

Minutes: Trinity, 7th Week Council

Termly Council

Election for Chair of Council

Nobody stood

Election of Returning Officer

Candidates: Sinead Mandlik (Keble)

Hust

Experience: DRO for OUSU, DRO for the Oxford Union

I don't know many members of OUSU, OULC, OUCA etc and therefore I can be impartial

Plans

I will advertise nominations more and make information more widely available. I will try and ensure that no one party runs them. I will attempt to have a ballot box in every single college. I am not sure about graduate colleges. Perhaps we can devise an effective system to combine college and lecture locations.

Questions to SM

Tom Packer: Can you talk more about graduates?

SM: We had lots of boxes in lots of departments. The issue is where we locate them in future to generate the highest turn out.

Peter Jones: How will you make elections more exciting

SM: Trivia Sheet

Rob Vance: Are you a member of any parties you need to declare

SM: No

Louise McMullan: Should RO have attendance rights

SM: Don't know

John Blake: Are you here over the summer

SM: Not sure

Adam Reid: How would you enact policy of ballot boxes

SM: *(sorry I didn't catch hear her answer)*

Adam Reid: Therefore a shorter time period?

SM: Yes, but try to encourage more people.

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Lousie McMullan: Ballot box in OUSU?

SM: There were a number of issues concerning the Women Sab election, therefore no.

Conor O'Neil (Wadham): What will you do if a college rejects having a ballot box?

SM: Try to encourage an election committee member

John Blake: Can you count STV?

SM: Yes-Union and OUSU experience

Ross Semour (Somerville): Would you consider an e-mail turn out.

SM: No-too complicated.

Rob Vance (Wadham): Laptop use on the night of the election?

SM: The RO's report suggests that it worked well. However, STV via hand.

Conor O'Neil: Do you know a difference between the STV that the Union/OUSU uses.

Greg Staford: Voter turn out? Proxy Voting?

SM: Yes I would use proxy voting.

Chris Allen (Somerville): Overseas voting?

SM: Don't know.

Rob Vance: Does the issue of cross slating require electoral changes.

SM: Requires further research.

Termly Reports

President

It is long to include the proposals of the last year

Tickets for School's Out

Thank you to the chair of council

VPE

Good luck to next years team. Thanks to Rob. General thanks

VP Welfare

Nothing to add to report, do read report. Very important that we have continuity. Good luck to you all.

VP Women: Nothing to add to the report. OUSU Women's day tomorrow.

VP AC/AF : There are forms available for claiming back your exam transcripts under the Data Protection Act.

VP Student: Follow up on funding of

VP Charities: There are forms available for claiming back your exam transcripts under the Data Protection Act.

VP Charities: Hopefully we have funding for next year

Part-time Executive: Nothing to add.

Constitutional Business

1st Motion

Proposition: Andrew Copson (Balliol). Report to move number of sabbaticals to standing orders.

MTV: Accepted

Chair: Clearly passes, 1 against, 1 abstention.

2nd Motion

Staffing in OUSU

Proposition: Dan Paskins

DP: Will allow OUSU to improve the treatment of staff. The argument has been put forward again and again. We have consulted on it well. Pass it now.

SEQ: There are none

Opposition: (Unknown)

Will need to be amended. Will take too much power away from council. Bad idea. Vote it down.

Chair: MTV

HPL: Important that this is discussed.

For MTV: 28

Against: 18

MTV Fails

Chair: In debate

HPL: Amended any way, not a good argument, as then we would never change things. Please vote this through. It is very important

MTV: Passes

Summation Speeches:

Proposition: All has been said

Opposition: Vote down no. We will need to amend this next year.

For 39

Opposition: 9

Motion Passes

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3rd Motion

OSSL

Proposition: Dan Finley.

This will improve commercial activity etc.

Conor O'Neil: Will this affect OUSU's VAT position.

MTV

Chair: Clearly passes

Motion Number 4

Proposed by Ian Caddy

MTV

Vote: 2 oppose, two abstain

Motion passes

Motion Five: Speaking List

Proposed Rosie Buckland: Will make council as successful as possible, allow everyone to speak

Two oppositions, seven abstentions, motion passes.

Motion Passes:

Laura West: Procedural motion

Table till michalemas term-so that two years of sabs, plus accounts are available.

HPL: We have all the information we need.

Vote: Motion fails

Motion 6: Entz motion

Proposition: HPL

We have passed this motion before. Pass it again.

Tom Packer: Unions in London make money, now is the best time, with a year of experience. Not all about making money however, but supporting students.

Conor O'Neil: CUSU plan to appoint more people. We are not rushing things as we have just placed sabbatical officers over two councils. This project has been done out of hours and could make considerably more money.

MTV. 29 in favour, 4 abstentions, 16 oppose

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HPL: Future and finance has demonstrated that we need to expand our commercial arm and with this we need to expand the number of staff.

MTV

Opposition to MTV

Dan Paskins: We have only just have had MTV. Lets hear more debate

MTV fails

Laura West: I principal I agree with the role of Entz manager but a number of questions must be asked. Is there enough space in the OUSU office? Will it be financially viable? Is F8 part of the standing orders? Why Hilary to Hilary not Michalemas to Michalemas?

HPL: Entz manager will be based on the same format as the business manager.

Daniel Cooper (Balliol). If it doesn't make money, is there room in the budget?

HPL: It is likely that there will be no need for this, but money can be found.

John Blake: This motion should be tabled to Hilary, we have only one year of Entz and freshers week most of the work was done by Rockstudent. CUSU is not a good example. Money must be found. We may have to cut other services. We are running long before we can walk.

Laura West: Too soon; motion to change constitution in two weeks is too rushed, will tie us in for two years. £28,0000 is too much to commit to at this stage. A better decision can be taken. Who is the Entz manager-can we get them to come to council. There are lots of things that we need to sure up before we take this step.

Rodrigo Davies: I utterly reject that the job is not properly defined. It is based on the Entz manager model that works well. We did it before and we can do it again.

Specifics of Entz: there is a maximum efficiency of people doing the job in their spare time; effectively as a hobby. We are at our maximum efficiency. The President elect has no knowledge of the situation. We have run freshers' week for two years. We should not swallow the CUSU model directly as our market is quite different. We have however spent the last twelve months thinking it through and think that an Entz manager would work well. It is not possible to make more than £5,000 without employing a full time member of staff. If we do not pass it now, I don't think it will be passed again.

Jamie Ballin (St Annes). Speaking on behalf of JCR presidents and students, this is one of the best things that OUSU has come up with. Let's get on with it.

John Blake: I have no problem with entz. Freshers' week was organised by Rockstudent. The linear managing is a new format and thus its success cannot be assumed for the proposed Entz manager. Commercial success is good for the student union but we do not have the brand recognition nor the structures in place.

HPL: Requests speaking rights for the business manager (Ed Southerden). Speaking arights ae granted by Council.

Josefa: This debate is divided between those who know what they are talking about and those who don't.

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Josefa: I think that here is an opportunity for us to make lots of money. It's not an issue of fighting over a pie but about making a pie bigger.

Greg Stafford: MTV

Laura West: Let's be serious. This is the student union council and we are in debate. Go away Greg (restrained nods of agreement).

31 in favour. 17 in opposition. Council returns to debate.

Nicky Ellis (Queens): Let's not have new Sabs against old Sabs in this debate.

Laura West: I am the Vice President elect. I am committed to the job and I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't raise these financial issues.

Tom Packer: We might lose money. On the other hand it has the potential to raise us lots of money. We make loads of money through RAG. I can't see how we could lose money. We have made more radical changes to the constitution earlier in this council.

Dan Paskins: The principal is accepted: There are all sorts of ways minimising the risk. This is a fantastic opportunity for OUSU. The chance that it will go wrong is minimal and the potential rewards are great.

Summation Speeches

Proposition HPL: It is right that the position has been questioned but the time is right. The position could be stopped after one year and therefore there is a risk of £13,999. This is the right time for us to take that risk. We have built a basis for the position with ZOO, Jazz at Thirst, School's Out and Freshers' Week etc. This will continue to grow and we look to have a regular night at a major Oxford club. We therefore need the team to expand. It is time to introduce the position and time to move on and get things going in the next academic year.

Opposition:

OUSU's financial situation should be considered. I don't want to make the decision now but consider it more carefully when in the position.

In favour 44
Opposition 13
No abstentions.

Termly Council finishes.

Council

Procedural motion-move six to the front. Motion fails.

Minutes from the previous meeting: Why are they not here? Bag containing them was stolen.

Ratifications: No opposition

Questions to Sabbatical Officers: None

Emergency Motions:

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1st Motion: Support Student Journalist

Proposition: Rodrigo Davis

On the 27th of May one of the best pieces of student journalism was published. To discover the problem, the students involved had to break the university's computer code. Patrick Foster and Roger Waite (*spelling?*) were acting in the public interest. Council should stand full square behind Foster and Waite and should oppose the universities action.

SFQ

Daniel Cooper: If the motion passes, should we pay their fines?

RD: We could do.

Greg Staford: Did they go to the university before?

RD: Yes they handed all information over

GS: Sorry it wasn't a clear question. Did they report before they went to press.

RD: They spoke to several IT officers first. University answer was that it was a matter for colleagues. There was a lack of honesty.

DC: Did they break the laws of the land?

RD: No they were not acting maliciously.

Chair: Any more questions? Opposition? No opposition therefore the motion passes

Council Closes

