

OUSU Termly Council held before 7th week council

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i. Election of Chair of Council

Not accepting nominations from the floor. It was decided that no hust would be required.

Please vote for either Jo or RON.

ii. Election of Returning Officer

No one stands in council.

RO advises that he will not be re-standing and that instead the RO will be elected in the first week of Hilary Term.

iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice-Presidents

President – Stefan Baskerville

My report is mainly for the last couple of weeks, I apologise as my diary is completely full and I have not had time to re-evaluate this term yet.

Most exciting thing is higher Education funding with the announcement of review, and the action taken by us to raise the profile. Thanks Alice for hosting us. Also went to London to harass our MP's, this was very successful as both MPS signed pledge that will lobby for a fairer policy. Andrew Smith big victory, significant that he has departed from Party policy.

We have begun consultation of steering committee.

Moves to financial reviews.

When spoke at Teddy hall showed you form with no numbers. If go to OSSL report can now see numbers in format. First set is actual figures for 3 months up to October 2nd set forecast. We are forecasting a surplus of £53,000. Unsurprisingly the estimation of what OSSL going to make is less than forecast. This is the most clear and open view of what OSSL is making ever produced.

Flip back to OUSU you can see we are trying to develop a similar for OUSU, unsurprisingly a lot of small numbers as isn't that much. Most sign burden salaries. Look to bottom can see combined. Deficit forecast £49,000.

No Questions.

VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities – Dani Quinn

Not here yet.

VP Women – Kat Wall

Urge you to look at report and ask me questions as my time is accountable to you and I would like feedback on what I have been doing and if there is anything you think I should be doing.

VP Graduates – Sarah Hutchinson

Did what happened over last two weeks.

VP Access & Academic Affairs – Jonny Medland

All in report, focussed on very full last two weeks. Only stuff would highlight, currently writing a lot of papers on complaints and procedures. Lots of chances to feed in over course of year. Any thoughts on these or want to know more then please email me. Any questions.

VP Charities & Community – Eorann Lean

Went to Environment Panel and they brought back paper on 10:10 very positive. Has to get students and colleges to buy in is going to the bursars council. Positive.

iii. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs

Common Room Support Officer – Jack Matthews

Only a few to add, if anybody would like to host council next term, please let me know. Nice to see lots of new OUSU reps if any newly elected want to have a chat about the role, please contact me. Only other thing, we had a society workshop last night, lots of people who wanted to attend who couldn't so I will hold another in first week Hilary.

E & E Officer – Daniel Lowe

Environment panel, the university has done some power play and threatened council so compost bins in colleges. University has also approved fair trade,

Question:

Is there a requirement for everyone to have printed copies of all the documents at council as if not would you support them being projected on to the wall?

Yes

v. Constitutional Business (Second and Final Readings of Motions to Change the Constitution and Standing Orders)

Madeline Stanley (LMH)

I would like to propose a Procedural motion.

Constitutional review process started Trinity last year, at this time all that we wanted to do was update the constitution. This first motion passed for the final time last year, some things in it are good but also some things in it which are out of sync with new policy motion changes. Think we should therefore take it in parts. Part A good, part B contradictory.

Any questions

What if A is not passed and B is?

We will revisit.

No speech in opposition the Procedural Motion passes.

I. The Governing Documents – General

The Governing Documents- General Part A

Council Notes:

1. That there are inconsistencies in the governing documents
2. That parts of the OUSU constitution are out of date

Council Believes:

1. That the OUSU Governing Documents should be both consistent and up to date.

Council Resolves:

1. To change the Constitution in the following ways:

To strike

Article C 1.1 *OUSU shall have sabbatical officers, the number of which shall be set out in Standing Orders. The Sabbatical Officers shall be paid officers and shall serve full-time for the academic year following that of their election with the exception of the Vice President (Graduates), who shall serve for a year commencing 1st September following their election. A Sabbatical Officer or Sabbatical Officer-elect shall be removed from office only where a Motion of No Confidence in him/her is passed by a two-thirds vote of two successive Ordinary Meetings of Council and that vote is ratified by a simple majority in a Referendum, in which all full members of OUSU shall be entitled to vote.*

To insert

Article C 1.1 *OUSU shall have sabbatical officers, the number of which shall be set out in Standing Orders. The Sabbatical Officers shall be paid officers and shall serve full-time for the academic year following that of their election. A Sabbatical Officer or Sabbatical Officer-elect shall be removed from office only where a Motion of No Confidence in him/her is passed by a two-thirds vote of two successive Ordinary Meetings of Council and that vote is ratified by a simple majority in a Referendum, in which all full members of OUSU shall be entitled to vote.*

To Strike:

3.1(a)(ii) *The Part-Time Executive Officers*

To Insert:

3.1 (a) (ii) *The Executive Officers*

3.1 (a) (iii) *The Graduate Officers*

And to rename all subsequent references accordingly

To strike:

Article D3.1 (c) *The Office of Women's Campaign Officer shall be elected in a ballot in which only full members of OUSU who are women shall be entitled to vote, and the offices of Graduate Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate International Officer and Graduate Welfare Officer shall be elected in a ballot in which only full members of OUSU who are graduates shall be entitled to vote.*

To insert

Article D 3.1 (c) *The Office of Women's Campaign Officer shall be elected in a ballot in which only full members of OUSU who are women shall be entitled to vote, and the offices of Graduate Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate International Officer and Graduate Health and Welfare Officer shall be elected in a ballot in which only full members of OUSU who are graduates shall be entitled to vote. The Office of Graduate Women's Officer shall be elected in a ballot in which only full members of OUSU who are women and graduates shall be entitled to vote.*

To Strike:

Article H 1.1 (d) (d) Each Amendment to the Constitution or to Standing Orders, having fulfilled the requirements laid down above, shall take effect once ratified by Hebdomadal Council or by such body to which Hebdomadal Council shall delegate the said power of ratification, and shall take effect immediately if already so ratified. The Constitution and Standing Orders shall be subject to quinquennial review by Hebdomadal Council or by such body to which Hebdomadal Council shall delegate its power of review.

To Insert:

Article H 1.1 (d) Each Amendment to the Constitution or to Standing Orders, having fulfilled the requirements laid down above, shall take effect once ratified by University Council or by such body to which University Council shall delegate the said power of ratification, and shall take effect immediately if already so ratified. The Constitution and Standing Orders shall be subject to quinquennial review by University Council or by such body to which University Council shall delegate its power of review.

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

Please pass this; this makes the constitution make sense.

No opposition

Vote

Unanimous pass

The Governing Documents- General Part B

Council Resolves:

I. To change the Constitution in the following ways:

To Strike:

Article D 16.1 *A vacancy for a Graduate Officer shall be filled by a by-election, unless the date of the vacancy arising precludes the holding of such a by-election before Thursday of 4th week of Michealmas term, in which case it shall be filled by an Election in Council.*

To insert:

Article D16.1 *A vacancy for a NUS delegate shall be filled by a by-election, unless the date of the vacancy arising precludes the holding of such a by-election before Thursday of 4th week of Michealmas term, in which case it shall be filled by an Election in Council.*

To Strike:

Article E 1.1 There shall be an Academic Affairs Committee, a Charities Committee and a Postgraduate Assembly, which shall be Permanent Committees of OUSU, as shall such other Committees as may be so designated in Standing Orders.

To Insert:

Article E 1.1 *There shall be a Postgraduate Assembly, a Charities Committee and an Environment and Ethics Committee which shall be Permanent Committees of OUSU, as shall such other Committees as may be so designated in Standing Orders. These shall be distinct from the policy making committees of OUSU Council.*

To Strike:

3.1 (a) *Each Committee shall have a Chair or Co-Chairs, who shall in all cases be full members of OUSU.*

3.1(c) *The Executive shall appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs of each Permanent Committee and of each ad hoc Committee, subject to Ratification.*

To insert

3.1(a) *Each committee shall have a Chair or Chairs, who shall in all cases be full members of OUSU.*

3.1 (c) *Permanent Committees and ad hoc Committees shall appoint their own Co-Chairs, subject to ratification in Council, their number being determined by the Committee subject to the approval of Council.*

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

I am proposing because it has to be proposed

Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Please vote against this as if don't will undo what we did last week.

Against.

Unanimously voted against.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS

First Reading passed 5th Week Michaelmas 2009

2. Policy-Making Structure and Scrutiny

Council Notes:

1. The 2008 review of OUSU's policy-making structure which identified several problems with OUSU's policy-making.
2. That these problems included lack of scrutiny of the OUSU Executive, proposed changes to the OUSU Constitution and Standing Orders and the OUSU Budget.
3. That a further problem which was identified was Council struggling to properly consider complex issues involving detailed policy.
4. The paper circulated via the Council mailing list, the OUSU website and in print copy today explaining OUSU's proposed new policy-making structure.

Council Believes:

1. That the problems above should be rectified in any changes which are made to the OUSU policy-making structure.
2. That any changes to the OUSU policy-making structure should take into account the fact that OUSU only has one member of administrative staff who works four days per week.
3. That Council would be empowered in scrutinising the Executive, debating the Budget and considering changes to the OUSU Constitution and Standing Orders if there were specific scrutiny committees in these areas.
4. That it is important that Council not become a forum for rubber-stamping decisions taken in preparatory committees of Council, both because this would be needlessly bureaucratic but more importantly because Council is the sovereign body of the Student Union.
5. That this proposed new policy-making structure is designed to ensure that debate on complex policy issues in OUSU Council is informed by prior discussion but not biased by prior decisions being made.

Council Resolves:

1. To strike:

Standing Order A.1.2,

“Any specified part or parts of Section B of these Standing Orders may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of Council as prescribed herein. Nothing laid down herein other than in Section B may be thus suspended, nor shall any suspension under this Clause be deemed to have retrospective effect.”

And insert,

“Any specified part or parts of Sections B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7, and/or B.8 of these Standing Orders may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of Council as prescribed herein. Nothing laid down herein other than in Section B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7 and B.8 may be thus suspended, nor shall any suspension under this Clause be deemed to have retrospective effect.”

2. To strike Standing Orders B1,

And insert,

“B. Meetings Of Council and its Preparatory Committees

B 1. Notice

1.1 (a) *The President shall give not less than fourteen days' notice of each Ordinary Meeting of Council, of each Termly Meeting of Council; and not less than five days' Notice of each Extraordinary Meeting of Council.*

(b) *Within five days of the receipt by the President of a petition, request, or motion necessary for the convention of a Special Meeting of Council under G1(b) of the Constitution, the Executive shall determine the time at which the Special Meeting of Council shall be convened, which time shall be not less than fourteen days nor more than twenty-one days from the date of the said receipt; and the President shall give not less than seven days notice of the said Special Meeting of Council.*

(c) *Any failure by the President to give notice of a Meeting of Council as required by these Standing Orders shall be remedied by the Executive as quickly as possible but shall not affect the holding of the said Meeting or the validity of anything done at it, provided that copies of the Agenda for the said Meeting are sent out at least 48 hours in advance of the said Meeting.*

1.2

(a) *Notice of all Motions other than Emergency Motions and Motions proposing to amend the Constitution and/or Standing Orders shall be required by noon on Thursday in the week before that in which the Meeting of Council is to be held, except that Notice of all Motions for the First Ordinary Meeting of Council in each term shall be required by 9am on the Friday in the week before that in which the Meeting of Council is to be held.*

(b) *Notice of all Motions proposing to amend the Constitution and/or Standing*

Orders shall be required by noon three working days before the day on which Notice of all other Motions other than Emergency Motions shall be required as laid down in (a) above.

- (c) Emergency Motions may be proposed after the deadline specified above on any matter which has, in the ruling of the Chair, substantially arisen since that deadline, so long as they are submitted not less than three hours before the scheduled start of Council.*
- (d) Notice of a Motion shall be deemed to have been given where the text of that Motion and the name and college of its proposer and seconder, has been handed into the OUSU office by the relevant deadline as laid down above.*
- (e) Notice of an Amendment shall be deemed to have been given when the text of that Amendment, and the name and college of its proposer and seconder, has been handed in to OUSU by the relevant deadline as laid down above. Amendments may also be submitted during the debate on the Motion to which the Amendment is proposed. All Amendments must refer to the same substantial matter as the original motion. The Chair of Council may rule against any amendment she/he believes to be of such magnitude as to require the same notice as a Motion under (a) above.*
- (f) No Motion of No Confidence shall be proposed as an Emergency Motion later than noon on the second weekday before Council. Where such a Motion is proposed, the Democratic Support Officer shall make all reasonable effort to ensure that written notice of the content of that motion shall be given at the earliest opportunity and at least 24 hours before Council to its subject.*
- (g) Each motion and Each Amendment shall be required to be proposed by one full member of OUSU, and seconded by one full member of OUSU; and shall not stand in the name of more than one proposer and seconder, nor any collective body. The Agenda shall indicate after each motion the name and college of the proposer and seconder of that motion, but no other information relating to the proposer and/or seconder and specifically not any title they may hold.*
- (h) After the passing of the relevant deadline for submission, no Motion or Amendment may be withdrawn without the permission of the Chair and of Council, except as provided for under 5.2.c(ii).*
- (i) The restrictive provisions of this Clause shall not apply to procedural motions as provided for below.*
- (j) Where, either under the Constitution or under Standing Orders, a Motion, having been passed by Council by the required majority, requires a further Reading or Readings before taking effect, it shall, notwithstanding any of the foregoing, be automatically entered onto the Agenda for the next Meeting of Council competent under the Constitution and Standing Orders for its consideration; but the proposer and seconder at different readings of the same motion need not be the same persons.*
- (k) If a motion to amend the Constitution is amended at its second reading, this reading shall be deemed its first reading.*
- (l) No Amendment may be proposed to Amend the Constitution and/or Standing Orders at its final reading.*

B2 Preparatory Committees of Council

2.1

(a) *The Steering Committee shall consist of the Chair of OUSU Council, the OUSU President and three members of OUSU elected in the last ordinary meeting of Council to serve for one term. The Chair of Council shall chair the committee.*

(b) *The Steering Committee shall hold a meeting on the same day as the motion deadline outlined in B.1.2.a. Notice must be given of the time and place of Steering Committee via the OUSU website.*

(c) *The Steering Committee shall compile the Agenda for Council. All motions submitted in line with the deadlines above shall appear on the agenda, unless the committee believes that a preliminary discussion of any motion would aid consideration of the motion by Council.*

(d) *The Steering Committee may refer such motions to any Permanent Committee of OUSU. If the committee believes that there is no suitable permanent committee, the committee may create an ad hoc committee to consider the motion in the same manner as a permanent committee. Any such ad hoc committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Council.*

(e) *In the circumstances of (d) above the motion in question shall not appear on the Agenda of the Council to which it was submitted.*

(f) *The decision of Steering Committee to refer any motion to a Permanent or ad hoc Committee of OUSU shall be overridden and the motion in question shall appear on the Agenda for the Council to which it was submitted on the receipt of a petition to that effect signed by 50 full members of OUSU by midday on the Monday before OUSU Council takes place.*

(g) *Motions considered by permanent or ad hoc committees must be considered at normal or extraordinary meetings of these committees before the motion deadline for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council as laid down in 1.2(a) above. Notice of the time and location of these committees and the motion to be discussed must be given via the OUSU website.*

(h) *Proposers and seconders may, after their motion has been considered by a permanent or ad hoc committee, give notice of an amended version or that they wish to withdraw their motion at any point before the motion deadline for the next meeting of OUSU Council (as in 1.2(a) above). If no such notice is given the motion shall automatically appear on the Agenda for the next Ordinary meeting of Council.*

(i) *Steering Committee may not refer any motion to any permanent or ad hoc committee more than once.*

(j) *Steering Committee may, for any motion, lay down by ruling, printed below the text of the motion on the agenda, which part or parts of the OUSU policy book the passage of the motion in question by Council would repeal. This ruling may be challenged in Council by means of a procedural motion in line with 5.2 (c) xii . If a motion is amended during debate on that motion and due to the passage of this amendment the President believes that all or part of the ruling of Steering Committee no longer applies, when updating the Policy Book or determining OUSU Policy, s/he shall do so in such a manner as s/he believes complies with the motion, as passed by Council. The President's decision in such a matter may be reversed or amended upon the passage of an ordinary motion of Council and should be made subject to any existing Council mandate.*

(k) *Any member of OUSU may attend and speak at meetings of the Steering Committee.*

2.2

(a) The Internal Affairs Committee shall consist of the OUSU President and four members elected in the First Ordinary Meeting of Council in Hilary Term. Elected members of the Internal Affairs Committee shall serve for one year.

(b) The Internal Affairs Committee shall elect a chair from among their own number in the first meeting after the Committee has been elected.

(c) The Internal Affairs Committee shall hold a meeting up to 24 hours after the deadline for Notice of Motions proposing to amend the Constitution and/or Standings orders as laid down in 1.2 (b) above, only if Notice has been given of any Motion proposing to amend the Constitution and/or Standing Orders. All such motions shall be referred to the Internal Affairs Committee.

(d) The Internal Affairs Committee may give advice and feedback on any Motion proposing to change the Constitution and/or Standing Orders and the committee may also function as a forum for discussion of the motion in question.

(e) Meetings of the Internal Affairs Committee shall be advertised at least twenty-four hours in advance via the OUSU website. Any member of OUSU may attend and speak at a meeting Internal Affairs Committee.

(f) The quorum for the Internal Affairs Committee shall be two.

(g) When a motion has been considered by the Internal Affairs Committee, the proposer and seconder may after their motion has been considered by the Committee give notice either of an amended version of their motion or that they wish to withdraw their motion at any point before the motion deadline laid down in B.1.2.a. If no such notice is given the motion will automatically appear on the agenda of the Council for which it was submitted.

2.3

No motion to be considered by Extraordinary Council or Special Council shall be considered by any preparatory Committee of Council. No motion automatically entered onto an Agenda under the provisions of 1.2(j) above shall be discussed in any preparatory Committee of Council

B3 Papers

a) The Democratic Support Officer shall, after the passing of the deadline for Ordinary Motions under 1.2(a) above, give notice of an Agenda for the Meeting of Council in question containing the full text, and the names of the proposer and seconder, of each valid Motion and Amendment already submitted by that deadline, and containing also notice of any Elections in Council as required under C10 below.

(b) The Democratic Support Officer shall, before each Meeting of Council, prepare an Amendments Paper for distribution at the Meeting itself, which shall include the full text, and the names of the proposer and seconder of each valid Emergency Motion and each valid Amendment not already circulated.

(c) This clause shall not impose a requirement that OUSU ensure receipt of Papers distributed, nor mean that any inaccuracy in the Council List or any minor clerical error in the normal course of administration shall render invalid any Meeting of Council.

3. To strike from Standing Order B.2.2, *“There shall be no smoking during Council”*.

4. To strike from Standing Order B.3.1.g *“No such points shall be offered during any summing-up speech under f below”* and insert *“No such points shall be offered during any summing-up speech under k below”*.

5. To strike Standing Order B.3.2.b.iv and insert *“To suspend a specified part or parts of B4, B5, B6, B7 and/or B8 of Standing Orders for a specified time”*.

6. To insert Standing Order B.3.2.c.xii which shall read *“To overturn a specified ruling of Steering Committee”*.

7. To strike Standing Order B.5.1.c,

“It shall be the duty of the Chair of Council to ensure that any motion submitted to Council does not amend or overturn policy submitted by an equal opportunity campaign and ratified by Council, unless it specifically addresses that policy”.

8. To strike from Standing Order B.5.3.b, *“but the holder of the Chair under 5.4 below* and insert *“but the holder of the Chair under 7.5 below”*

9. To strike from Standing Order B.5.3.c *“under 56 of the Constitution”* and insert *“under article B.6.1 of the Constitution”*

To renumber Section B and all internal references accordingly

10. To strike Standing Order D.5 and insert

“D 5. Scrutiny of the Executive

5.1 The Executive shall be scrutinized through questions at Council and through termly reports to Council from the Scrutiny Committee.

5.2 Scrutiny Committee shall consist of 4 full members of OUSU elected in the first Ordinary meeting of Council of Hilary Term. They shall elect a Chair from among their own number.

5.3 Each member of the Executive shall at the request of the Chair of Scrutiny Committee supply him/her with such documents as they may reasonably require, subject to provisions of confidentiality. No member of the Executive shall serve on Scrutiny Committee.

5.4 Each member of the Executive shall in consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Committee attend such meetings as the Scrutiny Committee may reasonably require.

5.5 Scrutiny Committee shall submit a report to the Termly Meeting of Council on the work of the Executive.”

11. To insert Standing Order E:

“E. Committees and Campaigns

E1 Permanent Committees

1.1 Permanent Committees shall campaign in line with OUSU Policy and/or support Representatives of Constituent Organisations

1.2 Permanent Committees shall act as forums for preliminary discussion of any motions referred to them by Steering Committee. Permanent Committees are expressly prohibited from taking a stance on all or part of any motion referred to them.

1.3 Permanent Committees may elect an executive. Any full member of OUSU, and no other persons, may stand and vote.

E2 Charities Committee

2.1 Charities Committee shall be a Permanent Committee of OUSU. All provisions relating to Permanent Committees shall as such apply to the Charities Committee.

2.2 The Charities Committee shall further be responsible for assisting the Vice President (Charities and Community).

2.3 The Charities Committee shall elect an Executive at the end of Hilary Term. The following positions may be filled:

i. The President (who shall in all respects fulfill the role of Chair)

ii. The Vice-President

iii. The Secretary

iv. The Events Coordinator

v. The Publicity Officer

vi. The Raids Officer

vii. The Sponsorship Officer

viii. The Webmaster

ix. The Representatives Social Secretary

x. The Non-Portfolio Officers

E 3 Environment and Ethics Committee

3.1 Environment and Ethic Committee shall be a Permanent Committee of OUSU All provisions relating to Permanent Committees shall as such apply to the Environment and Ethics Committee.

3.2 Environment and Ethics Committee shall further be responsible for promoting good environmental and ethical practice within OUSU, the University and the Colleges.

3.3 The Environment and Ethics Committee shall elect an Executive. The Vice President (Charities and Community) shall decide when these elections shall take place in consultation with the Environment and Ethics Committee. Any member of the committee who is unhappy with the timing of the elections may appeal to the OUSU Eexecutive. The Executive may include, but shall not be limited to:

i. The Chair

ii. The Secretary

iii. The Press and Publicity Coordinator

The Environment and Ethics Executive shall be responsible for maintaining the internet presence of the Environment and Ethics Committee.

12. To strike Section F5 of the Standing Orders and insert:

G5 Budget

“5.1 A Budget shall be drawn up by the President and General Manager. It shall contain details of projected income and expenditure for the following financial year. No new Budget Heading shall be introduced without first having created a corresponding Heading in the accounts.

5.2 There shall be a Budget Committee consisting of the President, General Manager, three members of the Executive elected by the Executive in Hilary Term and three full members of OUSU elected in Council in Michaelmas Term.

5.3 The President and General Manager shall submit the Budget to Budget Committee at least 48 hours before the deadline for motions for the Council to which the President and General Manager intend to present the Budget. Budget Committee shall discuss and scrutinize the Budget. The President shall then give notice of the Budget to Council in the manner laid down in Standing Order B.1.2.a. The President and General Manager may but are not obliged to submit the same Budget to Council as they did to Budget Committee.

5.4 Any Amended Budget shall be submitted to Budget Committee in the same manner as the annual Budget as laid down in 5.3 above.

5.5 Budget Committee shall also receive financial reports as and when the President and General Manager deem it necessary.

5.6 In Council the Budget shall be accompanied by a report explaining where the projected income and expenditure deviates substantially from that which was budgeted for the financial year currently in operation.

5.7 The Budget shall be submitted to the first meeting of Ordinary Council in Hilary Term.

5.8 The Budget shall be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority in Council.

5.9 All motions authorising expenditure not covered by the Budget currently in force must be framed in the form of an amendment to the Budget stating where a corresponding cut is to be made. Total expenditure shall be increased if, in the judgement of the President and General Manager, it would be prudent to do so; under these circumstances the increase in expenditure shall come from the budgeted surplus or deficit.

5.10 No OUSU committee or any other body allocated money under the Budget shall make separate appeals to JCRs, MCRs, SUs or university committees without having first received authorisation from either Council or the Executive.

5.11 The General Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that the Budget is followed as

strictly as possible.”

And thereafter renumber accordingly.

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)
Seconded: Madeline Stanley (Lady Margaret Hall)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Hello everyone sorry about the number of constitutional amendments sorry unavoidable, explanatory paper to go with this, sorry for the extra paper but is important that everyone knows what they are voting on. Sets up a number of new committees

The aim is to inform the work of OUSU council, so that when a complex policy hits council lots of people who at the moment are not certain of what the debate about, will in the future have more information about it.

No questions

No opposition

Unanimously passes

SECOND OR FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION <i>First Reading passed 5th Week Michaelmas 2009</i>

3. Constitutional Changes to enable the proposed new policy-making and scrutiny structure of OUSU

Council Notes:

1. The previous motion 'Policy-Making Structure and Scrutiny'
2. That in order to implement the proposed new policy-making structure and the Internal Affairs Committee it is necessary to change the OUSU Constitution.

Council Believes:

1. That the proposed Policy-making and scrutiny structure should be implemented.

Council Resolves:

1. To Insert into the Constitution Article B

7. Preparatory Committees of Council

7.1 (a) There shall be a Steering Committee responsible for compiling the agenda for Council, the workings of which shall be laid down in Standing Orders.

(b) There shall be such other preparatory committees of Council as laid down in Standing Orders.

And to renumber accordingly thereafter.

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)
Seconded: Madeline Stanley (Lady Margaret Hall)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

In order to make these changes work need a steering committee, this motion passed unanimously last time and this time so it would be odd if doesn't pass.

No questions

No opposition

Passes unanimously

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS *First Reading passed 5th Week Michaelmas 2009*

4. Student Advice Service in the Governing Documents

Council Notes:

1. That the OUSU Student Advice Service is described in the OUSU Constitution & Standing Orders.
2. That the Student Advice Service Management Board is outlined in the OUSU Standing Orders but has not been created owing to technical problems with its structure.
3. That the OUSU Equal Opportunities and Harassment Policy is outlined in Schedule Six of the OUSU Standing Orders.

Council Believes:

1. That the definition of the Student Advice Service could be improved on what is currently contained in the OUSU Standing Orders.
2. That while there is a need for clearer management of the Student Advice Service, the Student Advice Service Management Board is not the method by which this should be done.
3. That the OUSU Equal Opportunities and Harassment Policy could be improved on the current version contained within Schedule Six of the Standing Orders.

Council Resolves:

1. To strike Section E of the Standing Orders and insert,

F. Student Advice Service

F 1. Nature of the Student Advice Service

1.1 The Student Advice Service is a confidential information, advice and representational service for students. It shall abide by a code of confidentiality as outlined in 'The Review of Confidentiality Policy and Working Procedures' compiled by the Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) annually.

1.2 The Student Advice Service will consist of the Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities), the Vice President (Women), the Vice President (Access and Academic Affairs), the Vice President (Graduates) and the Student Advisor.

F 2. Student Advice Service Procedure

2.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) to co-ordinate the day-to-day work of the Student Advice Service and be the Data Protection Officer for the Student Union.

2.2 *The Student Advisor shall annually submit a report to the Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) appraising the role and making recommendations as to the future development of the post.”*

2.3 *The Student Advice Service shall not be bound by OUSU policy in relation to individual casework with students and shall always provide confidential and non-directional advice and support.*

2. To strike Schedule Six of the OUSU Standing Orders.
3. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities) to work with the University on developing a clearer management procedure for the Student Advice Service and to keep Council informed of developments in this area.
4. To mandate the OUSU Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities) to bring an improved Equal Opportunities and Harassment Policy to the first OUSU Council of Hilary Term 2010. This policy shall be appended in the OUSU Schedules.

Proposed: Dani Quinn (Merton)
Seconded: Jonny Medland (The Queen’s)

Jonny Medland (The Queen’s):

Hello wondering why we are bringing these changes in a number of different motions is for it to be clearer. The Student Advice Service is a confidential advise service which 4 sabs make up with the student adviser, We are not a listening service, one thing motion does is update description. Also strikes management board, never set up and can’t exist under registered charity if we set this up. Strikes current equal opportunities and harassment policy, which we need but mandates Dani to bring a new up to date one back, also mandates her to develop a clear management procedure for student advise service

No questions

No opposition

Unanimously passes

<p>SECOND READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION / AND FINAL READING OF MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS <i>First Reading passed 5th Week Michaelmas 2009</i></p>

5. Tidying up the OUSU Governing Documents

Council Notes:

1. That there are inaccuracies, mistakes, anachronisms, inconsistencies and contradictory provisions contained within the OUSU Governing Documents.
2. The explanatory notes on the changes below which have been circulated via the Council mailing list, the OUSU website and in print copy at Council.

Council Believes:

1. That the OUSU Governing Documents are important.
2. That inaccuracies, mistakes, anachronisms, inconsistencies and contradictory provisions contained within the OUSU Governing Documents should be removed.

Council Resolves:

1. To Strike

Constitution B 4.1 *Any member of OUSU shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of Council, and to propose/second motions for Council, except when Council resolves otherwise in a*

manner laid down in the Standing Orders. Only members of Council qualified under 2 above shall be entitled to vote at Council.

To Insert

Constitution B 4.1 Any member of OUSU shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of Council, and to propose/second motions for Council. Only members of Council qualified under 2 above shall be entitled to vote at Council.

2. To Strike

Constitution B 7.1 (b) Immediately prior to the fourth Ordinary Meeting of Council in each term there shall be held a Termly Meeting of Council, which shall confine itself to Constitutional Business, the Election of the Chair of Council, and the receipt of Termly Reports as provided for in Standing Orders.

To Insert

Constitution B 7.1 (b) Immediately prior to the fourth Ordinary Meeting of Council in each term there shall be held a Termly Meeting of Council, which shall confine itself to Constitutional Business, the Election of the Chair of Council, the Election of the Returning Officer and the receipt of Termly Reports as provided for in Standing Orders.

3. To Strike

Constitution C 3.1

(b) The Part Time Executive Officers shall serve part time for one year from the end of the academic term of their election. All Part Time Executive Officers shall be of equal status.

(c) A Part Time Executive Officer shall be removed from office only where a motion of No Confidence in her/him is passed by a two thirds vote of two successive Ordinary Meetings of Council.

To Insert

(b) The Executive Officers shall serve part-time for one year from the end of the academic term of their election. All Executive Officers shall be of equal status.

(c) The Graduate Officers shall serve part-time for a period of one year from the end of the academic term of their election. All Graduate Officers shall be of equal status.

d) An Executive Officer shall be removed from office only where a Motion of No Confidence in her/him is passed by a two-thirds vote of two successive Ordinary Meetings of Council.

(e) A Graduate Officer shall be removed from office only by the means prescribed above for the removal of an Executive Officer.

4. To Strike

Constitution D 4.1 Only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU, shall be eligible to stand for election to, or be co-opted to, a Sabbatical Office; or to stand for election for the post of Part Time Executive Officer; except that only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders,

all full members of OUSU, who are women may stand for election to, or be co-opted to, the posts of Vice-President (Women) and Women's Campaign Officer. Only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU who are graduates may stand for election to, or be co-opted to, the posts of Vice-President (Graduates), Graduate Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate International Officer and Graduate Welfare Officer.

To Insert

Constitution D 4.1 Only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU, shall be eligible to stand for election to, or be co-opted to, a Sabbatical Office; or to stand for election for the post of Executive Officer; except that only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU, who are women may stand for election to, or be co-opted to, the posts of Vice-President (Women) and Women's Campaign Officer. Only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU who are graduates may stand for election to, or be co-opted to, the posts of Vice-President (Graduates), Graduate Academic Affairs Officer, Graduate International Officer and Graduate Welfare Officer. Only full members of OUSU and, except as laid down herein and in Standing Orders, all full members of OUSU who are both graduates and women may stand for election to, or be co-opted to, the post of Graduate Women's Officer.

5. To Strike from Constitution Article D

12. Filling of Vacancies for Part-Time Executive Office

12.1 A vacancy for Part Time Executive Officer shall be filled by a by-election in council.

13. Filling of Vacancies for Graduate Office

13.1. A vacancy for a Graduate Officer shall be filled by a by-election, unless the date of the vacancy arising precludes the holding of such a by election before Thursday 4th week of Trinity Term, in which case it shall be filled by an election in Council.

14. Filling of Vacancies for NUS Delegate

14.1 A vacancy for a Graduate Officer shall be filled by a by-election, unless the date of the vacancy arising precludes the holding of such a by-election before Thursday of 4th week of Trinity term, in which case it shall be filled by an Election in Council.

To Insert into Constitution D

12. Filling of Vacancies for Executive Office

12.1 A vacancy for an Executive Officer shall be filled by an election in council.

13. Filling of Vacancies for Graduate Office

13.1. A vacancy for a Graduate Officer shall be filled by an election in Council.

14. Filling of Vacancies for NUS Delegate

14.1 A vacancy for NUS Delegate shall be filled by a by-election.

6. To Strike

Constitution Article E.1, E.2, E.3, E.4 E.6, E.7 and E.8.

To Insert into the Constitution

E1. Permanent Committees of OUSU

1.1 Council may establish and dissolve Permanent Committees the workings of which shall be laid down in Standing Orders

E2. Chairs and Co-Chairs

2.1 Each Committee shall elect a Chair or Chairs, who shall in all cases be full members of OUSU, to serve for one year.

E3. Rights of Attendance and Voting in Committees

3.1 At all Permanent Committee meetings any member of OUSU, and no other persons, shall be entitled to attend and vote.

E4. No Confidence Votes

4.1 Except as is provided herein regarding Sabbatical Officers and members of the Executive, any person holding any office under OUSU, including that of Chair of any Permanent Committee or a member of any Permanent Committee Executive Committee, may be removed from that office only where a Motion of No Confidence in him/her is passed by a two-thirds vote of Council. Nothing in this clause shall apply to any paid member of OUSU Staff

E5 The Equal Opportunities Campaigns

5.1 There shall be such equal opportunity campaigns as shall be laid down in the Standing Orders.

7. To Strike

Constitution E.5.4 *The Constitution of each Equal Opportunities Campaign shall appear in the Standing Orders of OUSU.*

8. To Renumber

E.5 Autonomy of the Equal Opportunities Campaigns as E.6 Autonomy of the Equal Opportunities Campaigns.

9. To Strike Constitution Article F.1, F.2, F.3, F.4, F.5

To Insert into the Constitution

F1. The Budget and Amended Budget

1.1 *The President shall propose the Budget for Income and Expenditure in the next financial year to the First Ordinary Meeting of Council in Hilary Term each year; and shall propose an Amended Budget for the ongoing financial year whenever necessary. Council may at other times amend the Budget or Amended Budget as the case may be as it sees fit.*

F2. Presentation of Accounts

2.1 *The President shall each year present audited Accounts of Income and Expenditure for the previous financial year for Ratification in Council at the first Ordinary Meeting of Council to which they can be validly submitted as a motion under Standing Orders.*

3. OUSU Publications

3.1 (a) *OUSU shall produce publications in a manner laid down in Standing Orders.*

4. The Appointments Board

4.1 (a) *There shall be an Appointments Board with responsibility for appointing any non-elected positions or staff, the workings of which shall be laid down in Standing Orders.*

5. Finance, Publications and the Standing Orders

5.1 *The procedures governing the conduct of OUSU's financial operations shall be laid down in Standing Orders.*

10. To Strike

G4. Referenda

4.1 *Any matter, other than the removal of a person from office, may be referred to a Referendum, in which all members of OUSU shall be entitled to vote, upon the receipt by the President of a petition to that effect signed by not fewer than 1500 full members of OUSU, or of a request to that effect from not fewer than 15 Common Rooms; or upon the passage of a motion to that effect by Council except that any petition calling for a Referendum to be held concurrently with the next Statutory Annual Elections shall require not fewer than 500 signatures or a request to that effect by not fewer than 5 Colleges. Provision for Affiliation Ballots on the question of OUSU's affiliation to external organisations in accordance with the requirements of the Education Act 1994 shall be laid down in Standing Orders.*

4.2 *For the purposes of 4.1 a "College" refers to both the MCR and JCR, such that in any College which has both an MCR and JCR, both would have to request a referendum for the College to count.*

4.3 *In addition, any petition mentioned in 4.1 would need to be signed by a percentage of graduates equal to their proportion of the total student membership. This quota must be announced by the RO after consultation with the University Graduate Office at the 1st meeting of Council in Michaelmas term and shall thence be set for the rest of the academic year.*

To Insert

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4.2 Any petition mentioned in 4.1 would need to be signed by a percentage of graduates equal to their proportion of the total student membership. This quota must be announced by the RO after consultation with the University at the 1st meeting of Council in Michaelmas term and shall thence be set for the rest of the academic year.

11. To Strike

G6. Indicative Polls

6.1 Any matter, other than the removal of a person from office, or any proposed Amendment to the Constitution or to Standing Orders, may be referred to an Indicative Poll, in which all members of OUSU shall be entitled to vote, upon the receipt by the President of a petition to that effect signed by not fewer than 1500 full members of OUSU, or of a request to that effect from not fewer than 10 Colleges; or upon the passage of a motion to that effect by Council except that any petition calling for an Indicative Poll to be held concurrently with the next Statutory Annual Elections shall require not fewer than 500 signatures or a request to that effect by not fewer than 5 Colleges.

6.2 For the purposes of 4.1 a "College" refers to both the MCR and JCR, such that in any College which has both an MCR and JCR, both would have to request a referendum for the College to count.

6.3 In addition, any petition mentioned in 4.1 would need to be signed by a percentage of graduates equal to their proportion of the total student membership. This quota must be announced by the RO after consultation with the University Graduate Office at the 1st meeting of Council in Michaelmas term and shall thence be set for the rest of the academic year.

To Insert

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6.1 Any matter, other than the removal of a person from office, or any proposed Amendment to the Constitution or to Standing Orders, may be referred to an Indicative Poll, in which all members of OUSU shall be entitled to vote, upon the receipt by the President of a petition to that effect signed by not fewer than 1500 full members of OUSU, or of a request to that effect from not fewer than 15 Constituent Organisations; or upon the passage of a motion to that effect by Council.

6.2 *Any petition mentioned in 6.1 would need to be signed by a percentage of graduates equal to their proportion of the total student membership. This quota must be announced by the RO after consultation with the University at the 1st meeting of Council in Michaelmas term and shall thence be set for the rest of the academic year.*

And renumber accordingly thereafter.

12. To Strike from Constitution Article I

13 Rights of Attendance and Speech in PGA

3.1 *Only members of Postgraduate Assembly shall be entitled to attend and speak, and to propose/second motions, and only the elected representatives of Constituent Organisations shall be entitled to vote, except where the Postgraduate Assembly resolves otherwise in a manner laid down in Standing Orders. Any graduate member is entitled to attend as an observer.*

To Insert

13 Rights of Attendance and Speech in PGA

3.1 *Only members of Postgraduate Assembly shall be entitled to attend and speak, and to propose/second motions.*

13. To Strike

Constitution Article J 1.1

(f) *The Standing Orders of the Graduate Committee shall be included within Standing Orders, and, notwithstanding the provisions of H1(b) above, the Standing Orders of the Graduate Committee may be amended only in such a manner as shall be laid down within them and approved by Council in such manner as prescribed herein for an Amendment to Standing Orders under H1(b) above.*

(g) *Standing Orders shall specify the duties and responsibilities of all members of the Executive and all other officers, representatives, and appointees of OUSU, other than paid members of the OUSU Staff; except that the duties and responsibilities of officers, representatives, and appointees of the Graduate Committee, shall be laid down in the Standing Orders of the Graduate Committee.*

To Insert

Article J 1.1(f) Standing Orders shall specify the duties and responsibilities of all members of the Executive and all other officers, representatives, and appointees of OUSU, other than paid members of the OUSU Staff.

14. To Strike from Article K of the Constitution

'College' means a college or other society recognised under Title VII of the University Statutes.

And to replace with

'College' means a college or other society recognised under Statute V of the University Statutes.

15. To Strike from Article K of the Constitution

'Part-Time Executive Officer' means only one of the ten persons being members of the Executive under C3(a)ii.

And to replace with

'Executive Officer' means only one of the persons, who serve part-time, being members of the Executive under C3(a)ii.

16. To Strike from Article K of the Constitution

'Graduate Officer' means only one of the two persons being members of the Executive under C3(a)iii.

And to replace with

'Graduate Officer' means only one of the persons, who serve part-time, being members of the Executive under C3(a)iii.

17. To Strike from Article K of the Constitution

'Single Transferable Vote' means the Single Transferable Vote according to the rules laid down by the Electoral Reform Society in Newland & Britton, How to Conduct an Election by the Single Transferable Vote (2nd Edition, 1976)

and to replace with

'Single Transferable Vote' means the Single Transferable Vote according to the rules laid down by the Electoral Reform Society in Newland & Britton, How to Conduct an Election by the Single Transferable Vote (2nd Edition, 1997)

18. To strike from Standing Order C.2.c.v “£15 per council delegate candidate”

19. To strike from Standing Order C.2.f.1,

“iv. One graduate candidates for Council Delegate

v. One first year candidate for Council Delegate

vi. One other candidate for Council Delegate”

20. To strike from Standing Order C.2.h.4, “done according to the Constitution D.13-17” and insert “done according to the Constitution 11-14”

21. To strike from Standing Order C.3.c.1.i “£50 per delegate candidate, NS delegate candidate or executive or graduate executive candidate” and insert “£50 per NUS delegate candidate or executive or graduate executive candidate”.

22. To renumber Standing Order C.3.e.15, Standing Order C.3.e.14

23. To strike from Standing Order C.8.2.a, “Except where a candidate is required to hust before the Executive” and “Where a candidate is required to hust before the Executive the deadline for applications will be determined by the President”.

24. To strike Standing Order C.9.2.vii, *“In the event that the vacancy arises after Thursday of 5th week of full term, the by-election shall be postponed to the following term.*
25. To strike Standing Order C.9.3, *“Timetable for By-Elections regarding positions on the part-time executive*
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- 1. In cases where there are places on the Part-Time executive to be filled, a notification will be sent out to members of the University at least two weeks before the election is due to take place.*
- 1. Nominations for vacant positions will close a week before the election.*
- 2. Elections to fill vacant positions will take place in OUSU Council.*
- 3. Candidates may be required to give a three-minute hust, at the will of Council.*
- 4. Following the hustings, all those who are eligible to vote in Council will cast their vote for the candidates.’*
26. To strike from Standing Order D.1.1, *“Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunity)”* and insert *“Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities)* and rename accordingly hereafter.
27. To strike from Standing Order D.1.4, *“Graduate Health and Welfare Officer* and insert *“Graduate Welfare Officer”* and rename accordingly hereafter.
28. To strike Standing Order D.2 and insert,

“D.2 The Executive

2.1 The OUSU Executive shall:

- i. Be of equal status*
- ii. Use the vote granted to them as an Executive Officer rather than a Common Room vote, regardless of any Common Room committee positions they may concurrently hold;*
- iii Help any other members of the Executive carry out their portfolios where requested, regardless of their own specific job description;*
- iv. Help minute meetings of OUSU Council and the Executive;*
- v. Agree to send press releases relating to OUSU and their position within it only when they are in line with Policy, and only when the other members of the Executive have been informed;*
- vi. Act in accordance with the specific job descriptions contained in the appropriate Schedule.*

2.2 A member of the Executive will be deemed to have resigned should they miss three consecutive meetings of the Executive or of OUSU Council without giving apologies for their absence.”

And renumber accordingly.

29. To strike from Standing Order D.3.4.i, *“Motions to invoke the prerogative of the Executive under Article H2f of the Constitution”* and to insert *“Motions to invoke the prerogative of the Executive under Article H2g of the Constitution”*.
30. To strike Standing Order D.4 and insert

“D 4. University Committee Representation

4.1 . *The Executive shall be responsible for administering student representation on University committees in line with University Statutes and Regulations.*

4.2 *In any case in which the university requires a member of the undergraduate or graduate student body, rather than specifically a member of the OUSU Executive, the Executive shall instruct that the vacancy be filled by an election in Council.”*

And renumber accordingly.

31. To strike Standing Order D.6 Charities and D.7 Environment & Ethics and insert

“D 6. Miscellaneous

6.1 *The Executive and all Committees shall hold all their open meetings, and all meetings wherever reasonably possible, in rooms accessible to wheelchair users. In the selection of rooms for their Meetings, the Executive and all Committees shall, where possible, endeavour to take into account the accessibility of those rooms to persons with other disabilities.”*

And renumber Standing Order F as Standing Order G and internal references to the Standing Orders thereafter. The parts of the motion below will continue to use the existing numbering solely for ease of understanding.

32. To strike Standing Order F.3.7 and insert

3.7 *The President shall be responsible for the interpretation of any expenditure which may be regarded as ultra vires. S/he shall consult the other sabbaticals before reaching any decisions under this clause.*

33. To strike Standing Order F.3.9 and insert

3.9 *All cheques on the OUSU accounts shall be signed by the General Manager or a member of OUSU staff nominated by the General Manager and the President or a sabbatical officer nominated by the President.*

34. To strike Standing Order F.4.3 and insert *“The OUSU accounts shall be submitted to the appointed auditors for auditing as soon after the end of the financial year as possible.”*

35. To strike Standing Order F.4.4, *“The General Manager and the Advertising Coordinator shall draw up a list of creditors and debtors at the end of each financial year.”*

36. To strike Standing Order F.4.6, *“There shall be a set of virement headings that shall be used to classify income and expenditure. These shall be detailed in the budget and may be amended by Council.*

37. To strike from Standing Order F.6.2 *“publications and”*

38. To strike Standing Order F7 and insert,

“F7 Publications

7.1 *Such Publications shall be published as detailed in a Schedule appended to these Standing Orders. This Schedule may be amended in the manner specified therein.*

7.2 Any publication which, in the opinion of OSSL board, is appropriate for OSSL publication, will be administered through OSSL. All other publications shall be administered through OUSU.

7.3 Responsibility for each publication shall rest with the relevant Publication Board. The remit of each Publication Board shall be the overall co-ordination of that particular publication and the determination of that publication's strategy.

7.4 For each Publication there shall be a Publication Board consisting of the General Manager, Publications & Media Co-Ordinator and the Editor/s of the publication. In the case of a publication administered through OSSL the Advertising Coordinator shall be a member of Publications Board. Any relevant Sabbatical officer shall also be a member of the Publication Board.

7.5 All Publications shall be bound by OUSU Policy except for The Oxford Student which shall be exempt from OUSU policy and thus it shall be editorially independent under the rules and provisions of The Oxford Student constitution as laid down in these Standing Orders. Furthermore certain publications, as designated in the Schedule attached to these Standing Orders, shall also be exempt from OUSU Policy and shall be bound to provide authoritative and non-directional advice and support.

7.6 As far as possible, all publications shall be published in OUSU."

39. To strike Standing Order F9 and insert,

"F9 Charities

9.1 (a) Funds raised by Charities Committee shall be distributed to usually ten charities a year, the majority of which shall do local work in Oxford.

(b) The charities to which funds raised are distributed shall be decided by Charities Committee and ratified by Council in the first half of Michaelmas Term.

(c) The allocation of these funds raised shall take place at the end of the academic year."

40. To rename Standing Order G, "G. Postgraduate Assembly"

41. To strike from Standing Order G.I.I, "in ordinary circumstances meet on Tuesday of 3rd week of each term" and replace it with "meet at time determined by the Vice-President (Graduates)".

42. To strike from Standing Orders H and I all mentions of "JCHC" and replace them with "University Council".

43. To Strike Standing Orders K

To Insert

"K. Appointments Board

K 1. Appointments Board

1.1 There shall be an Appointments Board consisting of the President, General Manager and 2 members of the Executive elected in the first Executive in Hilary Term. The Appointments Board shall be responsible for interviewing candidates and for selecting the successful applicant.

1.2 The Publications & Media Co-Ordinator shall sit on Appointments Board for all appointments relating to publications.

1.3 The Advertising & Entz Co-Ordinator shall sit on Appointments Board for the appointment of the Freshers' Fair organizer and Assistant Business Managers.

1.4 In the case of each appointment made by the Appointments Board, the outgoing incumbent shall be deemed a full voting member of the Appointments Board, except where s/he is a candidate.

1.5 On such occasions when Appointments Board is considering appointing a Student Advisor, the Vice-President (Welfare & Equal Opportunities) shall sit on Appointments Board.

1.6 Other members of Appointments Board may be co-opted by a simple majority of the Appointments Board. Such co-opted members shall not have a vote.

1.7. Appointments Board shall be chaired by the President. Appointments Board shall have a quorum of 3.

1.8 The Appointments Board shall be convened by the chair in the case of a vacancy arising; or in the event of a vacancy created by Council.

1.9 Minutes shall be taken of all meetings of Appointments Board and circulated within 48 hours of the meeting to all members of Appointments Board

1.10 Decisions are to be taken by the Appointments Board by majority vote where no consensus exists. The Chair shall possess a deliberative and casting vote.

K 2. Vacancies arising

2.1 The President and General Manager shall have responsibility for the drawing up of advertising for vacancies arising among the non-elected staff of OUSU and the advertising of such vacancies. Appointments Board shall have responsibility for the interviewing of applicants for non-elected vacancies arising.

K 3. Vacancies created by Council

3.1 In the event of a non-elected vacancy being created by Council, the President and General Manager shall have responsibility for the drawing up of advertising for the vacancy and the advertising of the vacancy. Appointments Board shall have responsibility for the interviewing of applicants.

3.2 Where no job description for the vacancy exists, the President and General Manager shall draw one up, to be presented to the subsequent council in the form of an ordinary motion, or in such a way as resolved by council at the time of the creation of the vacancy.

44. To Strike

Standing Orders N- *Constitutions of the Autonomous Campaigns*

45. To Strike Schedule 3 – 'Junior Member Representation on External Bodies'

Proposed: **Jonny Medland (The Queen's)**

Seconded: **Madeline Stanley (Lady Margaret Hall)**

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

So there is an overview of what were doing which is in the other purple document. Hoping can pass again, a lot of inaccuracies in governing documents, they are very unclear. It clears up terminology inaccuracies. It rationalises budget cycle, presented first week of Hilary term, rationalises publication process.

No questions

No opposition

Unanimously passes.