Minutes of OUSU Termly Council 7th Week

1. Election of Chair of Council

Hustings
Paul: Conor did an excellent job. I would like to carry it on. People can make their points without feeling intimidated. Council should be expedient and efficient. I was also OUSU rep last year.
Daniel: I think the most important part of the role of Chair is as an impartial facilitator. With everyone speaking adequately and correctly. I served as speaker of the House in a mock US senate.
Conor: Late call for standing. I have enjoyed it this term. Have done my best to be impartial. I’m going to be honest Council is too long- only 50% of potential voting members attending and it’s still big. It’s a big student union, so there are lots of issues. I’ll try and sort a permanent venue so we’re not hoping around. Also agendas- we’re bound by policy so not enough printed but I’ll investigate getting them up on OHP.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Looning hasn’t been much of a problem this term, how would you deal with it if it did come up?
Daniel: I don’t agree with disruptive behaviour of that sort and would deal with it.
Conor: I would deal with loons with the policy available. Disrupting Council is a proctorial offence and I’m not afraid to use that option.

James Kettle, New College: Do you have experience in this kind of body and do you have experience and authority to deal with disruptive behaviour?
Conor: I have experience and I can deal with that
Paul: I haven’t had experience like Conor, but I’ve attended Council this term and have ideas.
Daniel: I dealt with lots of disruption in mock senate.

Mel Marshall, Christ Church: What are the candidates views of institutionalising chair of council?
Paul: I don’t think its desirable, Conor won’t do that.
Conor: I’m aware it might be an issue, but I’m not good enough to become an institution. There are lots of new people involved because of the electoral process.
Daniel: I think the power is in the office rather than the holder.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: How would you deal with motions of no confidence and retain good relations?
Conor: I’ve experienced those and still on good terms
Daniel: I think I’d be fine
Paul: Wouldn’t take it personally.

Duncan Weldon, Somerville College: Do the candidates have any political affiliations?
Daniel: No
Paul: No
Conor: Since last time I discovered that Amnesty International is a political organisation.

Jack Clift, Corpus Christi: How would you deal with large groups of intimidating people in council?
Paul: Hard one, if there were intimidating a group of 5 people- constant heckling I would expel them.
Conor: There are two options- you could suspend council or you could quit the chair- not resign- 5 mins quit and the meeting is over.
Daniel: If large groups came in I’d have no problem suspending Council

Rodrigo Davies, Wadham College: What’s the best thing about OUSU Council?
Conor: We can make a difference kids
Daniel: unanimity of opinion
Paul: I like Digo.

Returning Officer announcement: Clarity on Rosie Buckland’s election. No of votes:
Proctors upheld Junior Tribunal’s ruling.
2. Termly Reports

Any additions to report and questions to the President:

President: Interesting term, apologies for not being as prompt as I could with emails. In addition to report national march going ahead next week. Let us know how many people are coming by Mon at 2pm. Pick up outside Taylorian. Great response from letter writing campaign- really effective way. 4 chairs to elect. Tuesday 1pm exec meeting. If you want to apply get a form. Thanks to exec for a hard year of work. Speaking to Ruth they did a good job last year. Looking forward to new exec.

Rodrigo Davies, Wadham College: What time are we getting back on Wednesday?
Pres: 8pm at latest.

James Kettle, New College: Do we know how many people are going on the march?
President: Not as many as initially thought, 200 at the moment but find out total on Monday.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: question about congregation
Pres: Every fellow has voting rights, need 80 tutors. Talk to Mike Woodin about congregation and putting out a statement.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Thanks for thanks. Can you clarify for Council do you have confidence in Chris Hanretty, Rosie Buckland and Andrew Thomas?
Pres: Difficult, I’ve worked with Chris and Andy as co-chairs and Rosie is a sab elect which is important for a good start- we need to work together.

Ben, Wolfson: I wanted to take the banner to the fire fighters picket, why did you tell me that I couldn’t have it?
Pres: We don’t have one. I was a bit tetchy- very tired post election count. Sorry. If there’s a mandate you can have a banner.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Thanks for compliments. Do you think it appropriate to phone exec officers and tell them you had no confidence?
POINT OF INFO: Rosie Buckland, St Hilda’s: I was phoned and told no confidence as exec officer and as sab elect.
Pres: I did not say that. Difficult situation. Statements in press. There was a certain heat of the moment. We have to try and make it right, although unhappy over last few weeks.

Matt Selwood, New: Will you allow the banner to be taken on the Stop the War march?
Pres: yes, but won’t it look out of place- won’t have poles.

John Townsend, Univ: If you address congregation will you wear academic dress?
Pres: If I have to, yes.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Can you explain reaction of Press Officer?
Pres: If wasn’t an official response. I took day off on Tuesday I wasn’t available to authorise press release.

Oscar Van Nooijen, Queen’s: Motions before congregation very complex, have you read relevant statutory rules to plan it.
Pres: Will be getting up to speed.

Nicky Ellis, Queens: Really glad refined civic spirit.
One, what level of confidence do you have in the current sabs given that 5 exec members have resigned and 3 others have considered it and two, do you have confidence in yourself given that there was no anticipation of press release or phone communication?
Pres: Complete faith in all sabs and myself. Some things to learn this term. Need to think hard. Problems raised and now need solving.

Nailah Mears, Somerville: I read sab and exec reports- underlying tensions between sabs and exec, how will you resolve that?
Pres: I want to address points made this week. Powers of exec. Behaviour in meetings, whole UV debate many many issues, if you have issues email and I’ll try and address them.

Rodrigo Davies, Wadham: For the future reference of the press, how are we to know what is an official press release. Pres: Will draw up a procedure to be given to any Press Officer when they take over.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: When issues came up, OUSU’s response, why didn’t the VPs take on responsibility? Pres: Have every faith in Peter Orlov, email done late at night.

Ryan McGhee, Pembroke: Why were JCR Presidents of colleges not informed. There must be a more valid way of settling disputes between exec and sabs? Pres: Internal matter, hope this would be internal, sorry for not informing presidents. Were constrained about what could release. Resignations individual choice, it is a shame they didn’t talk to us. Council is as good a place as any.

Nicky Ellis, Queen’s: Are you honestly happy that you thought long and hard that it wouldn’t look like intimidation in your office? Pres: of course not

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Why was Press Officer called in? Pres: In terms of OxStu the first person was not Press Officer.

James Kettle, New: Point of info- The first Cherwell heard of it was when Peter Orlov told me in the pub.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Why were we told that 5 motions of no confidence had been drafted? Pres: Procedure in OUSU only draft motions, none of us knew this was going to happen- just one option.

Ben, Wolfson: When I asked you about the banner, it was the will of council to take the banner Pres: I’m not sure I can make ad hoc decisions

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: Surely when motion passed entirely it was appropriate to make new banner? Pres: I have to consult exec- mandate not explicit

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Confused about approach, friendly and conciliatory. Have you changed your approach and why? Pres: I was flustered, three days space and realise perspective- not ideal situation. We will work with remaining three-good job.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: Is it not true that OUSU Council has many constituents, not just JCR representatives? Pres: I can’t contact these groups other VPs job.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: We discussed exec concerns including the way meetings run, was in appropriate to begin discussion concern then land bombshell with no confidence motions? Pres: I regret being hot headed. Not always clear what problems were. Will address it.

Nicky Ellis, Queen’s: Can you reassure me, if situation happens, not see exec meetings 4/5 hours leading to three members then considering resignation. Do you think problematic, wouldn’t shouldn’t happen again. Pres: I sincerely hope so.

Hinesh Rajani, Merton: What can we do to make OUSU more relevant and increase .. Pres: Publicity, but don’t have much time to think.

**Announcement from R.O:** Conor O’Neil elected as chair of council

**Additions to report and questions to VP Finance, Sean Sullivan (S)**

S: two additions to make. There’s a need for an early amended budget, in 1st week of next term. Need to consult with exec and, sabs and co chairs. Please let me know how I can contact you about what you need.
Website- On Campus can offer the same service to individual JCRs so that they own and control the content of what’s on them. If there are people interested please contact finance@ousu.org with what they want and I can let them know.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Can you tell me how many awards the OxStu have and how many the Cherwell have?
S: I don’t think that’s relevant to my report.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: I’m concerned re: press release, concerns all VPs, they take on joint responsibility, was it appropriate for the Press Officer to release without authorisation and to call resignations ‘petty squabbles’
S: The procedure for press releases is that the President authorise what the Press Officer brings for release. If not President then authorisation from other VPs. Unfortunately didn’t happen in this case. I wouldn’t use that particular case.

Chris Hanretty, St Annes: Why position of co chairs for the consultation on the representation of women haven’t been advertised in OxStu?
S: Haven’t been asked.

Oscar Van Nooijen, Queen’s: What progress re: Refresher Fair?
S: Still investigating

Nicky Ellis, Queen’s: Re UV, should you put a motion to clarify when VP Finance put info and how that’s carried forward?
S: I’m very sorry not party to internal wrangling, have been concerned when I’m up that I should raise UV issue before motions are discussed. Would be underhand of me to let it all get debated and then next council not do anything.

Matt Osborne, Queens: Where are the survival guides?
S: You will get them by the end of term. Need to understand the work of sabs in the last two weeks. Election very important.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Electoral reforms, manifests on website can you do that in future?
S: Quark to PDF the files were too large to do that. Will contact OnCampus about increasing web space

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Puzzled by changed attitudes, why have 7 exec resigned this year?
S: Two for personal reasons- very unfortunate they were very good. My comment on 5 unfortunate sad situation. That they felt they had to resign in that manner some reports made nasty attacks on me- something’s untrue. Not place to make personal attack on me. Take issues to Proctors or Complaints Board. If people have problem with what I was doing bring it up. I cannot do that here. I just hope people use official channels ... I’m sure they have legitimate concerns.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: In 3rd week council, Jane MacTaggart asked about UV in Council you said a summary would go on the website, when will it be up and why hasn’t it been put up yet?
S: I work my contract hours, evenings and weekends, I have to prioritise my work. I was up till 5.30am on Tuesday with the OxStu, info on website was deprioritised.

James Kettle given 1st warning.

Rosie Buckland, St Hilda’s: Is it not true that in 6th week exec meeting Rachel and I asked for the co chairs of the consultation of female representation be advertised in the OxStu?
S: We can’t just find space. I hope motion passes to ensure extra time.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Do you think it was appropriate that sabs revealed late on Wednesday that motions of no confidence drafted?
S: I think it’s very difficult to expect sabs to have complete confidence in exec when they announce resignation now, and not until Friday of 8th week for only 24 hours. How to frame relationship with quasi exec officers? That’s the issue where I personally have problems. Surely don’t hang about.

Hinesh Rajani, Merton: Iraq motion, how much is the free photocopying going to cost?
S: Only certain material can copy, not aware of so far.
chair moves to close list of speakers, Edd Southerden, Somerville, makes a procedural motion to overturn the ruling of the chair.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: VP Finance made some comments about confidence in exec, many questions to ask.

Conor O’Neill, Neill, Wadham: I made this ruling. 4pm lots to get through, repeating more questions, happy whatever need to move on.

vote: 27/29, FAILS

Nicky Ellis, Queen’s: VP Finance, not personal attack, clarity question on UV. Does VP Finance agree that big problem with students in general understanding UV regardless of whether motions relevant/irrelevant. We need to find some way of clarifying UV?

S: Important issue, need to have info before discussions. Suggestions from some of exec. I’m willing to discuss in Council. I don’t accept good idea to say that VP F don’t discuss in motion. Some people want to have my view my role can’t make UV rulings.

Penny Berrill, St Hilda’s: Could you look at training some of the exec and co chairs to upload material, relieve some of the pressure.

S: Certainly when next exec comes in they can have passwords etc.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Does VP Finance think appropriate to wrap 5 reports together?

S: Those reports all sent in same email. Announced by one person. I lump them it’s because they are.

Additions to report and question to Andrew Copson- VP Welfare (AC)

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Do you feel (in your official capacity) that sabs handling of exec resignations was correctly done? and do you have confidence in the 3 execs who have announced resignation but not yet resigned?

AC: Lack of clarity resigners and sabs because all resigned in 1 email but different concerns. Limited time available. Misconceptions on both sides, bad atmosphere in meeting, not handled well as could. Confidence in Rosie – competent and enthusiastic Andy same. Resignation seem unconstructive.

Matt Osborne, Queen’s: Haven’t replied to emails or provided info for welfare officers. Do you acknowledge problems?

AC: I have not received your emails. In terms of lack of info and resources, we have very successful health and welfare group. Lots of resources decimated. There may be a lack of communication both ways. Posters not displayed, don’t hear about meetings.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Do you think press release unauthorised, do you approve comments?

AC: No, don’t approve, disagree.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Does VP have concerns re: OUSU Mail not distinguishing reports.

AC: No, would read all sab reports individually.

Jamie, St John’s: Could I put a procedural motion to the effect that questions to each of the sabs on subject of resignation of exec officers and press statement released be restricted to three comments.

Jamie: In my experience three questions is enough

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: In appropriate that anyone have restrictions on right to ask questions. Huge issue, big thing to happen to OUSU.

Vote: 25/35

FAILS

Additions to report and questions to VP Women Mel Marshall (MM)

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Can you tell me what you think of way in which press release was sent unauthorised and of comments made that evening?

MM: Not clear re procedure.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Does VP Women have confidence in exec?
MM: Difficult, done good work, but reports and resignation make it difficult for some sabs to work with them. But I wouldn’t vote and rather pointless when there’s only days left.

Penny Berrill, St Hilda’s: Worried about Night Bus will it be able to run on days specified?  
MM: Battered- side door difficult to open- functional but difficult, should be repaired this week.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: In most areas of life make .... is acceptable in this case?  
MM: Not in business of metaphysical, not in position to condemn or praise Don’t know enough.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Do you stand by your part as collective sab in informing exec officers of no cons.  
MM: No one informed, suggested was a possibility.  
POINT OF INFORMATION: Nicky Ellis, Queen’s- we were informed.

MM: Not unreasonable to consider all available options not clear which part of job these exec officer would agree to cont to do.

Ali Richardson, SEH: Will exec minutes be released soon?  
MM: Don’t know.

Nailah Mears, Somerville: Explanation about why co chairs weren’t advertised in OxStu?  
MM: Exec mandated to do. As far as I’m concerned consultation out of my hands. Something to do with me as exec .

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Is it not the case that you important role in that?  
MM: As VP Women I’m clearly partial and motion asked for impartial co chair.

Additions to report and questions to VP Graduate Andy Garlick (AG)
AG: Thank graduate exec officer, John, Liz and Mindy.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: What’s your view on press officer and do you agree with statement ‘petty stunts’?  

Penny Berrill, St Hilda’s: Survey on mature students in Harris Manchester- what’s going on?  
AG: Intention for every mature student to be consulted. Waiting for list.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: MCR presidents included on pres list/com  
AG: No

Laura Santana, St Hilda’s: No one standing, do you think you have a role to play.  
AG: I don’t believe appropriate for undergraduate to represent graduates. I will be advertising on mailing list, assembly, web. Its important position need to be maintained.

Liz Chare, Linacre: Would it be useful to include MCR pres in pres com/list?  
AG: Yes.

Additions to report and questions to VP Access and Academic Affairs Sonia Sodha SS
Edd Southerden, Somerville: Would you vote in favour of no con of members of exec?  
SS: No

Phil Thompson, St John’s: What view of press officer’s behaviour on day, do you think appropriate?  
SS: I don’t know the mechanics of day. Useful to have procedure in future.

3. Additions to reports and questions to executive officers
Rosie Buckland, St Hilda’s (RB): Summarising why I feel resignation is most appropriate thing to do. Spent three terms working hard with Queer Rights, Disabilities action. I'm resigning Fri 8th week – 24 hours is entirely symbolic. Not shirk duties, especially as sab elect. Reasons in report. Atmosphere often intimidatory. This term more of a rubber stamp-members of exec tried and tried to raise concerns, been consistently ignored. I concluded this was the only way to make voice heard. Make OUSU function better. Looking forward to becoming a sab in OUSU.

Laura McInerney, St Peters: What explicit e.g.s do you have to justify the comments about JCR Presidents?
RB: Delegates discussion, exec meetings are minuted- my reasons stand as they are. We had to take a break because of atmosphere. The VP Finance laughing at comments made- “couldn't help it”. I don't think appropriate.

Ali Richardson, SEH: Do you believe made sufficient effort to raise your concerns with sabbaticals. Had you made any mention of resignation prior to email?
RB: Attempt after attempt with some sabs not sab vs. exec. This happened individually culmination of that. Maybe haven't spoken to sabs quite enough. No I hadn’t, decision reached on my own on basis of exec meetings this term, that suggesting resignation would not have gravity it has. It is symbolic; very difficult in exec- felt like my opinions listened to more than they had been.

VP Finance: In answering question repeated accusation levelled at me, would you consider making them to appropriate bodies?
RB: Yes, I will consider. Feel torn between being accountable to council and having respect for you.

Ryan McGhee, Pembroke: With regards to report could you confirm consultation with JCR Presidents on comments?
RB: It’s something I feel from Council, no I haven’t

Rebecca Wilkinson, SEH: Since symbolic resignation what exactly need to change, is structural if not person?
RB: Are some structural issue, It’s not personal.

Laura Santana, St Hilda’s: Was it most appropriate to resign?
RB: I felt at the time and now, this is best way to get things out in the open and in council. I saw two people attempt to censure in Council and it became personal.

Chair ruling: Questions to exec used to be end of both termly council and 7th week council.

Nicky Ellis, Queen’s: Sorry bringing tedious, but very shocking when we wrote these reports. There’s a big danger that people have to leave and we will not be able to seek clarification.

Conor O’Neill, Wadham: We have until 6.30/7pm. I have responsibility to ensure Council gets through business. Important for other business of Council to get though..

Vote: for: 23 against: 38 abt: UPHELD

Reports from co chairs and questions
Academic Affairs: Eleanor Thompson- need more co-chairs- good time to join

Disabilities Action: Penny Berrill- co chairs required, speak to VP welfare. Issues of disabilities action should not only be under VP Welfare.

Finance and Funding: Laura Santana- criticism in exec meetings. Fand F seen increase in participation. Lull reflects students not interested. Now with threat of top up fees increase in campaign. Would like to encourage people to come to the campaign also ask people to come to the demo on Wednesday.

Ryan McGhee, Pembroke: Can you let me know what can be done to remedy lack of yellow ribbons at matriculation?
Laura Santana: Previous year gold ribbons distributed at fresher fair, lots lost. This year asked JCR Presidents to give out, and some colleges didn’t ask.

Charlie Pickles, Queen’s: Talked about posters can you tell me if anything has been done?
Laura Santana: New designs x5 issued on Wednesday.

Women’s Campaign: Ros Dampier- women’s campaign this Monday- Annily Campbell to give a talk on women and mental health followed by christmas curry.
Health and Welfare: Adam (from Corpus)- basically we had three meetings with speakers including crime prevention officer, useful and well attended. JCR Presidents could encourage all welfare officers. I’m stepping down- finals next year so looking for new co chair. Thanks to VP Welfare for support.

Queer Rights: Phil Lavender- apologise for not writing report. For info about this term look at Rosie’s report. Could JCR/MCR Pres encourage LGB reps/equal opps reps to come. Always a lot of interesting stuff.

Anti Racism: Jack (from Keble): We’ve done nothing this term. A lot planned next term- Diversity week any ideas email.

4. Second readings of constitutional motions

1. Amendment- VP Communities and Charities- new seconder VP Finance

Will: Discussed before constitutional changes. Uni approval. Ready to get this off the ground.

Motion passed

2. OUSU Policy

Will: Rationale are most student sin Ox for 3 years bring policy in line. Much better way of dealing with it.
Michel, SEH: some 4-year course.
Will: Averages at 3 years- some graduates on 1 year.

Motion passed

3. VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities

Andrew Copson, Balliol: Simply changes title- improves relations with external bodies.

Motion passed.


Sean Sullivan, SEH, VP Finance: simply recognises that Directory makes significant loses.... save us money and support it.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Since 1st reading, how many of members of clubs and societies using OUSU web site?
VP Finance: Large number of societies send forms asking for space- 10 per week since then.

John Walters, Keble: What opportunities since Trinity term for entries in directory no on website?
VP Finance: No in office, understand forms sent out – again making aware.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: What’s different between clubs and societies on website and directory?
VPF: don’t know
Rodrigo Davies, Wadham (editor of directory) 75 pages, 4 entries per page- 300- 8 categories haven’t got it counted.
Nancy Mendoza, Balliol: Web version more accessible- use toggle to change background.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Similar service provided by uni is it any good?
VP Finance: SCUH, not OUSU think better on main uni site. They don’t get everyone- we don’t- put link on site.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Did Directory make loss previous year.
VP Finance: Yes, and similar loss year before that as well.
Louise McMullen, Wadham: Is Directory only for clubs and societies registered with proctors?
VP Finance: NO

John Walters, Keble: Will there be an effort to make people aware that web they only way?
VP Finance: Of course.
Rodrigo Davies, Wadham: I edited Directory, web will provide better service, goes out of date. Makes sense.

Move to vote
Will Straw, New: Time to move on
Phil Thompson, St John's: Still things to say.
Passes

Motion passes.

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Termly Council Resumed at end of normal council:

3. Questions to Exec and Exec Reports.

Chris Hanretty, St Annes: Ethics Committee report on ESSO not brought to Council because proposer didn’t want to. Resigning from exec- reasons in report. Tried to raise issues in exec, not working. Vice President Finance asked to bring issues to Complaints board, I will. Resigning right away.

Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Goodbye. Nothing else to add.

Nicky Ellis, Queens: Shame to have to do this. Allegations against VP Finance are true. Inappropriate forum, but believed only way to get voice heard. Have to tell Council why resigning so did. Resigned for a reason, reason in report. People are aware of feelings running high and know that.

Edd Southerden, Somerville: Nothing to add. Not sure about whether or not wanted to resign after exec meeting handled badly by sabs.

Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Sad to come to this and handling of exec meeting leaving others wanting to resign. Sabs tell exec there will be no con motions. Only 2 of sabs here to listen which is a problem. Concerns laid out in report. Read it. Raise profile of the issues, not ruin OUSU. Difficult period. To incoming exec- things will get better, sabs and exec must work together more. Exec meetings must be less fraught. Don’t alienate people who get involved in OUSU for political reasons.

Phil Thompson, St John’s: Echo what Edd said. Wednesday’s exec meeting handled very badly. Major questions over ability of press officer to carry out duties.

Liz Chare: Exec and sabs work tirelessly for this student union. Congratulations. If exec can’t attend over half exec meetings think about why and change. Women’s Campaign fantastic.

Question to all exec (who have just given speeches)

Laura Santana, St Hilda’s: Serious complaints about some members of the sab team. Should they be censured?
Nicky Ellis, Queens: Considered it, but worried about it becoming a general battleground, resigned over specific exec issues.
Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Agree with Nicky. More dignified to resign.
Phil Thompson, St John’s: Can’t put in words as censurable offence but still legitimate issues.
Andrew Thomas, St Annes: No specific complaints about specific sabs therefore censure not appropriate. Resigning better because raises issues successfully.
Edd Southerden, Somerville: Censure not the right forum.
Marc Stoneham, Merton: Will is doing a good job. Good luck to them.

Rebecca Wilkinson, Teddy Hall: What would you like changed in exec?
Julia Buckley, Christ Church: More constitutional provisions.
Phil Thompson, St John’s: There are structural problems can’t think of anything specific except clear guidelines on press officer.
Andrew Thomas, St Annes: same answer as before applies
Edd Southerden, Somerville: Formalised exec structures. If sabs and exec get on fine need to make policy not just agreement.
Marc Stoneham, Merton: Read my report. Slim down committees, give exec more specific portfolios.
Nicky Ellis, Queens: Read report. OUSU Council should have more specific policy on for example UV and where to talk about it. Look at status of permanent and ad hoc committees. Should criticise sabs more.

Ros Dampier, St Hilda’s: What needs to be done to make exec meetings better? Will it get better for next exec?
Rosie Buckland, St Hilda’s: Problems- breakdown in communication. Need respect for each other.
Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Mutual respect in exec meetings.
Phil Thompson, St John’s: Problems won’t build up if all of exec given enough info asap.
Andrew Thomas, St Annes: Things will get better. Problem being exec for two terms with other sabs. Do have hope.
Edd Southerden, Somerville: Discussion should include exec as well as sabs. Conduct of meetings.
Nicky Ellis, Queens: Not right way to think about structures.

Ryan McGhee, Pembroke: (Regarding Julia Buckley’s report) Can she substantiate allegations about JCR Presidents?
Julia Buckley, Christ Church: Shouldn’t do this. Intimidatory atmosphere. Can’t reveal names. Not wishing to do so in public.

END OF COUNCIL.