

Council Minutes

8th week Michaelmas term 2012

7th Week Council (held in 8th Week due to the NUS Demonstration on Wednesday of 7th Week) at 5.30pm on Tuesday 27th November 2012 in St Hugh's College. Sign in from 5.15pm.

If you have any questions about OUSU Council, please contact Oliver Gleeson, the Chair, at chair@ousu.org

- a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- b. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- c. Ratifications in Council
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 - 1 position for Deputy Returning Officer
 - 5 positions for Complaints Committee
 - 2 positions for Internal Affairs
 - 1 Divisonal Board Representative - Undergraduate Medical Sciences
 - 2 positions for the Joint Subcommittee of the Education Committee with Student Members
 - 2 positions for Steering Committee
 - 1 position on Part Time Executive - Students with Disabilities Officer
- e. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers
- f. Reports from the Executive Officers who wish to make reports
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- h. Emergency Motions
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- n. Other Motions
 - 1. To End Book Renewal Limit Across Faculty Libraries
- o. Any Other Business

d. Elections in Council

Minutes passed

d. Elections in Council

The following positions were elected in OUSU Council of 7th week, which is being held in 8th week.

Steering Committee

No husts for steering

Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate Medical Science

Bethany Dobbin (St Anne's)

Didn't know position existed aim to feed back from everyone regular emails and let me know if problems. Maybe start drop in sessions and able to be contacted at any time.

Suzanne Holsomback (GTC)

Spoken with Athena Swann rep would be very interested in running some small group question times would you assist with these.

Bethany Dobbin (St Anne's)

Yes.

Students with Disabilities Officer

William Neaverson (Christ Church)

1st yr Christ church issue feel strongly about, understand and appreciate difficulties students with disabilities face, funding, representation. Want to lobby all colleges to have a disabilities officer and want to see it across colleges. Have thrown myself into OUSU elections and understand how OUSU can engage with students.

David Bagg (Balliol)

Currently disabled student rep at Balliol, I had depression when younger, and my mother and brother. Still a number of barriers facing disabled students at Oxford and want OUSU to be at the forefront of tearing them down. We should really talk about disabled people using social model, nothing to stop people achieving the same as non-disabled people. Look at where barriers are in colleges and departments.

Katie Colliver

What would you say OUSU's biggest failing is with disabled students?

David Bagg (Balliol)

OUSU's biggest failing is the social model. OUSU does really good stuff but need to change our mindset as this would have a knock on effect down the line.

William Neaverson (Christ Church)

Communication not aware how can be assisted by OUSU or the University, I don't have a peer who can lobby on my behalf unless I do research. Feel need someone in your college who can facilitate you, and then come to OUSU. Students should have tangible peer led support within their colleges.

Oliver Gleeson (Christ Church) and Jack Matthews (Univ) elected to Steering Committee

Bethany Dobbin (St Anne's) elected as Divisional Board Representative - Undergraduate Medical Sciences

William Neaverson (Christ Church) elected as Students with Disabilities Officer

h. Emergency Motions

A motion was submitted relating to the situation in Israel and Gaza. The Chair ruled the following;

"The substantive matter of the motion must have arisen after deadline for motions, this motion was related to something that had occurred before the deadline. There is a formality and a common sense approach but we do need to stick to them."

n. Other Motions

1. To End Book Renewal Limit Across Faculty Libraries (Final Version with Amendment)

OUSU Council NOTES:

1. That students constitute the main bulk of users of Faculty Libraries.
2. That, among Faculty Libraries in the Humanities Division, students must bring the books to the libraries for renewal, after every third online renewal.
3. That such policy is not in the best interest of those who may need a book on loan, since there is an effective online system for placing hold requests.
4. That such policy is not beneficial to those who have borrowed the books either, for they are forced, at short notice, to bring back the books to the library.
5. That physically taking books to different libraries spread over the city, just to renew loans, is both a hassle and a waste of research time.
6. That Faculty Libraries could easily and cheaply update their renewal policy so that it becomes more modern and beneficial to students by simply allowing indefinite online renewals until a hold request is placed.

OUSU Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. To condemn the three-time renewal limit across Faculty Libraries
2. To propose that every University member with a book on loan from those libraries should be able to renew it **UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN TIMES ONLINE OR** until another member places a hold request, after which the book will have to be returned, according to the present policy.
3. To mandate the President and Vice-President (Access & Academic Affairs) to lobby the University to implement the above resolutions.

Proposed by: Andre B. Penafiel, (Keble College)

Seconded by: Simon Park, (Worcester College)

Amendment to motion

Andre Penafiel (Keble College)

Proposed a motion to renew a book every third time you have to bring your books to the library every third time, I think that this is irrational and could be done online indefinitely.

David Messling (St John's)

Briefly two reason, practically needs to be a cap I know the Universities want to see books sometime in the year. Politically makes it more acceptable, also brings along line with Social Sciences. I think if unlimited might scare some librarians.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Any SFQ's

Harry Burt (Trinity)

Has the University been scouted out on this?

Andre Penafiel (Keble College)

I have proposed for Modern Languages, they gave a serious of reasons but said not up to them.

David Messling (St John's)

Not as far as know.

No active OUSU policy on this.

Passes.

O. Any other Business

Jack Matthews (Univ)

Thank for chairing. Also want to say thank you to Part Time Executive especially those in attendance.

David Messling (St John's)

Had elections since last together. Wonder if would like to announce turnout.

Returning Officer David Bagg (Balliol)

20.7. Increase on last year, below average for student union but heading in right direction. Highest turnout since online election. Took turnout for Presidential Election. When went through all turnout and they were added up, came to 20.7 better number than originally announced.