

(b) there were no matters arising

(c) ratification of co-chairs

Chair: I'll read the names of those appointed as Target Schools co-chairs. Anyone with an objection should raise their hand.

[no opposition to ratifications]

Returning Officer takes Chair for elections to divisional boards

John Blake (St Hugh's): Before these elections, I would like to add further to exec reports that Bryn Addams will be beginning a year abroad next term and has given notice that he'll resign at the point that the sabs-elect take office. Moving to elections for Divisional Boards, we will elect one undergraduate and one graduate onto each board.

Nicky Ellis (Queen's): Point of Order – the written submissions by candidates should be read out by a neutral person.

[agreed that chair will read all written submissions]

Lorna Stevenson (Hertford): I'm standing for Divisional Board as I believe its important – we need to effectively use student representation when we gain it. I know there are many important issues coming up and we need to have a strong voice I'm at a college with a lot of people from this area of study and have experience through standing committee to bring.

Helen Bagshaw (Balliol): Much of Lorna's hust applies to me also. Need effective student representation. I'll make sure that JCC reps know who I am and what's being raised. It's a problem that so many issues from our JCC's are not taken seriously as they should be. Need to bring things together on a higher level.

Written hust from Alice X

Questions

Triona Giblin (Balliol): What other commitments will you have?

HB: I'll be the Admissions Officer of Balliol JCR and an exec officer in OUSU. I think the role fits well with this. I believe that I have the time.

LS: OUSU Exec and I'll be a Finalist. I'll also be rowing.

Humanities Divisional Board

Christ Allan (Somerville): Can we have a time limit for speeches?

John Blake (st Hugh's): Can we keep them to 90secs please.

[written submissions from candidates]

Social Sciences Divisional Boards

Alice Wilby (St Peter's): Been JCC rep for politics. I'm aware of the problems issues. Take up different level and stage. It's important to liase with JCC reps and to improve participation. On the issue of libraries it's silly to move forward with more co-ordination when student views on the SSL are yet to be established. Consult with students in tutes and classes. When class replace tutes need to be demonstrated they are worth it.

Patrick X (OUSU rep Hertford): I'm a first year lawyer. I've been OUSU rep for two terms and managed consistent attendance at RepCom and Hertford JCR. I'm useful inject, clarify points. I'm a useful voice to have. I won't have exams so will manage all year participation. I'll deal with all issues as they come up.

Nicholas Bell (Somerville): President of Somerville til the end of term. I've been representing 400 students. I've never missed OUSU Council and know about representation. I'm good at communication with people and know how to communicate with senior members of the university.

Graduate Boards

Medical sciences [John Blake reads written submission]

Constitutional Reviews

[all members of Council asked to add Tom Packer, St Cross to their ballot]

Chris Hantratty (St. Anne's): I have the necessary experience, time and constitutional gimpery for the post. Can other people please stand?

Tom Packer (St Cross): Can I emphasis the need to add my name to the ballot. There are problems with the constitution. I'm happy to work with anyone. I'm very involved with OUSU and helped to draft a new constitution for St. Cross as well as having experience from LSE. I have extensive experience with different forms of constitution.

Omar X (St. Hugh's): Can you give an impression of the main difficulties of the constitutions?

TP: Nature / number of sabs although this should not be focused on as an initial issue. There's a general lack of clarification.

CH: I see there some main issues: there a lack of consistency between the Standing Orders and the constitution of OUSU, there's too great a reliance on the passive tense.

Oliver Russell (Magdalen): Procedural motion to move Nem-Com passage of motions above Emergency Motions.

Chair: Is there opposition to move i before h?

[objection]

Oliver Russell (Magdalen): Lots will pass New Com and with those passed we can get into the politics and can spend longer in debate.

Rebecca Wilkinson (St. Edmund Hall): We should as many people here as we can. Worried it won't be positive to get through a lot of the noncontroversial stuff and then have everyone leave.

[vote carried]

Point of Order called – need for a two third majority to carry.

Chair: I'll explain my ruling. It's a simple majority vote on this issue. Anyone who wishes to overturn the ruling.

Nicky Ellis (Queen's): Can you read the standing orders?
Elections in Council:

John Blake: Dan Simpson standing unopposed for Chair of Council
Dan Simpson: Have done it for a term

Linsey Cole: Have you read standing orders regarding to elections?
Candidate: Will read over summer
Rob Vance: Thoughts on cross-slating standing orders?
Candidate: Don't know well enough to comment
?? : Political affiliation?
Candidate: Labour Party

Linsey Cole: Procedural motion to allow Dan Finley speaking rights
Nem Con

Bex: Procedural motion to give Peter Duncan Well speaking rights
Opposition
Rob Vance: Sets a precedent
Passed lots to 1

John Blake: Have delivered a 27 page report, covering lots of things. I ask that people read it, covers my beliefs about what OUSU stands for, to represent students, nothing else is as fundamental. I have enormous concerns about what commercial income is doing and will doing. Are creating conflicts of interest we do not need to have, and the services we provide will be provided by the market anyway. Have grown to a size where we are distancing ourselves from students. Sabbatical officers are vital but are too distant from students. However it is not for me to bind my successors, I resented being bound by mine. This is my final Council, would like to give my thanks to everyone, even those who have not been thanked in name. Would like especially to thank office staff, and reiterate thanks to the sabbatical officers and Dan Finley. They have been an enormous source of inspiration and support.

Nicky Ellis: Procedural motion to take questions in turn.
Nem Con

Anthony Morris, St. Johns: What do you think of PresCom?

John Blake: When I started PresCom was a secretive organisation which had its decisions rubber stamped by Council. It will always be necessary for sabs to meet with JCR Presidents, but I think it is possible to overestimate the value of that, need to communicate with a number of other students. This year PresCom has been close, which is good, but think other representation is important.

??? : How far limit the editorial independence of OxStu?

JB: I would like us to sell it, so long as we own it I think Council should be able to decide what type of stories cannot appear, I don't think sabs should run it. Don't think OxStu should be a propaganda rag, at the moment case where there are welfare issues which need considering. Also commercial issues, but less pressing.

Nicky Ellis: Want to clarify written report. Sorry I didn't bring these changes to Council as motions, but I think portfolios amongst sabs need reassigning. Welfare and academic affairs should be one portfolio, access and equal opportunities another. Would mean same work being done but more efficiently. I will write this out in a full motion, leave it to successors and Council to decide. I think we should scale back on our commercial operations, this is a result of our success this year and the business team have done exactly what they were told to do. There are conflicts in what we do, but may be that some rethinking is in order. Want to reiterate thanks to everyone, too many to name but much appreciated. I apologise for my DJing at Po Na Na.

Tim Bennett: Do you agree with John that OUSU should get rid of OxStu and Oxide?

Nicky Ellis: If we can get rid of them in a way which means they can carry on, then yes. If we don't do that there are other solutions which we can look at, maybe having a sabbatical editor for the Oxford Student. There are valid compromise solutions as well.

Bex: A large part of V-P Women's role is spent justifying their role and campaigning for St Hildas. This

year I've had a great year in which I've been able to do my job instead of campaigning to keep my job. I hope council extend my successors the same courtesy. I hope the OxStu staff go on to have a great time, there have been problems this year but I don't have solutions. I'm not going to say I love you Patrick Foster because you're so damn sexy.

Dan Simpson: Acting V-P Graduates?

John Blake: In a meeting

Linsey: Thanks for filling in library survey. Study skills programme has worked really well, got university to agree. Don't want to talk again about how the two parts of my job haven't fitted together; but Council needs to think about how sabbatical officers work and try to make us more efficient. I've probably been more V-P Academic Affairs than V-P Access. Criticism of OSSL has been ridiculous, people have been attacked in a way that they don't deserve, it's just been ridiculous. I think I'd probably do it again.

Bex: What do you think of libraries?

Linsey: I don't like libraries

Andrew Morris, St Johns: Linsey, are you aware of how respected you are?

Linsey: Not going to answer that!

Laura Schwartz, Wadham: What's happening with libraries?

Linsey: Massive changes over next few years, haven't put a proposal to Council as don't want to pre-empt any discussion. Please don't take the libraries issue lightly, university are willing to listen. People need to decide what they want.

Ian King: I've raised a lot of money, I have got a lot of people involved in communities projects, and done things as an OUSU V-P. Have enjoyed nearly all of it, and thanks to RAG Exec. Have been seeing how students on the ground level can make a difference to people's lives, by going out into the wider community. Don't want to talk for long.

Jo Lee Morrison, ChCh: How would you like to see relationship between RAG and OUSU differ.

IK: Read the reports and you pick up that me and the other sabs have different views. I think that OUSU benefits a lot from RAG, and that representation is very important and that raising money shows the outside world that Oxford students care. There's a lot of stuff to do with the job which required VP to be a VP and to do things which help OUSU like careers fair. Funding needs to be sourced from OUSU and external source rather than from RAG's funds. I think there is a future for RAG in OUSU but not sure what that is.

Dan Simpson: Any objections to business manager giving an oral report?

Nem Con

Dan Finley: Zoo nights and Oxide radio has been very rewarding, in spite of the unjustified criticism we have received. I would recommend people read corrections in the Cherwell.

???: Have been asked by people in St Johns to say how great Dan is.

Hollie, Univ: Just saying thank you on behalf of RAG to everyone who has got involved. Thanks to Ian King who's worked so hard over the last year.

Tom Dale: Council should know at the moment there is no formal structure in place for scrutinising reports OUSU gives to the University.

Dan Simpson: Motion 1, Student Advisor.

Nicky Ellis: Student Advisor resigned over the summer, have an expanded sabbatical team. Gaps in service provision in this area I feel university should take on. We cannot provide special advice with one unspecialised advisor.

Passed Nem Con

DS: Linsey has withdrawn motion 2, would anyone like to take it up.

Charleyne ? : We are committed to splitting this job, this motion has passed by a massive majority twice already. Linsey said at the end of Trinity term that she thought there was both conflict and more than enough work to do. All the reasons in favour of splitting this job still stand. Linsey is going to say we can't afford it, but I think we can. She's also going to say she went to JCC and they wouldn't give her the money, but I think we can find money elsewhere. We already get £15,000 fees a year, with top-up fees universities

have to spend far more of their income on access, so the amount of money on access will increase. We've underspent by £6000, so need to bid for £25000 to fund all of this. I think the principles still hold.

SFQ: Isn't it the case we've got no money from the university?

Charleyne: Not guaranteed but very likely, as university think we're an efficient spending of money.

SFQ: Can't we introduce this job later?

Charleyne: Taken us a year to get this far, can't delay this any longer.

No further SFQ

Speech in opposition

Linsey: Last term I said "please don't vote on financial grounds this term, can do that next term", so now we're voting on financial. Neither JCC nor university have said how they're going to spend £500,000 of money. It would be financially suicidal to pass this motion today, can't base structural change on commercial income which changes every year. If we pass this now, can't get as much out of university in negotiations. Should wait for a year. As Bex said, to make this financially viable we need funding from university. Please vote against this but bring it up later when we've got the money.

Nicky: We need lots of other things. We need Councillors in this university. We lose our best negotiating tactic if we pass this now, as they know we'll have to do it anyway. If we don't pass this now can argue that won't happen unless they fund. We're here to campaign to get the university to do what it should do, not do it ourselves. Access work is something the university has to do, if they want to fund it through us that's great. We need to decide what we're going to cut in order to fund this.

???, St Johns: It's clear cut that we need money for this. Need to get the money off the university before we commit ourselves to spending on this.

MTV

???: I think we've talked about everything

Tom Packer: I've got lots more objections

28-18-1

MTV fails

Tim Bennett: I think Linsey is being very responsible in coming back and saying don't have the money even though she wants to do it. Should reshuffle portfolio instead.

Chris Allen: Committed ourselves to extra expenditure already, only just got surplus already, can't afford to spend extra money.

Alan Strickland, Merton: If we pass motion today but didn't get money, could we cancel it? How likely is it there will be a change in funding over the summer?

Dan Simpson: If we pass it need to go back through 3 Councils and overturn.

Tom Packer: If we pass this, less likely to get money off university. No way we can stall this once it's been passed. If want the election later need to bring the motion later. Was very clear when we passed this that would wait and see what the money situation was. There are also legitimate objections to number of sabbatical officers.

MTV

Opposition

Tom Dale: Same points are being made

John: I would like to answer Alan's question

31-17-5

Charleyne: The reason we want to split the job is not because of university failure, but because we think student access work is important. When I was on exec someone had to go to JCC and money for positions which already existed.

Linsey: It's irresponsible to pass this motion today, funding jobs which we don't have the money for. JCC last week told us to come back later. Once the university has agreed to fund this, I think then we can split the job. But it's the common rooms' money.

John: We could bring standing order changes in Michaelmas maybe. I agree with Linsey and Nicky that we probably don't have enough money. University is appalling at giving us money.

Bex: I thought earlier it was unwise to pass motions before we know what the financial situation is. In the JCC meeting they told us to come back to this, that it would take more time. Let's bring it back later when we've got more money. We should pass this when we have solid funding information. Can't hold elections but have rule forbidding anyone from standing.

MTV

MTV Passes.

CP: Voted for principle twice. no funding is guaranteed. we will find a way to fund it. please vote for it
LC: We can't afford it, we couldn't pay them, we'd look like muppets. Let's bring it back when we have money. Financial future is not secure.

5 in favour, lots against.

Motion 3 - delegates

Bex W: You heard this speech two weeks ago, not an attack on delegates, they should turn up to council. this makes it very easy to get rid of delegates who don't do anything.

SFQ's: Louise Radnofsky: Has bex been listening to pres com too much?
BW: No

Omar Salem (hugh's): Is anyone else monitored in this way?
BW: Delegates ONLY role is to vote

Duncan Weldon, Some: How many delegates here today?
BW: 5 out of 12

Omar: How many common room reps are here?
BW: Dunno, but we can't hold CR reps to account. JCRs could take on our practice and monitor their reps.

Move to debate

Nicky Ellis - Don't vote, because people should be able to get a job then not do it.

Tom Packer: Not a good idea - allows pres to persecute delegates, too narrow range of excuses. Should bring something similar back that lets council choose

Will Haydock CCC: Vote against because it gives veil of legitimacy to delegates that they don't deserve- delegate's shouldn't have a vote, we shouldn't force them to vote!

Omar: Why should they be held to account more than others who have bigger jobs? We could hold CRs to account, by banning them from council.

Bex: This is finalists being stupid. When I was a delegate we had lots of motions about whether we are relevant. Council decided that the people bringing motions were wrong. If you believe the arguments have changed, get rid of delegates. If we have delegates then hold them to account.

Bex begins to cry.

MTV passes.

Bex: Vote for it.
Omar: Don't vote for it.

Motion passes.

Motion to change order of debate to debate i before h
21-9-3

Move to overrule chair

Dan: Unclear area, I heard a procedural motion, 21-9-3 that's 2/3

Rob Vance: That's not 2/3, for once I think we should uphold the constitution.
16-17-2
Move fails

Passage of motions nem con
14 and 15 passed nem con

Emergency motions
RO's report
Steve Harper: Here it is, want to keep it short
SFQ: Why late?
Steve Harper: Finals
Passes nem con

Due recognition and thanks
Alison Kennedy: Because I think Council is quicker to condemn than praise
Passed nem con

OSSL:
Chris Allen: Been holding consultations, this is aiming to open up OSSL. This is what came out of the discussion. Aims to increase knowledge and awareness about OSSL. Introduces outside members onto board, former people to give advice. Encourages OSSL to share minutes more. Ideally this would help with that.
AK: Why no seconder
Rob Vance: I'm seconding.
Tom Dale: Will 7 give any problems? I have an amendment.

Amendment tabled by Tom Dale
Lorna Stevenson: Request for clarification
Tom Dale: There have been changes in what it would be advisable for OUSU to firmly decide on, but all the members of OSSL need to know how they can influence OSSL democratically. For example 10% of members can call a meeting and insert things into aims of company.
Nicky Ellis: We are happy that shadow director issues have overcome?
Tom Dale: That's about main motion, not amendment.
Passed nem con

Amendment tabled by Tom Packer
Tom Packer: Is an attempt to clarify situation.
Rob Vance: I don't think should bar some executives from standing.
John Blake: I think we should move on and stop it with this bloody gimpery. Shouldn't just have exec on the board.
Tom Packer: As I understand motion you can't run if you're on the exec at that time. Otherwise could run for board then exec
Nicky: Exec already chosen by 7th week, when board are chosen.
Tom Packer: POI: By-elections, and also situation
Nicky : This is not a POI. It's clear what the standing motion means, lets fail this amendment and move on.
MTV nem con
Tom Packer: Idea is that there's a broad consensus members of exec should not be directors.
Nicky Ellis: Nothing that requiries that complicated speech can be a good idea.
MTV
Dan Simpson: Amendments on table
Amendment by Chris Allen
CA: This is a shadow director thing, otherwise Council becomes shadow directors. If phrase it like this, get round nasty legal issue and no one gets sued.
Passed nem con
Amendment by Trina Gillam

Trina Gillam: I like this motion, but this final phrase is in conflict. I don't think we as a council should pledge to support this, gives a blank check. Council should at least have the chance to hear exact details.

Dan Finley: This amendment would render Council shadow directors. If we're running a commercial company, OMs need to be in confidentiality. People need to know that they can't break contract.

Linsey: Ordinary members need to be under confidentiality. Contracts are a law. Need to be able to sue people if needs be.

Nicky Ellis: Need to stop thinking students should get away with breaking the law.

MTV

Opposition

Rob Vance: Issues clear.

Trina: Want more chance to explain stuff

MTV withdrawn

CA: If we're doing Zoo and stuff, in order to be credible and be able to act competitively we need to be able to stop people leaking. Some parts of business aren't as nice as other parts of OUSU, but need to make it clear to companies that we're serious.

Omagh: This will ensure that when someone does break contract, if its seen as not fair we shouldn't be suing

POI: It would make you a shadow director, having studied company law. This would make every Oxford Student a shadow director in the eyes of the law.

Omagh: Can't say what Council will do in the future, shouldn't have a situation where students could be sued. Should see legal advice on this before deciding not to.

Trina: It will not make every student of oxford university liable. OSSSL has to have the right to pursue legal action, my point is they shouldn't be relying on us to support it, and we should be able to decide whether we agree or disagree. Should not be tied down to agreeing with OSSSL in every situation.

Alison Kennedy: This will make shadow directors of Council.

Trina: No it won't, is just advice.

Tom Dale: Difference is that in an OUSU context, exec officers supposed to keep OUSU Policy. If Trina's amendment passed, I don't think this shadow director point would passed as not obliged to follow it.

Trina: OSSSL Board should be able to do what they want, but we shouldn't automatically give our support.

Dan Finley: Our legal advice comes from professional law firm and head of Oxford University legal services. Where does yours come from?

Trina: Let's strike this, and see legal advice after the summer.

MTV

Opposition

Trina: I've clarified what I wanted to say

Rob Vance: This debate is important, need to get it right.

18-19-2

MTV fails

Tom Packer: I don't see how removing this leaves OUSU Council shadow directors and disastrous death ensues. I'm on the board and have seen no legal advice about this. Reads motion

Dan Finley: Well in that case that's fine

MTV

Bex: I think we should discuss the rest of the motions

25-11-1

Trina: This is good, gives Council room to object.

John Blake: We need Council's support, if Council isn't willing to support us sometimes having to sue people impossible situation.

18-12-9

Amendment carries

Main debate

MTV

Linsey: Still got whole agenda to go through, can come back next tem

Tom P: I want more information and clarification.

MTV passes

Chris Allen: Hopefully this will lead to a more open OSSSL

John Blake: This is excellent, and hopefully will alter many things. I am not convinced that anything that can be done with what we have to do to maintain our commercial operations. I think these issues will come up again.

27-5-8 Motion passes

NUS Report

JB: Here's the NUS report, I think we should have other people's reports as well. This gives loads of information, please feel free to read it.

SFQ: Are you aware of inaccuracies in report?

JB: No, please send in any corrections.

Motion passes nem con

Said Business School

Justin Roffey: The reason I put this forwards is that by having this ban we are isolating part of the student body. If anyone has any empirical evidence about this they should say so.

Laura Schwartz: SFQ - conditions of boycott?

Justin R: No meetings there

Tom Dale: I'm not convinced believes 3 is true, wasn't true at the time it was passed, don't know if it has changed. I'm not convinced believes 6 is true, that graduate students feel alienated by us not approving of arms dealers. Mr. Said supported a corrupt and dictatorial regime, and many people fought against the business school.

Justin Roffey: Issue is student representation, not political ideology. From speaking to people they believe their interests are not supported by OUSU. None of the allegations were ever proved. If one is going to look into the source of funding, then should consider many of the older buildings in Oxford were paid for by people who did horrible things in their time.

Tom Dale: The Guardian has made these claims, and Mr. Said has not sued them for libel.

Omagh: I understand there are concerns about representation, but I disagree with the idea that OUSU can't take stances on issues because it might offend some people. If we disagree with something, then we should say so and take action. On the separate issue of whether these claims are true, University Congregation passed a motion against it.

Ian King: POI University reservations were about site.

John Blake POI: That was only one of their reservations.

Omagh: There were a number of reservations.

Lorna: MTV

Opposition

MTV withdrawn

Laura Schwartz: The implication of this motion is that the boycott of the SBS is a boycott of the students there.

Tom Packer: This motion explicitly says we disapprove of Mr Said, but look at the Rhodes library? We're not consistent. Strong case for boycotting Trinity college as well. It's one thing to oppose creation of buildings, but another to completely boycott an institution. I remember sitting in PGA, a meeting was suggested which couldn't happen. This isn't about whether you approve Mr. Said, or whether you approve of boycotts, but whether we should exclude so many students.

Nicky Ellis: University is built on bloodstained stones, but this was very recent its a bit like a vegetarian saying eat a burger now because animal is already dead. If students think that this means we're excluding them, that's wrong. I would be ashamed if OUSU held a meeting in a building funded in that way.

MTV

Omagh: Got loads of motions

Tom Packer: Want more discussion

MTV fails

John Blake: If having a boycott, should engage in a campaign saying why we're boycotting it. Mr. Said is not dead, unlike many of the people who the weapons he sold killed. I just believe he was a bad man, and we shouldn't give up after 3 years.

Shashank: I'm an international student, it's a one year programme. We're only here very briefly. Makes it unbelievably difficult to get involved in OUSU. We are indirectly boycotting students if we don't go to places where they'll be.

MTV

Opposition

Linsey Cole: Had really good debate, but everyone knows what they think

Bex: People still have things to say.

Dan Simpson: Will go to MTV after Bex and Justin.

Bex: OUSU doesn't hold meetings everywhere, have never hold a meeting in Somerville. I'm severely concerned if Tom's response was not to suggest we could elsewhere.

Justin: The fact is that there is a rule in place saying will never hold meetings there. What is the concept of OUSU if not to represent students, people are very connected to the places we study. Should not push political agenda. Attacking a fundamental part of our student life

MTV

Justin: Because we should MTV

Tom P: Bex has made a personal attack.

MTV Passes

Shashank: Nothing has been proven about Mr Said, should not boycott students.

John: We exist to represent students, on the issues that are important to them. We are competent to make these decisions, we have the absolute right to say we do not believe you should have taken this money. We must ensure that students at the SBS do not believe we are discriminating against them, but should not abandon a point of principle we have held for so long.

Fails 15-11-2

Tom Packer allowed to respond to allegations made by Bex: I made exactly these suggestions to them, pointing out that we should hold it elsewhere.

Bex allowed to respond: I specifically said "I hope that wasn't Tom's response"

Dan Simpson: Shouldn't do this again in Council, I made a mistake in allowing this to happen.

Prayer Room motion:

Hassan: We've been campaigning for this for 10 years, major problem that current central prayer room is only open 9-5, need to pray 5 times a day. University are stalling on this, they keep delaying, then proctors and assessors change and we have to start all over again. JCRs across Oxford have been supporting this.

Bex: Do you have a proposed location for prayer room?

Hassan: Yes, but tentative

Lorna: If it will be open beyond 9-5, security worries cost lots of money?

Hassan: Could have bod card controlled access, never even got to the point with university where they've mentioned cost/security.

Rob Vance: Do colleges not have a responsibility as well?

Hassan: Yes, but they don't and better if university does.

Passed nem con

Quorum count: 36

Motion 3

Linsey: Gives Charleyne a mandate to do more work on teaching.

Passed nem con

Motion 4

Tom Dale: This is about NUS affiliation, but we think consistent affiliation across common rooms is necessary to get much of what OUSU does get out of the NUS due to decentralised affiliation.

Lorna: What does NUS training event mean?

Tom Dale: NUS provided training event, haven't been any for quite a while.

Claire: Constitutionally, can ad-hoc committees appoint their own co-chairs?

John Blake: I think so

Tom Dale: Wouldn't override anything in the standing orders.
Move to debate
No opposition

Rachel Standing, St Hildas: I want to propose an amendment, strike resolves 4, I think even though NUS is great OUSU shouldn't be encouraging common rooms to affiliate, it is for the members of that specific common room to affiliate.

John: We can believe that common rooms gain a lot when they are affiliated to the NUS, we're just ensuring that OUSU Presidents are vaguely supportive of NUS. If Presidents started marching into JCRs and demanding they affiliate to NUS I'm sure Council would censure.

MTV - opposition

Rob Vance: Only got the room till 6

Tom Packer: All objections are about this amendment.

20-13-2

Amendment passes

MTV

MTV passes

Tom Dale: All NUS reps have seen this for over 2 weeks now, reflects views of NUS attendees
Passed nem con

Ian King: Procedural motion to move 16 to position to 5
Withdrawn

Motion 5
Motion 5 withdrawn.

Motion 6

Laura Schwartz: The Make Poverty History wristbands were produced in exploitive factories.

Tom Packer: Propose amendment to delete resolves 2.

Lorna:

tp: lotta of things i didn't hear. the point of mph is that it is an umbrella group that does not exclude the small subsections. we should not be supporting this forum. having this done in sweat shps bad.

kate ferg: autonomous org. keep in..a lot of people getting involved in the debate and ous should tap into this interest effectively. should engage in the politics more.

mtv opposition

bw: head the reason against and the reasons to keep in so vote.

omar: we don't necessarily agree.

mtv carries

amendment falls

mtv vote called

ne: everyone knows and should get on.

ls: still a problem with believes 2. would like to see this resolved.

mtv fails

amendmentstrike council believes 2 etc

ls: no factual back-up to believes 2. very dangerous to put in policy without this. begates advantageous effects of debt relief. we believe there are corruptions but it says it in a better way.

vg: this is racism that is being pushed within ousu council. y whose standards are they undemocratic. who is to judge? outrageous

ne: does change it quite a lot. tying the removal of corrupt regimes to debt. we may not be in position to say remove regime. statement of belief that we acknowledge a problem with governance.

mtv called carries.

ls: don't agree with vava but i do wrry about the point nicky raised and that we would be seen to e ayng get rid of government and then relief. if like as is, vote for.

vg: if we are going to have this as policy then think clearly about the road we're going down. if we want to judge "corrupt" regimes int he rest of the world we should ask questions about why those govemnts are being kept in power.

mtv on motion carries

kate: favour of motion and take stance against sweatshop labour etc. both resolves good
tp: already said why bad idea.

motion passes

Motion 7

is: first time i've seen this moion, seems nice, think we should suppoert
LS; how much would it cost for rexyllcing to be done

JB: we can get a proper figure

IK: Can someone tell me where the £500 would come from

NE from prioruy projects

CA: how mych set said

JB: £1,000 for priorty poject

NE: cost of hiring town hall

CP: private meeting wll count

NE: why money from town hall

MTV

Move to quorum count

BW: to table motion for propoers to be present

motion retabled

Motion 8

Move to table it to next council

NE: Makes more sense to table to end of meeting

Motion tables until Michaelmas.

Motion 9:

Omagh: Motion is nice

Lorna: Worried that part of resolves 4 might breach DPA

Chris Allen: We are allowed to reveal

Nicky: I suspect we can get round DPA

MTV

Omagh: Exactly thing OUSU should be doing

Bex: But Patrick Foster seconded it

Motion passed

Motion 10 tabled nem con

Motion that 11 not be put.

John Blake: I'm not giving any of my DNA to Patrick Foster

Rob Vance: I don't like Patrick Foster more than anyone else

11-9-3 procedural motion fails.

Ian King: John has wonderful DNA, and it would be a shame not to share it with the world. Keble JCR supports this, I'm from Keble, I support it.

Claire: I don't think this motion should be put, but this motion goes too far. I object to the fact that an elected officer was mandated to do this, I don't think Council should discuss it. I think this is harassment.
MTV

Chris ? St. Annes: I don't see how it could be improved

Bex: I think it can and my amendment is on the table.

Nicky Ellis: I table amendment to mandate Patrick Foster to donate his head to OUSU, we've all benefited from his wit and it would be more useful than the substance of the motion.

Amendment fails

MTV

John: This an immense waste of time, next motion is important. If it means we don't discuss the V-P motion I will be upset.

Bryn: Mine and Bex motion is funny, I think we deserve a little break.

21-7-2

MTV Passes

Tom Packer: This is a stupid motion, please pass it

Chris Allen: Tom Packer supported it

Motion fails

Motion 12

Nicky Ellis: Sorry this motion isn't great, written whilst hung over. Case work and campaigning are ok, but the problem is at university level. When doing casework, most of our academic casework is also welfare related, especially disabilities etc. Majority of people with welfare concerns also have academic concerns. Me and Linsey work together very well, but that might not always happen. Unnecessary duplication of time and resources. Equal opportunities should be part of both portfolios, and knowledge needed on both committees. There is a huge conflict between access and academic support, and with welfare work conflict between casework time and campaigning time. It is more coherently explained in my report, but there's a real problem with my job which has hounded my all year and it needs to change. This is one way to reshuffle to create two extremely effective sabbatical jobs.

Amendment tabled by Tom Dale

Tom Dale: Believes 1 doesn't mean anything

Nicky Ellis: I accept it as friendly

Amendment by Tom Packer:

Tom P: To add resolves 3, that report be brought before any motion. Having 2 weeks where people can look at report gives people more time to decide it.

Nicky: I think we want to mandate Linsey and myself to write this report.

Tom P: Amendment withdrawn

Amendment by Aidan

Aidan : This will change the student advice service, I think consultation with others in the student advice service is desirable. Expecting one person to specialise that much is too difficult. If problems with that one person then serious problems in the student advice service.

Nicky Ellis: I don't think that's correct, I think it leads to no one having knowledge in the right place. I have

a motion on the table mandating us to write it. No good it being done over the summer, relevant people won't be there and won't have knowledge. Makes more sense for me and Linsey to write it.

Linsey: Every aspect of my job relates to Nicky's job. I need Nicky's knowledge in committees loads. This seems to be the logical way to do it without having an extra sabbatical officer.

MTV

CA: We've had enough people talk about it and I'm bored.

Aidan: I want to say more

MTV passes

Aidan: Lets give more time to look into it.

Nicky: We've looked into this for an entire year.

Motion fails.

Amendment tabled by Nicky Ellis

Nicky: This will mandate me and Linsey to write a report to be brought to first week Council, because we've spent an entire year looking into it. I don't believe that there's anything controversial about this.

MTV

Amendment passed nem con

Quorum Count 35

MTV

Nicky: We've spent a long time looking at this.

Aidan: Need more options

Motion passed

Motion 13

Nicky: V-P Finance has been a complete pain ever since I've been in OUSU. Specialist knowledge is required, it is illogical to elect. Things like budget setting are for the Executive and Council to do. Need to work out if its feasible to bring someone in to do IT aspects of job. Need to look at accounting, and work out if we don't need more support there. If it does turn out that these things are feasible, the role of the V-P F is defunct. In terms of OSSSL, V-P(F) isn't anyone's line manager. The coordination can be done by other people. Have had a long running problem with VPF, I think Chris will do a great job, but also think he's uniquely qualified and won't have anyone again like that for a long time.

SFQ: Specific role of VPF?

Nicky: [Reads out the job description of VPF in standing orders]. All of this can be done by exec or Council, and an IT specialist. [Lists how each part of this can be done by others]

Quorum count: 29

Rob Vance (Wadham) The previous meeting was very long. The minutes are not typed up yet.

Appointments in council:

The Joint Consultative Committee with Student Members

John Blake (St Hugh's) Does anybody want a hust?
a hust was requested

Tom Packer (St Cross) Been on JCC for year all ready – good for continuity.
Liaison between JCC and university committees.
Keen. Good committee – we should use it. Am a graduate, been on post-grad exec for a year, and experience of other universities - useful.

RV (Wadham) Any questions?
there were no questions

Reports from Sabbatical officers

John Blake (St Hugh's) I start my report with support for the comment's of the Vice Chancellor in response to the tragedy in the Indian Ocean. Obviously many students will have been affected by this disaster and the Student Advice Service as well as the other university services are, as ever, available to all who require them. There will be an interfaith service for Staff and Students at the University Church on Thursday 3rd February at 5pm. I shall be attending and if anybody wishes to they are very welcome.

Azim Ansari – The case of the engineering student at St John's. His appeal has been refused by the tribunal. There was a meeting upstairs at 1pm today and we discussed many ideas including rallies, vigils etc. I will keep you updated on what is happening.

The new part time exec are very good and helping the organisation function very efficiently.

Green Electricity – The Vice Chancellor has said that unless Green Electricity comes out the cheapest option then we will not be having it. No one at University Council disagreed with him. However they have agreed to accept a report from the committee that looks at this sort of thing so we've got some lobbying time to try and persuade them that it is worth paying a premium.

Rent – many colleges may be facing rent rises. A lot of people signed 3 or 4 negotiation deals last year and you should ask early about whether they will be sticking to these as they often do not. I am always available to help and to co-ordinate any campaigns.

Finals code – There is a new finals code that now bans confettii. None in exec agrees with it.

Nicky and I will be attending the appropriate committee to express our views that Merton Street should be closed and that there are more dangerous things in this world than champagne.

RepCom now meets on Tuesdays at 4.30pm. Everyone should have a copy of their Reps Guide.

OUSU Publicity – Helen and Tom have taken this on and are working on making the website less clunky and putting on things that people might want to read.

Zoo – people who were at Zoo Na Na last night will know it was good. OSSL continues to make us lots of money.

The Oxford Handbook – there was a problem with the proofs before Christmas. It is coming as soon as possible.

NUS – I have now had a conversation with them. It has only taken 6 months. We will be working to improve our affiliation.

OUSU cards – We will now give out spare OUSU cards to common room officers to deal with issues. If you require any, email me.

Notice of Poll – the date printed in the Oxford Student is wrong, nominations will in fact close on Thursday of 3rd Week.

Siobhan who has been with us for nearly 6 months is stepping down. She has done a lot of very good work for graduates.

Everyone: Claps.

Nicky Ellis: I highlight from my written report that the Living out Guide is now being distributed.

(Queens) Numbers are worked out on a crazy formula by the University Accommodation office and college bursars – if you need any more get in touch. Important to state that individuals can come and get them.

Bex Wilkinson: Sorry that I sound like I'm chatting to my friends when I email 6,000 students. Please use the nightbus more! Oxford students are under using the service as has been shown this week because Brookes students haven't been here and we've seen hardly any people! We have posters if you feel your college is lacking.
(SEH)

Women's open day is being organised. Please come to the mass mailing on Wednesday of 2nd week, 4-8pm in OUSU with free pizza and diet coke.

Cherwell is wrong, I was never on Standing Committee. I was elected but resigned.

For everything else, please see my written report.

Linsey Cole:
(St John's)

There will not be any diet Coke as it is unethical.
Sorry my report is so long but I've been doing lots of stuff over Christmas and writing it all down helps me keep track. There is no motion on the Access Regulator as I didn't want to bring it as an emergency motion. I can't make 3rd week council so one will be coming in 5th week. Please get a mandate on this as it is a contentious issue, Also ideas for what should be on the motion would be useful.

Over Christmas I have also been spending a lot of time looking at Sab job descriptions and the Constitution. I will bring motions about these to 5th week council as well so please take a look at them closely. They will hopefully make us more efficient in our staffing,

There is a meeting for JCC reps, 5pm on Thursday in the OUSU offices.

Siobhan McAndrew: This is my last ever council. I studiously avoided council as an undergraduate (Nuffield) because it seemed long and boring. Coming as a graduate has certainly been an experience.

I have tried very hard to work for graduates but obviously you can't change everything in a term and last term was very difficult. I have tried to strengthen contacts with MCR's but there are quite a lot of you. Tried to write a personal note on each and it takes ages.

My job would be a lot easier with the correct facilities. Better IT please.

Thanks to the rest of the sabbaticals and the general office staff. Sorry I haven't gotten to know the new part time exec.

Many thanks also to: (please check these) Daniel Russell, Tim Waters, Dan Paskins, Timo at Keble, Antonia (minuters note – others were also thanked). Thank you so much, I couldn't have done it without you. Also – you have an excellent grad exec – they may not be able to come here and meet you but that does not mean that they are not working hard.

Ian King:
(Keble)

Christmas holiday was very busy. Had the national RAG and Student Volunteering conference in the Said Business School which is a lovely place. Many people came from uni's over the country and learnt a lot about RAG and the charities they raise funds for. It was a great success.

This term – met with JCR Pres' and charities reps to co-ordinate our response to the Tsunami crisis. A small committee is organising a 12-hour music marathon on Thursday 17th Feb (5th Week) between 11 and 11 at the town hall with alcohol (license pending). Acts are being booked. Advertise this please!

Monday night was great. Thanks to my RAG reps who spent 5 hours collecting in Park End. We took many very generous donations.

RAG events this term:

Film Night in Keble
Bar Crawl tomorrow
Blind Date – Thursday of 4th week. Hoping to get 700 students dating on the same day.
Mr and Miss Oxford – 8th week at the Union.
Jailbreak – get as far away from Oxford as you can for free! Sweet talk BA and you can get a far away as Tokyo – just remember a return ticket!

Community – have 4 and bit very good community Co-chairs. Are working hard or organised the Alternative Careers Fair, in Schools on the 12th of Feb with lots of charities and NGO's.

There were no questions for the sabbatical officers

Reports from the part-time exec

RV (Wadham): Any of the part-time exec wishing to make reports?

Tom Dale: Nicky and I went to London for training about the Freedom of Information act.

(Corpus) This could be very useful to you as JCR Presidents because it means that your college has to give you basically anything you ask for including minutes of closed meetings or documents about rent negotiations. We will assist is ask ad will hopefully be producing a guide.

Emma Jones: Azim – this is exactly the sort of thing OUSU should be focusing on, it is a very

(Keble) just cause. We have passed a motion through council and 2/3's of JCR's have passed motions. Please help us spread information about this.

One of my portfolio's is also to organise One World Week. We are hoping to tie this in with the make poverty history campaign as this is such a big thing at the moment. If you would like to get involved or have any suggestions please email me on HYPERLINK "mailto:emma@ousu.org" emma@ousu.org

Tom Packer: There is a vacancy for the Vice-President Graduates. There will be an election in

(St Cross) 5th week, electing one for next year and one for now. If you know of anyone who would be interested please get them to get in touch or if you have any ideas on how we could advertise the position.

Claire Chalmers: I'm part of the new part-time exec. Part of my responsibilities are for Equal
(Univ) Opps and recently this has meant helping out with the organisation of Holocaust Memorial Day. It's been great - this year OUSU really has only been facilitating and a group of students from interested societies and those who are interested personally have been meeting to plan. The result of this are a series of events which will be happening on the 27th January. There will be a vigil on the Clarendon Steps beginning at 6.45pm which will flow into a service at the Holywell Music Rooms. This is non-religious and open to everyone. We've also arranged a film screening with the Magdalen Film

Society which will be 'Ararat' – a film which considers the Armenian Genocide.

Lorna Stevenson: Hello to all my lovely OUSU Reps. If anyone is not on the email list then please
(Hertford) email me. If anyone couldn't come on Tuesday and hasn't got a guide then please email me,
If anyone would like to get involved in the alternative prospectus we need 100's of students and so are having an open meeting here on Sunday at 4pm.

RV (Wadham): Questions for the part-time exec?

Daniel Russell: Why are we showing a film about Armenia on Holocaust memorial day?
(St Antony's)

CC (univ): Shall I answer this? Holocaust memorial day is about remembering lives lost in all genocides and demonstrating our commitment to end all prejudice, discrimination and racism. The student's who are organising the day looked at a selection of films and chose this one as one that would broaden the scope. Want to move HMD on from just WWII

EJ (Keble): The holocaust day website supports using HMD to remember the victims of all holocausts and also Hitler used Armenia as a justification for the WWII holocaust.

RO's announcement

JB (St Hughs): It comes as a great surprise to us all the Tom Packer is duly elected to JCC by 46 votes to 8. Bad luck ron.

Passage of motion's nem con

RV (Wadham): This is where motions can pass without discussion if nobody objects to them. Please raise your hand clearly if you object.

as there was opposition to both motions no motion passed Nem Con

Discussion of motions

n. other motions

Posters motion

I. Posters
Council believes
1. That the Executive Officers have a responsibility to ensure that no poster that is produced in the name of OUSU should contravene our values and cause offence to our membership.
2. That it is important to protect OUSU's image and that if we neglect do so we risk undermining our work in public and alienating our members.
3. That it is sometimes difficult for an individual member of the OUSU Executive to know whether a poster is likely to give offence.
4. That it is a wise precaution for members of the Executive to show all posters to fellow members prior to publication.

5. That this is the most practical way to ensure that inadvertent mistakes to the detriment of OUSU do not occur.

Council resolves

1. To mandate all members of the Executive producing posters for OUSU campaigns and events to allow all members of the Executive 24 hours (not including weekends) to see the poster and register objections.

2. That the whole Executive should be consulted during term time and the Sabbaticals only during holidays.

3. That the Executive member should send an email announcement, explaining that the poster is on display in a specified location in the OUSU Office, accessible to all members of the Executive.

4. That the Executive member shall respect the objections of two or more of their fellow members, recognising that those objections will be in the interests of OUSU. They should make appropriate changes and resubmit the poster.

5. That in the event that of a poster being vetoed three or more times, the Executive member has right of appeal to the President.

Proposed: Emma Jones (Keble) Seconded: Claire Chalmers (University)

In proposition:

EJ (Keble): I'm bringing this on behalf of WomCam. We feel it is important for Equal Opps that we don't alienate anyone. Ties in with last terms Promoting Respect and Impeeding Stereotypes in the Media (PRISM) campaign. Exec have all seen it and had a chance to comment and come up with a workable solution.

SFQ's

Chris Allen: Can President individually decide yes or no? What if the President makes a poster?
(Somerville)

EJ : Didn't envisage the President making posters, not part of his job description. Only go to Pres if veto used 3 times – have all ready had three conversations and opportunities for compromise – if still not okay need to check it is not a malicious veto.

In opposition:

IK(Keble): Not many objections except resolves. Exec were voted in by the rest of the University. 3 or 4 people from a body of 21 is not sufficient – to be democratic we should go by the majority. To have resolves 4 is to incite a lack of consensus and will make everything dull. We should only veto posters if they contradict actual written policy. This motion needs to be amended.

Debate opens

Amendment proposed CA (Somerville) seconded by LC (St John's):

Replace resolves 5: that in the event of a poster being vetoed 3 or more times, the Executive member has the right of appeal to the President

with: that in the event of a poster being vetoed 3 or more times, the poster may be brought to an exec meeting (or sab meeting during the vacation) where a majority decision shall be taken on whether or not to approve the design.

LC (SJC): This has come about as a result of the RAG poster last term. WomCam felt it needed to be addressed. This has been discussed in Exec. If one member of the exec is so concerned they ask for the poster not to be shown then that concern should be taken seriously.

Amendment passes and resolves 5 duly changed.

MTV

Amended Motion Passes

The following should be incorporated into the policy booklet:

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OUSU Stance on Smoking Motion

Council Notes
1. At current, OUSU has no policy with regards to the health and welfare issues associated with smoking
2. Tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 chemical compounds, which are present either as gases or as tiny particles. These include: nicotine which is highly active and large quantities nicotine is extremely poisonous; tar which is deposited in

the lungs and respiratory system and gradually absorbed blocking breathing capacity and one of the main causes of lung cancer, over a dozen toxic chemicals only otherwise publicly available including: formaldehyde, arsenic, cyanide, benzo[a]pyrene, benzene, toluene, and acrolein and high concentrations of carbon monoxide which binds to haemoglobin in the bloodstream reducing the blood's capacity to carry oxygen round the body

3. Smoking causes at least 80% of all deaths from lung cancer, around 80% of all deaths from bronchitis and emphysema and around 17% of all deaths from heart disease. Thirty per cent of all cancer deaths can be attributed to smoking
4. In 2003 (the last full year on record), over 107,000 smokers died from smoking related diseases
5. More than 17,000 children under the age of five are admitted to hospital every year because of the effects of passive smoking

Council Believes

1. The Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health (SCOTH) has estimated that exposure to second-hand smoke in the workplace causes around 700 premature deaths in the UK each year
2. Particularly at risk are bar staff and other employees in workplaces where smoking is routine with one a death a week attributed to hospitality staff
3. That the government should be condemned for it's refusal to act substantially on such a serious matter, with one mind on the approaching election
4. With the effects of smoking of serious importance, that it is vital that some action is taken to protect the rights and health of non-smokers
5. Since smoking is such an antisocial and potentially dangerous (in terms of health) activity, that OUSU should discourage smoking.

Council Resolves

1. Resolves to mandate the VP (Welfare) to encourage university members to take a more active stance with respect to banning smoking in public enclosed spaces within the university and individual colleges.
2. To mandate the VP (Welfare) lobby the university to take a stance on smoking themselves and make this uniform across the university and all university owned buildings.
3. To support and publicise National No Smoking Day on Wednesday 9th March throughout the university to encourage smokers to reconsider their habits
4. To mandate the VP (Welfare) to encourage an entirely smoke free day throughout the university on Wednesday 9th March
5. To mandate the VP (Welfare) to publicise the local advice services for smokers wanting to quit

Proposed: Matthew Lovell (Lincoln) Seconded: Joseph Mela (Balliol)

In proposition:

Matt Lovell (Lincoln): The motion originated when colleges started banning smoking in their bars. College's have been on their own without any assistance when looking at this matter. Have spoken informally with the Vice Chancellor and college bursar's – all except Harris Manchester said that any moves would have to come from students as students far outnumber staff. Currently we have nothing

in OUSU Policy and I think we should be giving more support to colleges on this one.

SFQ's

There were no SFQ's

In opposition:

BW (SEH): Several points in opposition. As an elected officer SU officer I believe generally in collective action however occasionally we need to take decisions down to the lowest level and this is one such case. I do not feel comfortable sitting here and telling Lincoln Bar that they should ban smoking because I have never been to Lincoln Bar. I happily went to the Teddy Hall meeting as a student of that college but the decision should be made by the people who visit the place. This motion disregards those people in colleges who disagree with it. It implies that we know best how colleges should do their housekeeping. Anyone can come to us for help with motions and with this piece of policy would we be able to help students who come to us and want to overturn their bans? What would we do for them?

Debate opens:

TP (St Cross): I agree with Bex and there are several other points I would also like to raise. Many JCR's have had referendums on this issue and several have voted not to ban smoking. We should not disregard those democratically held views. We are ostracising students which is exactly not what we should be doing. This could have a serious impact on college life as it may harm student bars. I'm not pro-smoking but I'm against it being banned.

Peter Hughes (Hertford): We shouldn't minoritise smokers. We should have appropriate smoking areas and proper ventilation – smoking is a problem but not one we should solve by excluding people.

CA (Somerville): Most college bars are smoking.
Most students don't mind having people smoke in their bar.

ML (Lincoln): Many that haven't banned smoking yet haven't discussed it yet. I've spoken to at least 10 colleges who are looking to discuss it soon, that would give it a majority of college bars. Many Oxford colleges are old and small so ventilation and restriction don't work. You are inflicting smoking on other people.

An amendment was proposed by DR (St Ant) and seconded by Julian Brown (St. Antony's)

To replace resolves I: "Resolves to mandate the VP-Welfare) to encourage university members to take a more pro-active stance with respect to **banning** smoking in public enclosed spaces within the university and individual colleges"

With: "Resolves to mandate the VP-Welfare) to encourage university members to take a more pro-active stance with respect to **regulating** smoking in public enclosed spaces within the university and individual colleges"

DR (St Ant): Banning is too extreme but still keep good bits if we change to 'regulating'. Many colleges doing this. Raising awareness of this will be more popular. 'Banning' is instantly alienating to a large group of students.

Amendment passes and Resolves 1 duly replaced

LC (SJC): Spend a lot of our time getting the university to consult on these issues. Would be useful if we could have a policy to take to them.

An amendment was proposed by ML (Linc) and seconded by Joseph Mela (Balliol)

To add resolves 6: That OUSU should write a strongly worded letter to our current government questioning the indecisiveness, ambiguity and confusion within their current 4 year plan...

ML (Linc): With regard to believes 3, need to address the government's lack of action on this matter.

DR(St Ant): Makes this motion even more aggressive. Shouldn't be adding anything more controversial to this all ready touchy subject. Too political

Amendment withdrawn

Proposer amends motion by striking resolves 3

LS(Hert): If JCR's have all ready decided we don't have to be debating this, you can use a MTV.

Alan Strickland (Merton): This motion has been ammended well. It is now uncontroversial. Covers university and college buildings which is good.

MTV

MTV opposed

In proposition:

LC (SJC): If you all ready have policy, go MTV

In opposition:

BW(SEH): Haven't discussed lots of issues like smoking rooms in libraries so that finalists don't get pneumonia.

MTV Passes

In summation for:

ML (Linc): Should have a point of contact and good to have a point of view. We're not trying to stop smoking everywhere.

In summation against:

NE(Queen's): Concerned that we still have in a lot of the resolves. I wanted the chance to ammend it. This is very time consuming for me. Smokers know that smoking is bad for them, I don't need to campaign on it. There are some things like college welfare provision I should campaign on but not this. Some things we need to educate people about – like Student mental health but not the dangers of smoking as everybody knows.

We should have policy and I think people should bring another motion but the other resolves are spoilers.

Motion Fails

RV(Wadham): Congratulations on the shortest Council ever! As we finished so early I'd like to raise the issue of where council should be. We've been at Wadham too long, had problems with Oriel, shall we go somewhere far out or the Union debating chamber or the town hall...

DR (St Ant): St Antony's has offered to host council. We are far from the centre but near a cluster of colleges. It's a grad college which is good for grad involvement. Everyone will have a chair.

BW(SEH): Does it have windows

DR (St Ant): Opening windows on both sides and a bar! Can get in and out and has diet coke.

RV(Wad): Certain requirement for a room in which to hold Council: disabled access and no alcohol so bar will have to be shut.

DR (St Ant): Could serve coke.

Susanne McClland (St Hilda's): Where is St Antony's

John I'd like to make an appeal to JCR Presidents to agree to St Antony's. You all look horrified when I suggest a grad college that's really far out but I went to St Hugh's and that's 20 minutes away so yah-boo to the Turl Street and Merton Street college's

All: Awww

John Move from college to college. See the difference of experience – good for us. Should go to St Antony's. Those who cannot locomote their legs can get a taxi – its on the Woodstock Road.

An informal vote showed approval for holding Council at St Antony's

RV(Wad): The Union? Might confuse people but nice big room with good acoustics.

LC(SJC): Don't want to go to the Union. Many people have problems with it and don't join or go their on principle. Bad precedent. Intimidating to speak in.

Rob: Used to be held at the Union. Precedent all ready set.

John: I think a lot of the problems with the Union come from the pretty OUSU or the Union 'dispute' and I feel that the level of disparateness between the two organisations is not helpful. Have the President elect here are ChCh VP. It is the best room in the city. We will not have the dispatch boxes.

PH (Hert): Union is college neutral which is good. Its a nice place to go to that everybody knows. Makes it more a whole university thing not just Wadham.

TP (St X): Go to St Antony's first. Its a grad college. Not that many people who will not even go into the Union building, even if they wouldn't join.

SM (St Hilda's): I know many people who get confused between OUSU and the Union, this is just going to confuse people further. To be honest if people don't know where colleges are it's about time they found out.

CA (Somerville): Cost?

Rob: They'll get the money back from the bar!

John: Will speak to the lovely President and President elect. They are generous and lovely people.

Nicky: Maybe we need policy on this but we need to start going to places we can record council for those with hearing difficulties and for the minute taking.

Oliver Russel (Magdalen): If we go to the Union is it automatically the choice of bar as many of us are not members.

Ed Young (Magdalen): Given the number of people who didn't care in the last vote can we just get this over and done with?

A vote showed general apathy towards using the Union as a venue

AOB

Rob: Pub?

Rabble: The KA.