and Women's Campaign but they are all good.

JHM: Academic Affairs and the Student Parents Scheme

HB: Because of my background work already Admissions and Target Schools.

LS: I would like to be involved in OUSU Reps, RAG, Target Schools and other academic committees.

TB: I would like to concentrate on Academic Affairs because it is the most relevant of the current committees.

DS: Have you read the F&F Report and its proposals/

IS: No.

BA: No.

CC: Yes but not in depth.

JHM: No.

HB: No not yet

TB: No.

LS: Yes I have read it. I am not sure about the Women's Union. The suggestions for the VP services seem sensible stuff.

TB: Yes but it's been a while I think the Committees probably need to be tackled.

JB: Any more questions?

Tom Packer (TP) (St. Cross): Do you think we should re-elect a VP Finance?

JB: I don't think we can ask that yet. Any more? Do you think that any political affiliations you may have will colour your judgement?

BA: NO, I will be working in the best interests of students.

CC: The Student Union is for Students and I want to be a part of it.

JHM: Although some have their own agendas, which I'm suspicious of, I will work in line with the wishes of the majority.

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?: What are your views upon the environment?

CC: The overwhelming impact of the environment affects us all. The way we consume as individuals is crucial to understanding our impact upon the world. OUSU should practice what it preaches.

JHM: We should think of practical things and continue with things like green electricity. We can also do our own things such as to use energy saving light bulbs.

HB: It is very important that we do as much as we can on this issue. There is no but about it OUSU must get more involved.

TB: Whilst it is important that the university continues its good stance we should also do our won bit.

LS: This is a crucial issue and one that OUSU should set an example upon. At the moment there is very little if any recycling done in OUSU Offices. I hope to change that when I become Exec working with the Environment Committee.

TD: We should get more involved in such an issue and also we can work with People and Planet in things like the green demonstration for example.

IS: We should definitely get more involved in environmental causes. Things such as recycling and low energy light bulbs all help because the consequences are huge for all of us.

BA: I plead ignorance a bit on this issue but we should definitely make this a high profile issue. And go forward and not backwards.

BW: Have you been to any Zoo events? Would you consider being on the OSSL board and what would you do?

JHM: Well its not really my thing but I have good things about it and it brings in revenue.

HB: Yes, I enjoyed myself. I don t have enough information about OSSL to make a decision about it.

TB: No, I haven t been to any Zoo events. But they are good and seem to bring in lots of money which could be used to bring down the affiliation college fees.

LS: Yes. But I think that disabled access could be improved and there is also the issue of graduate entz. But I am interested in OSSL.

TD: No, but I would like more information about OSSL before making a decision.

IS: No, I haven t yet. I think more university wide events are a good thing.

BA: Yes but all I remember is Rob Vance in a silly pose and lots of free ice-cream, so they must be better that that.

CC: OUSU needs the revenue that ZOO brings to them as a student union this revenue can be put to good use.

RW: Do you think that OUSU should be a cradle of debate and not just for student issues?

HB: I think it is a good thing to hear all opinions. People should feel free to discuss any issue and as representative forum it is important that people can.

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JHM: We should not have a policy about things that we will talk about. We should have flexible notions of what affects students.

TB: We should try and concentrate on what the union was set up for and that is to look after student issues first and foremost.

Chair: Any questions? No, then please vote and we will move on.

Procedural Motion: to grant speaking rights to the Business Manager.

Chair: Any Opposition? No, then passes.

h. Emergency Motions

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