

OUSU Termly Council to be held before 7th week council

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i. Election of Chair of Council

Nominations for Chair of Council

Benedict Dent-Pooley
No political no, not any.

3 mins well those of you have attended you will have good experience of my managerial style want to get things done quickly and fairly

Think really important to let everyone speak

Question:
Are you still a member of OUCA?

Yes no chance to resign yet.

Question:
How familiar are you with the governing docs?

I can take things forward from this term, more familiar with it now

Not aware of new committee structure, but will give my view once I know more

ii. Election of Returning Officer

Nominations for the position of Returning officer

Candidates at the front

Ollie Lynch:
No political organisation not aware no absence.

Ollie Lynch:
Up until 2.5 hrs ago studying law. Next year studying electoral law. I have been Union RO, I know different but think some the same got practical experience. I enjoyed my term at the union really keen to ensure that they are fair so nothing detracts from the election itself. Anyone that cares about elections tries to make them the background. I have the time.

Will Seligman:
Conservative Party, no, and no

First year Medic couple of reasons. I am running because I believe that OUSU has a big role to play, next term key. Key that the elections go smoothly. Shame more medics aren't involved in what OUSU does, so think it good for science to be more represented. Genuinely interested in the role had a long chat with Madeline and am under no illusions about what the role entails and I think that it is something I would do well.

Really want to do it, have the passion important focus on candidates and would try to ensure. Committed to work as hard as necessary, equally think delegation important.

I am independent of OUSU, which is good I think, as I have no biases. This role not for everyone, have to have certain character and temperament important to be level headed fair not easily flustered think that I have these traits and these would help with candidates to minimise stress. I would like to help with the publicity so we have representatives from all parts of Oxford

Question:

How do you think time commitments will conflict with your teaching schedule?

Ollie Lynch:

Am doing Masters next year self taught, the time thing is a big thing, not the admin stuff, its the calls from people asking advise. Permanently being available, I don't have schedules so unhindered.

William Seligman:

Administrative tasks scheduled. Do have time or wouldn't be running. Delegation also important recruit to help, so team, so elections committee. Prepared to work late nights and early mornings communication is key as long as good enough work will be reduced

Question:

Both Maddy and her predecessor were very patient. Do you think have right temperament?

William Seligman:

Agree no illusions about what's involved no point running if you don't want to do. Level headed am confident will be able to maintain this.

Ollie Lynch:

Yes I think I would. I care a lot about what I do. If something controversial comes up want to investigate but can also step back from it. Elections are things people get very impassioned about, can step back not been completely involved got personality to step back to get everyone involved so the can think clearly. Will be a learning curve.

Question:

Are you prepared to harshly fine candidates?

Ollie Lynch:

I don't know much about it, but the whole point is to be fair to ensure everyone has a fair election. Whether fines are best way not sure would sound people out on this. But if it comes to it, then job of RO is to make sure electoral rules upheld, but have also seen nasty side.

William Seligman:

Not familiar enough to know yet, important to treat on a case by case basis, need to look at standing orders as they are there to give guidance. Should analyses case by case. If has to be done yes maybe, to early to say yet.

If not elected would you be interested in being a Deputy RO?

Will yes

Ollie yes

Question:

Are you a member of any Political organisations here

Ollie Lynch:

Yes OUCA and Labour

William Seligman:

Was OUCA but have resigned

Question:

What steps will you take to combat voter apathy?

Ollie Lynch:

Increasing voter turnout. Bigger problem engagement generally, lingering debate with engagement with OUSU. RO's job not to do this directly but accessibility is key, switched to online voting. In terms of RO's role is facilitating. Turnout far more political

William Seligman:

Think publicity important, keen to work with publicity committee, people some times just don't know. Would be my role to engage and find out why people are apathetic, keen to get involved in wider OUSU work. It is important to have a SU that represents everyone

Question:

Do you believe law upheld in spirit or letter?

William Seligman:

Case by case basis, a lot interpretation, in some spirit and sometimes letter, if serious problems stipulated.

Ollie Lynch:

Important thing is that the RO discusses with candidates how RO interprets the SO's and advises them of this facilitative role to use them to advantage but not abuse them. The key is introducing dialogue.

Question:

Have you been involved in any previous OUSU campaign?

Ollie Lynch:

Was put forward unknowingly to chair

William Seligman:

No

iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice Presidents

President

Read report sums up year

VP Welfare

Most things are in report, but I forgot to do the whole year. Don't forget Cultural Sensitivity meeting in ninth week.

VP Women

Loads going on still public speaking workshop. Tomorrow love your body Garden party. We had the Committee for Student Health and Welfare. The University has now said will collect data on students parents a win for OUSU. Has gone to higher committees part of new maternity and paternity policy they are writing for students also apply same sex relationships.

VP Graduates

Fantastic year working highlighted my achievements. Single sign up system from Monday onwards at the moment different sign ins from Monday just one. Any confusion get back to us

VP Access & Academic Affairs

Not present

VP Charities & Communities

Everything in report. Also got copies of a report on common room charity giving, ask me for copies if popular will give you some.

iv. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs

Common Room Support Officer

Nothing to add

Environment & Ethics Officer

Nothing to add

Rent and Accommodations Officer

Send me details of your negotiations for my successors so can put together a database.

Access & Admissions Officer

Target school training please come along, then you can go and visit schools in summer

No Committee Chairs reporting

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

FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

First Reading passed 5th Week Hilary 2009, Second Reading passed in Termly Council Hilary 2009

1. Proposed Amendment to By-Elections to the OUSU Part-time Executive

Lewis Summarise to make it easier to fill vacancies within part time exec, last reading

No SFQ's

No opposition passes

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

First Reading passed 3rd Week Trinity 2009

2. Proposed updating of the job description of the Vice President (Charities and Community)

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Motion coming later strange should come now when there is a debate to come about OxHub and OUSU.

Returning Officer:

Please can you put that this is retabled to next Termly council.

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Happy to table for next termly council. If memorandum passes, just a slight delay with it going into standing orders. Strange to think that governing documents might mandate that they might have to do

Jack Wellby (Jesus):

OxHub will still exist this was proposed well before the creation of the Memorandum of Associations think should still work with the OxHub if tabled will come back after election, this job description much more update.

Those in favour of tabling remember 2/3rds to table.

Not 2/3rds majority

Motion not tabled

Speech in proposition

Jack Wellby (Jesus):

This is my analysis of where job going Eorann is in support

Speech in opposition

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Made points already running before can walk not passed memorandum. Didn't know wording on memorandum.

Motions passes

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3. Proposed updating of the job description of the Part-Time Executive Community Outreach and Charities Officer

Jack Wellby (Jesus):

Much the same passed without opposition last time.

No speech in opposition

Passed

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4. Proposed updating of the job description of the Part-Time Executive Environment and Ethics Officer

The same

Passes

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5. Amending in Council

Rachel Cummings (Somerville):

Brought to weeks ago about new committee structure. OUSU council should have the final decision on policy making on what brought by committees.

Motion passes

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6. The Governing Documents- General

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

Spoke a lot last time, mainly tidying. The biggest change probably Graduate International officer. OUSU Exec think both jobs should be formalised. Clears up things, gets rid of committees that don;t exist and puts const int SO

Motion pasess

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7. The Governing Documents- Finance

Lewis lwu (New):

Clarifies who does which jobs.

Alistair Haggerty (Merton):

Opposition rests on 6.5 which proposes to strike, overview seems incredibly vague Merton persuaded should reaffiliated. Financial accounts replaced by overview wouldn't help. To much scope for lack of clarification.

Lewis lwu (New):

Comes into conflict with confidential information which discussed last term. OSSL can't give out sensitive information, we explained this to university as well when advised as such they agreed an acceptable compromise.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

Accounts need to be audited. Not enough time for audited. We have almost a year lag

Max Lewis (Pembroke):

Accept that sensitive. We have repeated debates about disaffiliation, constantly fight against opponents bringing up OUSU financial situation. Think should publish despite the risks.

Alistair Haggerty (Merton):

Think overview is too broad a term, scope for things to be concealed. You have to be transparent. You can purchase accounts.

Jack Wellby (Jesus):

Think way should do this. Should bring a change in to say what an overview is, a lot of other things that need to be solved. Overview not clear enough should be defined as to what acceptable. Still need to pass.

Lewis: second what Jack said.

Max Lewis (Pembroke):

Good to look at a compromise. Negatively by opponents of OUSU who will think that OUSU is trying to Cover up

Katherine Terrell (St Hilda's):

Opposition that we never get done,

Lewis Iwu (New):

Everyone clear where we are

Max Lewis (Pembroke):

Fundamentally OUSU is fighting a battle against disaffiliation. We have to show we are open

Motion Passes

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8. Electoral Reform:

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

This is a right up of some of my recommendations not the controversial ones. Run through what they are. Financial breakdown pointless as is projected, it doesnt help anyone, stresses out everyone. Also means you will have a list of your endorsements which would be good. At minute have to declare political societies, organisations. People use peoples memberships as part of the electoral process needs to be clear and out there. Change was introduced as part of a misunderstanding. Clause about internet not ambiguous. I have put in some stuff about Junior tribunal and complaints.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

What happens if pick up an endorsement post nomination.

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

All interpretations will be up to next terms RO

Motion passes

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First Reading passed 5th Week Trinity 2009

9. Proposed changes in the Articles/Sections on the Postgraduate Assembly

Kaushal Vidyarthi (Wolfson):

Everyone aware that we had a review group. Looked at ambiguities and how work with committees. Every member should be allowed to vote.

Motion passes