



Termly Council Trinity 2006

Election of Chair:

6 candidates, called to front.

Affiliations:

Ollie Munn: Friends of the Earth and Conservative Party

David Cochrane: OUCA

Charlie Steel: OUCA and Conservative Party

Why do you want to be Chair?

Daryl: Previous past experience as Returning Officer, have been to Council before.

Becky: Want to get more involved in OUSU, 2 terms experience as OUSU rep, experience of chairing meetings, think we spend too long on one motion sometimes. Don't have any political affiliations.

Rich Hardiman: Current chair of Council, very tough job and need experience. New sabs next term, only one of whom has experience on exec, think it would help to have someone in the chair who knows the rules.

Ollie Munn: Would like OUSU Council to have a chair who is stricter and discourages repetition.

David Cochrane: Would get you more concise council meetings, which would enable us to do more important things.

Charlie Steel: Chair is facilitator, want to see lots of people speaking for short times.

Questions

Dan Simpson: Have any of you ever been investigated by the police for corrupt or illegal actions under the representation of the peoples act.

All except Charlie Steel no.

Charlie Steel: Yes

Hannah ?, Balliol: What's valuable about OUSU Council?

Rich Hardiman: Gives people a chance to come together and for colleges to discuss things collectively.

Ollie Munn: Gives people a chance to discuss issues which affect all students.

David: Need to make OUSU valuable.

Charlie steel: Only body which represents all students

Daryl Leeworthy: Gives students direct contact with executive members,

Becky: Only body which can represent all students.

Dan Simpson: Track record of anti-semitic comments?

Ollie Munn: No

David Cochrane: Not a track record

All rest no

Aidan Randle-Conde: What would someone have to do to get thrown out?

David Cochrane: Slow things down or make inappropriate remarks

Charlie: Stops Council doing what its there to do, offends then refuses to apologise

Daryl: Only fair to get rid of those who are disruptive

Becky: Disruptive or offensive

Rich: Abusive behaviour

Ollie Munn: Drunk, abusive or disorderly

Ellie Cumbo: How would you balance need to be firm with need not to intimidate

Charlie: Need to be firm with those who try to stop Council working, but at the same time recognise it about free speech.

Daryl: Operate a system of prior warning? Need to be fair.

Becky: Warning system, draw people's attention to breach of rules.

Rich: Need to follow rules

Ollie: Need to follow rules

David: I will be a rapier to prick people.

?: What are your views on emergency motions?

Daryl: Said something.

Becky: Limit how late people can bring in emergency motions, maybe emergency motions should be at end of agenda.

Rich: Very vague in standing orders, should give leeway as it is possible for Council to decide to overturn chair or table a motion.

Ollie: Emergency motions are for emergencies, too often they're used because people can't be bothered to wait, most motions could wait 2 weeks.

David Cochrane: We'd have more time to deal with emergency motions if we stopped gimping around.

Charlie: Reason for having deadline over a week before is so that JCRs can discuss motions.

Charlyne Pullen: Would you mind giving up your vote, those of you have them?

All who have votes: Wouldn't mind giving them up.

Election of Returning Officer.

Andrew Grey has withdrawn.

Daniel Johnson: Have been involved in OUSU as an undergraduate, have chaired Council before, have been DRO of OUSU before, RO of Union 4 times, affiliations OUCA and Conservative Party.

Benny Spooner: Is it acceptable that some people had to vote by email?

Dan: Provided all reasonably steps were taken, don't have a problem with that.

All former Returning Officers are made tellers.

End of elections in Council.

Termly reports:

Emma Norris: Want to draw your attention to the NUS referendum, turnout of just under 1000, 80% voted yes, will centrally affiliate from Michaelmas.

Charlyne Pullen: Nothing to add

Ellie Cumbo: St Hildas is going mixed. Any questions ask me. Believe that MCR were inadequately consulted. Cherwell quote from me is made up. Thanks to everyone for being a wonderful Council.

Aidan Randle-Conde: University welfare stuff will be present at freshers and refreshers fair. Thanks to everyone. Have welfare publication vacancies.

Chris Allan: This is my 43rd OUSU Council, thanks to Rob who's done 1/2 of my job and 2/3 of his in 3 hours a day.

Hannah Stoddard: Nothing to add.

Iain Simpson: Thanks to Council, got lots of stuff sorted.

Rob: Have sorted a lot of things out, not everything but next year's team will be really good.

Constitutional Motions:

Publications:

Alice Wilby: Already been passed twice. This is the result of the publications review that Aidan and myself did.
Saves lots of money.
Motion clearly passes.

Part-time executive reform:

Alan Strickland: Been passed twice already, makes a much democratic system, for a more fun, more democratic system.

MTV

Opposition

Frank Hardee: No opposition

Benny Spooner: Difficult to say if there's any opposition until you ask for a speech in opposition. This is a very important motion.

MTV Passes:

Motion clearly passes.

Appointments Board:

Helen Bagshaw: Seems good idea to put General Management on board.

Benny Spooner: Don't think this is a good idea. Think we shouldn't rush through constitutional amendments.

Motion clearly passes

Co-Chair appointments:

Hannah Stoddard: People best placed to make co-chair decisions are those on committee.

Benny Spooner: Why should committee decide how many co-chairs?

Hannah Stoddard: Because they are the ones best placed to know the needs of that committee.

Motion clearly passes.

Ollie Russell: Procedural motion to withdraw Graduate Exec reform, as it's going to referendum.

Benny Spooner: No, should redebate these reforms.

Motion clearly passes to withdraw motion.

NUS Referendum:

Iain Simpson: This is what we passed two weeks ago, this outlines how we're going to affiliate.

Benny Spooner: Many people voting for central affiliation disappointed. Many members of OUSU council not members of NUS due to common rm not affiliating. Those not members able to mandate those who are delegates. Those who are not members not allowed to run? Recommends NUS Conference. Standing orders: Applies to any other national confederate of students. Strange situation – inevitability of central affiliation, thought I did vote for it. We should have the motion absolutely right.

Iain: Affiliated to NUS. Either have mechanism where we are affiliated and have delegates or we have no rules as to who represents us, how we know those who go represent the student union. All students will be members through this affiliation, common room services differ. All students members of OUSU therefore all students members of the NUS. If not passed, no means of deciding.

MTV

No objection

Motion clearly passes

Dan Simpson: Request for rule of interpretation from the chair as to whether standing orders in amendment on exec voting rights contradict standing orders.

Move to overturn chair's decision that standing orders changes don't override constitution within Executive voting rights.

Dan Simpson: This is clearly contradictory to the constitution.

Frank Hardee: This is what puts people off OUSU.

Move to overturn chair fails.

OUSU Executive voting rights:

Hannah Stoddard: Voting for this motion will send out a very good message to common rooms, but a more thorough and well thought out overhaul of Council may well be necessary.

?, Balliol: What does article G of the constitution do?

Hannah: I don't know

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Move to debate.

David Green: Exec have been elected in four figure sums. It is vital that they are able to exercise their mandates. How can it be democratic to have people's vote dependent on other people agreeing with them.

Chair: put your hands up and they'll go on the list

Chris Allan: I'm not particularly in favour or against. But this motion has a number of problems. Quorum has to be pragmatic, we don't get 20 common rooms here for long enough. The procedural motion is not listed in the table at the back. Bring this back in Michaelamas when its been rewritten.

Ellie: People don't know what's going on, that's what's wrong with Council. Female students are a massive minority, in some common rooms are as low 30%. If you are denying me the right to vote, those women are being disenfranchised. Alan Strickland will be looking at reviewing how Council works, this is not the way to do it. The way Council becomes representative is when people turns up.

Aidan Randle-Conde: Quorum will cause massive logjams, this will cause massive problems. Short sited solution to long term problem.

MTV

?: We're hearing the same arguments.

?: Common rooms haven't had a chance to express their mandates.

MTV fails.

Hannah Crowther, Balliol: Balliol JCR discussed this, and mandated Balliol to vote against this motion. Students in voting for OUSU executive members, expect those exec members to vote based on their understanding of student issues and student interests. Students are represented both by common room representatives, and also at university wide elections. Students expect to be represented by those who they vote for in OUSU elections. University college is also mandated to vote against this, and this was unanimously passed.

?, Brasenose: We've seen the problem in the last few weeks with OUSU being able to outvote common rooms, in the short term need to have a system in place.

Will Dorsey, ChCh: Think there's a lot of scaremongering going on, and think if can't get 20 common rooms in a room, that's a disgrace.

Claire ?, Pembroke: Unfair that my vote which represents my JCR is outweighed by the personal views of one OUSU executive member.

Benny Spooner: This is great for those who think what OUSU needs is more procedural motions. Counting whether or not there are 20 common rooms there would take forever. Wrong in principle as well, but can't work in practice.

Ed Maine: Think a lot of consultation is need with reforming Council.

Iain Simpson: The circumstances in which common rooms outweigh exec votes are when common rooms are mandated. We already have that, it's called a special Council.

?, Balliol: Need to make Special Council more transparent so people know when to call it.

?, Mansfield MCR: Think common rooms shouldn't be overruled by exec.

MTV

Rob Robinson: Have heard all the argument.

?, Balliol: Want to find out what common rooms are here.

MTV clearly passes.

Move for recorded vote

David Green: This is what would have to happen every time we had a vote. Also serious point that common rooms have a duty to know which way their common rooms went.

Ollie Munn: This is a political stunt.

Move for recorded vote passes:

Move for secret ballot

Ollie Munn: Will save time

Chris Allan: Let's do this properly, serious point that common rooms have a right to know which way their representatives vote, on something so serious that it will affect potentially every debate for the next 10 years.

Move for secret ballot fails.

Hannah Stoddard: Start of much wider programme of reform. Exec shouldn't be able to vote over common rooms.

?, Balliol: Both common rooms with mandates are against this. Students know how they want to be represented.

28 for

41 against

9 abstentions

FAILS

Chair of Council results:

Ollie Munn elected with 42.

Returning Officer results:

Daniel Johnson elected with 57.

END OF TERMLY COUNCIL