Council Minutes

Termly Council Michaelmas Term 2012

Termly Council held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 27th November 2012, at St Hugh’s College.

If you have any questions about OUSU Council, you should feel free to contact the Chair, Oliver Gleeson at any time on chair@ousu.org

i. Election of Chair of Council
ii. Election of Returning Officer
iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice-Presidents
iv. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs
v. Termly Report of the Scrutiny Committee
vi. Constitutional Business (Second and Final Readings of Motions to Change the Constitution and Standing Orders)

The following positions were elected in OUSU Termly Council.

i. Election of Chair of Council
To serve for Hilary Term 2013. The Chair of Council compiles the agenda with the help of Steering Committee, which they also Chair. They Chair all meeting of OUSU Council, be that Ordinary, Extraordinary, Special or Termly. The Chair also has various minor roles to perform under the Rules of OUSU. For more information contact chair@ousu.org.

No husts for Chair of Council.

David Railton, St Catherines elected

ii. Election of Returning Officer
To serve for Hilary Term 2013. The Returning Officer runs all elections within OUSU, both campus wide ballots and Election in OUSU Council. For more information contact ro@ousu.org.

No husts for Returning Officer.

Tom Adams, Jesus elected

iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice Presidents

David J Townsend - President
Key success turned tide on Private Accommodation in Oxford, something myself and the previous team worked really hard on. We have knocked people lining up down only a few this year. Good joint achievement big turn around. Priority for next term is I want all of you to take part in the Electoral review, key participants RO, myself and candidates, will involve Presidents. It has occurred for the past few years and always things to learn.

Chris Gray - VP Graduates
One of my key achievements is the agreement by the University to put Graduate Funding on its priority list. I have also being doing a lot of work with Div Brd reps and going to do more training next term.

Katie Colliver - VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities
6th Week Disability Awareness week went well and Demo also went well. Test piloting a mediation programme across University, going to trustee board this week for approval. Would be good if I can.
David Messling - VP Access & Academic Affairs
Getting University to agree with a policy of student representation in departments, we will see whether this occurs next term. A lot of colleges have managed to stop Exam Regulations big grey book being distributed next year. Next term going to work on funding and bursaries and fee waivers and which areas should have support.

Sarah Santhosham - VP Charities & Communities
Working group for living wage today after two years. Rag Ball successful too. Sportsfields linked and accessible to schools and community groups.

Suzanne Holsomback - VP Women
Big win, sexual consent workshops and an ending sexual abuse campaign. Also pulling together information the three services you can report sexual abuse to, want to ask if you know how many get reported. Do you think 47, 72, 94. Across 3 services 94, that doesn’t include those reported to Colleges or the police. That is one per common room, means that one of your common room has survived abuse last term. Most daunting and scary and people don’t want to talk about but going to talk about. Leadership development next term big thing, over a hundred applied so far. Closing date Friday.

iv. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs

No reports

v. Termly Report of the Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Committee

Council Notes:
1. The existence of the Scrutiny Committee.

Council Believes:
1. That Scrutiny is good.

Council Resolves:
1. To note and accept the report of the Scrutiny Committee for Michaelmas Term 2012.

Proposed: Alex Cibulskis, (Wadham College)
Seconded: Jack Matthews, (University College)

Alex Cibulskis (Wadham)
Just compiled and written, would advise everyone to read, appraisal of hard work of officers of OUSU and also looking at the themes of how we can improve OUSU. Biggest one is the integration of Part Time Exec, really important for them to attend meetings and work with sabs as it helps everyone and for the part time exec to become more engaged. Lot of great things going on in OUSU but still some areas to be improved.

Katie Colliver
Raises point that some places he not she can this be amended.

Alex Cibulskis (Wadham)
Yes of course.

Passes