

Emergency motions

Returning officers report

Daryl Leeworthy: Nothing I want to add to the report, I'm happy to give full figures to anyone who asks.

Tom Packer: Does the returning officer explain why "have" is wrong tense?

Dan Simpson: I rule that out of order.

Tom Packer: Can the returning officer explain why he gave someone a fine for £25 but then a much smaller fine of £1 for a far more serious.

Daryl Leeworthy: I'm not going to go into it, read the Oxford Student if you want details.

Peter Hughes: Why did you appeal to Senior Tribunal, it says you can't?

Various: He can.

Tom Packer: Did you manage to distribute all publicity material within the time you were supposed to?

Daryl: It went out in the Oxford Student.

Tim Bennett: Why hasn't there been more publicity for the vacancies?

Daryl: I did the publicity the standing orders required me to.

Passage of motions nem con.

1,2,4,6,7,14

Procedural motion to put number 13 first.

Passed Nem Con

Procedural motion to put motion number 5 to the top.

Objection

?: This has been here since 3rd week, Council still haven't seen it.

Tom Packer: I think we should move to put all of last weeks to the top.

Passes 35-13 to move 5 to the top.

Motion 13 – Post qualification admissions.

Charlyne: OUSU already has policy in favour of PQA in principle. [Explains options A and B in the consultation paper].

Jennifer Hoogeworth-McCombe, Merton: Surely AS systems are post-qualification admissions?

Charlyne: Oxford doesn't request AS levels and doesn't take them into account.

Peter Hughes, Hertford: Surely you'd put your AS results on your UCAS forms?

Charlyne: Not necessarily.

Tim Bennett: Has the university given any opinion?

Charlyne: University has given no indication, Russell group generally support PQA.

Jennifer Small, New: Is this UCAS form you're talking about with AS results?

Charlyne: Yes.

Motion passes nem con.

Motion 5 – Close campsfield

Aidan Randle-Conde: Campsfield is a detention centre about 7 miles outside Headington, for asylum seekers, poor living conditions. Is run by a business. This motion is expressing support for a student led campaign to help close Campsfield. The campaign has two different sides, campaigning to close Campsfield, and going into Campsfield to talk to detainees. Council has discussed Campsfield before, and passed policy against it, this motion goes further and mandates me to help students.

SFQ

Tim Bennett: If this motion passes, do you anticipate spending time in office hours working on this?

Aidan: So far have done it outside office hours, welfare would always have precedent.

Tom Packer: Which political party is against detention centre?

Aidan: I don't know.

Nat Ogborne: What would happen to the people currently in Campsfield?

Mary Partington: House in community areas, not locked up and process application much faster. Not just asylum seekers, but illegal immigrants also.

Tom Packer: What do you propose doing with illegal immigrants?

Mary Partington: Motion doesn't imply doing anything.

Herve Hansen: What would happen to illegal immigrants?

Mary Partington: Illegal immigrants would be immediately deported, at the moment are detained for up to 8 months.

Ellie Cumbo: Has a student society been set up?

Aidan: Not yet, no.

Tom Packer: What myths and misconceptions are going to be dispelled?

Move to debate

Opposition

Emma Norris: SFQs are being used for debate, lets do this in debate as a whole.

Tom Packer: I was genuinely was asking about the motion.

MTD passes.

Ed Maine, Mansfield: In light of all the flack we've been getting on spending resources on non-student issues. I have lots of sympathy for asylum seekers, but this isn't the way.

Amendment on table, to make Campsfield a priority project.

Chris Allen: Have had policy on Campsfield for ages, if going to have policy, should do something to back it up.

Hannah: OUSU budget isn't stable enough at the moment to back this up.

Chris Allen: This would merely allow exec to spend money on it if something good came up.

Aidan: This motion is about getting it off the ground, will become student society soon.

Rob Robinson: Are now more or less a group, just registering.

Jo Chick, Corpus: Can Council decide to give money, isn't this ultravires?

Dan Simpson: VPF will rule independently.

Jennifer Hoogewerth-McCombe: I don't think this is the sort of thing we should have as a priority project.

Iain Simpson: Been around for ages, should register with the proctors as a society, clubs and socs committee will give them money. Don't think this is a priority project.

Mary Partington: There are innocent people locked up here, can't think of anything more important than to support this.

MTV

No opposition

Chris Allen: Should be able to support our policy with money.

Tim Bennett: Lot's of important things worldwide, but we're here to deal with Oxford students.

Amendment passed.

Hannah: To say we can't support this because students aren't victims is a great shame.

Ellie: I wish to oppose this motion, I genuinely wish for campsfield and similar centres to be closed. But this isn't our remit.

Ollie Russell: Your role here as JCR representatives is to think of what your JCR would want. This motion will give me a mandate to fully support close campsfield when I sit in clubs and socs committee allocating money.

Aidan: When students come to me and want assistance with their campaign, I want to be able to help them. This would cost very little, is merely supporting students in setting up their campaign.

Dan Simpson: I received an amendment, which I'm ruling out of order.

Tom Packer: Move to overturn the chair.

Dan Simpson yields the chair to the returning officer.

Tom Packer: You don't necessarily have to agree with the motion, but this referendum in no way contradicts the original motion.

Dan Simpson: This amendment takes a long and detailed motion and boils it down to something very different.

Move to overturn chair clearly fails.

Tom Packer: This is not about Oxford students or students as students, discontent causes problems for OUSU and will cause more so in the future. This is simply taking a position because it's nice. Who here genuinely believes in open borders?

Tim Bennett: This campaign doesn't need OUSU's support, it will succeed by itself. Not happy with the assumption of racism here, don't believe open borders would reduce racism. Think it would increase it.

MTV

Opposition

Ellie Cumbo: We've talked about this for a long time now, have lots of other items.

Jennifer Hoogeworth-McCombe: Still arguments to make.

MTV clearly passes.

Mary Partington: This motion is calling for an end to detention, there were border controls before detention. This is about Council supporting student campaigns.

Ellie Cumbo: I believe a student led society will do this, OUSU is meant to help societies set up anyway and we will. I think to assume that all Oxford students oppose the detention policy is wrong.

Motion clearly passess.

29-15-6

Procedural motion to put call for a referendum to the bottom of the agenda.

Opposition

Charlyne: I think there's a lot of controversy about the referendum, and we've got lots of desperately important motions that won't get discussed otherwise.

23-14-1

Procedural motion fails to reach 2/3rds

Procedural motion to put 8 and 10 to the top of the agenda.

Motion 8.

Charlyne: [explains Burgess report]

SFQ: PH, 5% nationally?

CP: No, within Oxford

Procedural motion to take Council believes in parts (as mini motions, no opposition)

SFQ: What do we believe about degree classifications?

CP: See 1.

SFQ: GPA from finals only or all essays?

CP: Finals

TP: Logic behind position in year being bad but distiution data good?

CP: Lots of people clustered in very few marks

Chair reiterates alcohol ban

Move into debate

Believes 1

HS: contradiction in 1 about the 'proposed change' giving more information.

CP: This isn't about the transcript

1 Passed

2 Passed

3

HS: Friendly suggestion to make clear about support of transcripts.

JH: Need to make it clear what a transcript means

HS: Extended use of transcripts is surely a good thing. Support overarching categories and then within them break them down more.

TD: Would employers knowing anything more about exam marks actually give them more information? Until we have faith in the university's assessment systems we shouldn't move from the current system.

Summary: JCR presidents support it

Opp: People will misunderstand transcript outside Oxford

15-14-6

Fails to receive 20 positive votes

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JH: Everyone already gets their GPA don't they?

CP: Uni doesn't guarantee to give anyone anything, tutors might be nice and give you a transcript. If there is some misunderstanding about what transcript or GPA mean can we not have amendments rather than voting points down?

HS: Think about the country

Quorum count – 35

5.

CP: People seemed to think this was a good idea

? : Getting on language courses is hard, unfair

PH: Can't you just put them on your CV.

EC: SAS people know about language problems and IT incompetence are serious. Therefore official recognition that you have made some attempt to improve

ARC: Subjecs with language options should receive special

JH: Problems with language reform, don't trust the university to provide high quality language provision

MTV

Tom Packer: Myself and CharylInne agree!

Aidan: Tom Packer is in favour

Passes: 25-11-2

Believes 6 passes

Believes 7, amendment tabled – insert "and marks" before grades.

Amendment passes

Chris Allen: Why give out marks which will be meaningless to most employers, but not give out positions which are.

CharlyInne: If doing much larger subject, very few point differences between places.

MTV

MTV Passes

Tom Packer: This is a good idea. Transcript will give people more information.

Chris Allen: Rest of this motion is about giving employers as much information as possible, don't see why we're against it now.

MTV

Opposition

Iain Simpson: Had all the arguments

Charlynnne: Still have stuff I want to say.

MTV Passes

Charlynnne: Tell your common rooms.

Hannah: don't see why we struck believes 3.

Motion passes.

10 – National Students Survey.

Charlynnne: Believe NSS is flawed, but should campaign within the system.

SFQ:

Tom Packer: This only changes in that it commits us to lobbying to change it?

Charlynnne: That and I do not envisage us taking out a full page advert in the OxStu.

Jennifer Hoogewerth-McCombe: Will they phone?

Charlynnne: If don't reply to anything else.

?: What kinds of questions are asked in this survey

Charlynnne picks out some little gems, under instruction from Dan Simpson.

Move to debate

Amendment: To add resolves 5, to lobby against the NSS.

Tom Packer: Should carry on doing things.

Charlynnne: Don't support the idea of putting adverts in the OxStu. Think it would be better to explain it to people but leave it to them to make decision, don't think it's necessary to put advert in the Oxford Student.

MTV

Amendment falls

MTV

Opposition

Hannah: Loads more agenda items.

Tim: Haven't debated motion as a whole yet.

Charlynnne: This is a much more constructive opposition to the NSS and resolves to support the Aldwych campaign.

Tim Bennett: Our current policy is fine, not convinced trying to reform from within will work.

Motion passes.

9 – Publications

Rich Hardiman: Loads of publications, hasn't been reviewed ever, about time it got reviewed.

Aidan: Who chooses which exec members?

Rich: Motion being brought on that.

Ellie: Have you thought about the fact that some changes might require constitutional change.

MTD

Chris Allen: I don't think commercial publications will be touched due to profit, this motion just stops welfare publications, don't think there are members of exec with the knowledge to decide all this. Should be done by individuals bringing individual motions to Council. If you want trimback, propose it yourself, don't rely on exec.

Amendment – to add or appointed designates.

Helen: This means can have people with relevant skills.

Tom Packer: Don't agree

Dan Simpson: Exec would choose the people to look at it.

Amendment fails.

Amendment – to add "report shall be approved by members of the executive"

Passed.

MTV

MTV Passed.

Rich: I believed it was implied that there would be full consultations, just vote for it as it will be nice.

Chris: If people have problem with publications, should bring separate motions. Calling for a report is being done solely because that's seen as giving extra legitimacy. It's up to OUSU members to suggest things to Council.

Motion clearly passes.

Quorum count - 37

Results of elections

All duly elected.

Target Schools mailing – 11

Charlynn: We spent a lot of money which the university isn't willing to give us this year sending things to schools which already have an Oxbridge tradition. Open days have been attended by disruptive pupils from state schools which clearly have an Oxbridge tradition. Can't afford not to pass this.

Tom Packer: What is the university's problems with what we do at the moment?

Charlynn: It's about duplication and wasting resources. Budget is now overseen by the admissions office. Head of admissions office now wants to see greater efficiency.

MTD

Opposition

Ellie: I think we've had questions answered.

Chris: I have one short question

MTD passes.

Alice Wilby: If sending AP out to every school anyway, should send a sheet to every school as well, 2p extra cost, immaterial. We are student run and student led, and shouldn't do stuff just because of the admissions office. Think this is unfair because counts stuff from too far back. Will you count people who went to Cambridge? If you want to stop grammar schools coming, bring a motion to Council saying so. I don't think this will help underrepresented state schools.

Amendment: To replace accepted with applied in believes 2

Tom Packer: Strikes me that the point about Oxford is encouraging people to apply there, and that's what matters, not whether people happen to get in or not.

Helen Bagshaw: Would be much more difficult to get the statistics, and also if a school has 12 people applying and no one gets in that suggests they need our help.

Jennifer Hoogeworth-McCombe: Would put pressure on schools to only have a certain number applying.

Amendment falls

Chris Allen: Do we have the data to do this, and in what format etc?

Charlynn: Admission office have all these statistics and have ensured us that they will give us everything we need.

Chris Allen: A lot of schools don't need target schools help.

Alice Wilby: Target schools are not oversubscribed.

Ellie: The work target schools does should be meaningful, some schools don't need any help.

Amendment

Tom Packer: To extend the target schools system to private schools.

Peter Hughes: If Oxbridge tradition is the criteria, then should apply to all schools. This is about private schools who are the same of state schools.

Hannah: Private schools decide they are going to run as private enterprises, shouldn't be getting money off university grants.

Funding isn't there and shouldn't be getting money to give to private schools.

Charlynn: Target schools does access work. Access work is about disadvantaged people who wouldn't otherwise apply. The university would not give us money to do this, either we find the money to do this in the OUSU budget or we don't do it.

MTV

Alice: Have heard everything

Ellie: Want to say a little bit more.

19-9-1

?: This idea that private schools are the same as state schools is inappropriate, if this were the case people wouldn't spend money to send their children to private schools.

Chris: On a theoretical level anyone who goes to a private school is an enemy of the state. This pretends that there is nothing separating state schools and private schools, and this is not the case.

Ellie: I went to a crap private school, but that's the parents fault if they're not getting value for money.

MTV

MTV passes

Peter Hughes: I'm not some evil person

Dan Simpson: New information in summary speech

Peter Hughes: I withdraw that

Dan Simpson: Don't minute that

Iain Simpson: I will.

Peter Hughes: I feel it's important that we don't exclude on ideological grounds.

Rob Robinson: This isn't what target schools is about

Amendment fails

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MTV

MTV fails

Charlyne: I can't believe we're still debating this. This is to target the small resources which we have, which are getting smaller, on the schools which need it. The issue is whether or not schools have an Oxbridge tradition.

MTV

Ellie: This debate has been had.

Alice: Me and Helen are both involved in Target Schools and have stuff we want to say.

MTV fails.

Alice: There are better ways to allocate places at open days, should at least give schools the option, it's really important that Target Schools carries on going to all schools, not just those with an Oxbridge tradition.

Quorum count

29 present

Council ends

Election of bar – Union elected