

## **OUSU Termly Council to be held before 7<sup>th</sup> week council**

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### **i. Election of Chair of Council**

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Would anyone like to hear a hust from candidates for RO or Chair of Council (COC)

Husts for COC

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Is Yuan Yang here? No  
We will have a hust from Jack Matthews, St Peter's College. How many weeks of full term do you expect to be out of residence during your term in office?

Jack Matthews (St Peter's): None

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): During OUSU Council, have you ever had a motion of censure passed against you, had a motion of no confidence passed against you, or been expelled from Council?

Jack Matthews (St Peter's): no, no, no

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Political affiliations?

Jack Matthews (St Peter's): Oxford University Conservative Association, Conservative Party, Conservative Way Forward, Conservative Future.

Hi everyone I am Jack Matthews, the current CR Support Officer. I have been coming to council for a long time, barring Joe and Daniel I have been coming as long as anyone here. I'm a bit of a rules geek, know all the rules inside and out. Seen everything that can happen. The Israel Palestine debate, seen the difference of a good and not so great Chair. Things I really want to see, more scrutiny. The current Chair does a great job, but I want to scrutinise more within council itself. I want to help people understand Council more, help OUSU reps with what OUSU does. I think I'm the best candidate. And if we don't have a representative, then we don't get to do what people want to do

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): We will have a hust from Lukas Wallrich, St Peter's College. How many weeks of full term do you expect to be out of residence during your term in office?

Lukas Wallrich (Merton): None

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): During OUSU Council, have you ever had a motion of censure passed against you, had a motion of no confidence passed against you, or been expelled from Council?

Lukas Wallrich (Merton): No, no, no

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Political affiliations?

Lukas Wallrich (Merton): Social Democratic Party of Germany, People & Planet

The role of COC has a clear job description. I'm not as experienced as Jack. However I have been involved in OUSU outside of council. I don't know all the rules, but will read them if elected. I believe there are too many motions from Sabs, or too few from other members of OUSU. The setting of policy comes too much from sabs, not elsewhere. There are so many campaigns going on, some come and then leave so quick. It is important to have more active debate and introduce council so people know the process, but maintaining effective elections, effective presentations, encouraging more debate and supporting people more. I have shared similar stories with people about Council in Germany. They had some politically highly controversial motions. I have the experience and will be happy if you elect me.

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Yuan Yang is not here, but she will not be absent for any of the weeks of the term, she has had no motions of censure or no confidence passed against her, and has never been expelled from Council? There is information on her in the election booklet.

Any questions?

Kat: What is your favourite set of standing orders and why?

Jack Matthews (St Peter's): Section B obviously, which relates to Council. And Section H, well I think section H, with regards to the Education Act 1994. In my first year had to deal with this Section as part of the Complaints Committee

Lukas Wallrich (Merton): Also Section B. And the policy inserted recently by the E and E committee, which I believe will be very important

RO, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): The E and E policy is not a standing order.

Can you please fill out the ballot paper now and number accordingly. If you could complete the RO and COC ballot paper. By electing your lower numbered choices this doesn't affect your first choice candidate

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Chair of Council – Jack Matthews Elected

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## **ii. Election of Returning Officer**

Returning Officer – Jonathan Edwards Elected

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## **iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice-Presidents**

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): I'd like to introduce Brona, the new chief executive of OUSU

Brona O'Toole: I've been working with all of the sabs and trustees on a part time basis, but will be here properly from January. I'm very excited, I'm here to support all of you and provide a robust framework for OUSU. It's good to be here today to see how it all works.

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Please read the termly reports submitted by the Sabs and Part-time Exec. Would any of you like to add to your reports?

David Barclay (President): I'll give a brief overview now, but I hope you get a chance to read it later on. Student fees and funding have been the biggest issues I've been working on. Campaigns will continue on in the future in these areas. We've had our voices heard through the media and we hope they will listen to student issues. Within the university lots of projects have been started including A stars and feedback on prelims. They are all massive changes and it's exciting to be part of them. OUSU is moving in leaps and bounds organisationally. It's fantastic to have Brona on board. She has lots of experience with the university and on fund raising. It's been an exciting term and I hope people have questions. Lots and lots still needs to be done

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Questions? None

Katharine (VP Women): Hi council. I was under the impression we had to keep reports to under a page, so mine looks a bit bare. If you want to ask questions you should. Please do. There is a mature students evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Please come talk to me about it, we will be welcoming student parents. Things are going well with Springboard. We've had lots of training sessions this term. If you want more training let us know as we don't know if you don't tell us. I've also been working a lot on the National Demo. Please feel free to ask questions.

Martha MacKenzie (St John's): You said you had other common rooms getting involved in letter writing to MPs?

Katharine (VP Women): I had 4 or 5 people talk to me about it. I can't make people do them. It would be really fantastic if you email me and were keen to run it in your common room. I will send you everything you need. It's really easy, it's not pretentious and can really make a difference.

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Beth sends her apologies.

Alex Bulfin (VP Access and Academic Affairs): I do want to report to council about A stars. The final decision will be 9<sup>th</sup> week this term. The University has withdrawn its proposal to use A stars across the board, so that is good. However some departments, including Maths may be introducing one A star

Bob (St Peter's): What are you doing to stop it being introduced in departments? We vote against it but departments are for it.

Alex Bulfin (VP Access and Academic Affairs): We are working hard to talk to departments, to see what their thoughts are and where they are coming from. I've been looking at department data and making sure our arguments are water tight on those subjects. The work now is to get individuals that sit on University council and talk to them and get them on board. We need to really be lobbying people one on one.

David Townsend (St John's): What departments want to introduce A stars?

Alex Bulfin (VP Access and Academic Affairs): No one in social sciences or humanities. Maths said they would, others would consider. Maths say they have looked at the impact that A stars would have made on the current student body, and they say it wouldn't make a difference.

Q: Is there anything we can do to stop this in our colleges?

Alex Bulfin (VP Access and Academic Affairs): Contact JCR and MCR presidents in your colleges. Lots of the vital work has been done by college officers and senior tutors. The work has been astounding. We will keep working on it for the next two weeks

Jack Matthews (Common Room Support Officer): Wouldn't it be awesome to have a postgrad MPLS person (Divisional Board Rep)?

Alex Bulfin (VP Access and Academic Affairs): Would be great, also an undergrad med rep is needed

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Would any other Sabs like to add to their report?

Daniel Lowe (VP Charities and Community): Hi guys. With my police liaison hat on, I spoke to police about the Rad Cam occupation. They are very happy with how it's going down there. People are cold. It doesn't seem like anything bad is going to happen.

We were mandated to use some of OUSU money for the coaches. Because of the bad service, them not providing enough seats, and arriving late, I'm trying to negotiate a discount.

Regarding the Night Safety Report in TT, I'm trying to get better lighting for students. I have been lobbying a local councillor. They have put in extra lighting at Iffley Rd, hopefully making it better. This is only one of 18 places we wanted, but it's a start.

On behalf of Ben (the E&E Officer), please buy the Naked Calender. We want the University to stop using sweat shops in it's apparel.

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#### **iv. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs**

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Part exec, any additions to your report?

Yuan Yang (Women's Campaign Officer): I'm happy to say Naomi Wolf the author of the Beauty Myth is giving a talk this Friday at 8pm in the Union. It's going to be a great talk and it would be great to get your input. If you could let people know in your CRs that would be great. This Friday, 8pm. I will send out details.

Hannah Cusworth (Academic Affairs Campaign Officer): I just want to say thank you to the exec and sabs, especially Alex. This will be my last council on exec.

Jack Matthews (Common Room Support Officer): Just wanted to say it's the end of my two years on Exec. It's been great pleasure getting to know everyone and getting involved with politics. The fight with Sky TV is still going.

Q: Curent status?

Jack Matthews (Common Room Support Officer): I will be reminding all the CRs we were in touch with and that signed up to the campaign. I still haven't had a reply from anyone from Sky TV. They say they are not the appropriate person and that I have to speak to someone in management.

Q: What do you suggest happens in the future? As it has taken a long time.

Jack Matthews (Common Room Support Officer): I underestimated the task. It is a more delicate issue than I thought, dealing with CRs and keeping them all happy as they are each in different situations. I could help many, but may annoy a few. It's taken a long time to talk to some CRs. And people don't read the paper if you piss them off by telling on people. In the future for the next person it will be about finding that right person at SkyTV, then that will help. There was a person in Cambridge I was going to work with on this, however they just resigned.

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#### **v. Termly Report of the Scrutiny Committee**

Daniel Stone (St Peter's): Being on the Scrutiny Committee has been quite interesting, please read the report. This is the last report of the current committee, and as it is the most important committee please think of running.

Chair, Joseph Wales (St Hugh's): Any questions? None? Get in touch if you want to run for the committee, as it is the most fun committee to be on.

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