

OUSU Termly Council to be held before 8th week council

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i. Election of Chair of Council

RO: Jonathan Edwards

Nominations for position:
Joseph Wales

Joseph Wales: St Hughs, not thrown out of council, no political parties no absences, no votes of no confidence.

I have been chair this term and would really like to do it again; I don't have finals next term so will be there at everyone. Really enjoyed being chair of first steering committee, and think my knowledge of it could be useful going forward.

ii. Election of Returning Officer

Hands over the role of Returning Officer to Madeline Stanley (LMH)

2 candidates: Joseph Wales and Jonathan Edwards

Joseph Wales, Not member, no, none.

3 mins for hust.

Joe standing for RO was Deputy RO in Michaelmas term interesting, also DRO at St Hugh's first RO to use mi-voice in college. Intend to do stuff over the summer to get it ready before media and publishing co-ordinator. Also going to create booklets and would like to get involved in OUSU stand at Freshers' Fair to get people involved in elections, want to get a wide variety of people involved.

Jonathan Edwards, no, no, none.

I have been returning officer for Trinity term run a referendum and have only been it for about two weeks. Understand more difficult than referendum, very keen and think have capacity to do a good job.

Jack Matthews

Would you stand for DRO if you didn't win.

Jonathan Edwards:
Would consider

Joseph Wales

Yes if Jonathan would be happy to have me.

Jim O'Connell:

Please can you tell us the point of Section c of standing orders?

Joe:

To ensure free and fair elections across campus, and well publicised to electorate, and have fair opportunity to cast vote.

Jonathan:

Not much to add, they set out information we need to run elections.

Jonathan:

Think weaknesses with mi-voice RO has considerable power to abuse the system, think that could bring back to council moving to paper,

Joe:

Benefits and disadvantages. Instigated move at St Hugh's OUSU already bought, could think about later. Don't think RO should criticise until submitted final report.

Joe:

Regulated slate, is a much better system than prevails at another place encourages people to run for a wide range of positions. Debate to have on cash position and liability with regards to fines. The RO has to make careful decisions about how this works. Slates are part of current regulations so support.

Jonathan:

Aborting slates would perhaps force underground. People can form own team, can help form a coherent team and inform the voter.

Oliver Linch:

Letter or Spirit?

Jonathan:

Think letter should be followed mostly.

Joe:

Spirit of rules should be considered but letter should create the boundaries. If people persistently pushing on certain issues should remain firm.

iii. Termly Reports of the President and Vice Presidents

Stefan Baskerville - President

Good to see you all I tried to work it out that I have been to between 30 and 40 councils, will give you a summary on my thoughts of the year. Covers 4 things, the year has gone different to I expected due to how I found the organisation when I joined. The circumstances were different to what I expected and then came story of Urgent Challenges, is a counter argument to the fact that you can't do things quickly in the university we had a block grant with 10 weeks, change is possible you just have to think carefully how you do it.

Higher Education policy we submitted most researched reports to Browne review and have been the most widely quoted apart from NUS on this issue. Still more that we can do, in order to get a more national profile. Hope next years team will approach with gusto.

NUS we need to engage with them more, we are now doing 3 sessions with JCR presidents, and now have budget for training days as it gives you insight on what other student unions can be like fundamental to doing your jobs well. I have made strong relationships with people from other student unions, recommend that it continues.

Common rooms, supporting cr's one of the most fun parts of my job, especially delivering training and starting building relationships with you all and get to know you, has been one of the highlights of my year. Thank you to permanent staff and Keith Zimmerman who is a great supporter of student union, Tim Softley lots of work over the year. The sabbatical team, the exec and my brother Anton, who is very important to me. Happy to talk to you more about my year so just ask.

No questions.

Kat Wall – VP Women

Reiterate Stefan's thanks and also extend them to him. Couple of pieces of business. Gender Equality report follows on from last year's reports, 1 in 7 students will experience violence here. Some good things some bad things, consider the statistics and see what you and your committees can do to change these things.

No questions.

Dani Quinn – VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities

Very sad going to leave my job, but Tom's going to be brilliant to hand over to. Also a really incredible group of presidents for them to work with going forward.

No Questions

Sarah Hutchinson – VP Graduates

Nothing huge to add, want to say thank you for a brilliant year although not without its ups and downs. This is one of the most exciting groups of Presidents and exec that I've met will still be around next year. Get in touch if you need me.

No questions

Jonny Medland – VP Access & Equal Opportunities

Think all in report, pages 11- 17 happy to go into more detail if anyone would like it. Thanks for working with us and the level of support you have given, and also being so involved. Seb Baird is still involved in a rent debate. You have been doing incredibly hard work right up to the last minute. Thanks for electing us

No questions

Eorann Lean – VP Charities

I wrote it at 1.00am in the morning, I didn't thank anyone, but thank everyone, especially charity and community reps who have really helped me in my job.

No questions.

Can we give you presents? Point of order suspend clapping.

Large amount of clapping whilst gifts come in.

iv. Termly Reports of the Executive and Committee Chairs

Jack Matthews – Common Rooms

Everything in their main thing was, and would like to speak on behalf of incoming sabs to say we would love to come to your common rooms and introduce us to your Freshers'. Really great if could come to as many as possible, will cram them, all in. If you could please email me, all at bottom of report.

No questions

Genevieve Laurier – COC Officer

New COC officer, I am working on making access to colleges more accessible to community organisations, also looking to develop the table of community volunteering. Have had angry feedback. RAG also make a charitable table if you have feedback get in touch at the end or email me.

No questions

Election Results

Ollie Lynch announces the Results of the Elections

Chair of Council

63 votes in total

RON 1

STV 1

Joseph Wales 63

Joseph Wales is elected Chair of Council for Michaelmas Term 2010

Returning Officer

Jonathan Edwards 19

Joseph Wales 42

Joseph Wales is elected Returning officer for Michaelmas Term 2010

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

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS <i>First</i>

Reading passed 5th Week Trinity Term 2010

1. Clubs and Societies Support Officer

Council notes:

1. The increased support OUSU has been offering to clubs and societies over the past year.
2. That the Common Room Support Officer currently fulfils the role.
3. That the Common Room Support Officer already has a full portfolio.

Council believes:

1. That Clubs and Societies perform an important and essential role in student life.
2. The current work of OUSU in supporting Clubs and Societies can be greatly expanded.
3. That Clubs and Societies deserve their own Executive Officer

Council resolves:

1. To remove SO.D.1.2:
"OUSU shall have seventeen part-time members of the Executive, thirteen of whom shall be executive officers and four of whom shall be graduate executive officers."
and replace it with:
"OUSU shall have eighteen part-time members of the Executive, fourteen of whom shall be executive officers, and four of whom shall be graduate executive officers."
To amend SO.D.1.3, by inserting:
", a Clubs and Societies Support Officer"
after the words "a Mature Students Officer".
To insert A.3.n) into Schedule Four - Job Descriptions:
"3.n) Clubs and Societies Support Officer

Maintain a mail list of Clubs and Societies across the University, as completely as possible.
Attend University Clubs Committee.
Provide training and resources to Clubs and Societies as their needs dictate.
Provide a workshop, preferably once a term, but at least once an academic year, on how to set up a student society and how to register with the Proctors."

Proposed: Jack Matthews (St. Peter's)
Seconded: Ian Lyons (St. Edmund Hall)

Require 2/3rds majority

Jack Matthews (St Peter's):

Back on clubs and societies is a role I've taken on and they deserve their own officer, we currently do loads of things for them helping them set up and have representation on funding committee. Want to expand do chair training. Common room support main job clubs and societies is becoming too big don't think one person can do. Has a way to grow and get more people involved in OUSU.

No sfq's no opposition

Motion passes.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS *First*
Reading passed 5th Week Trinity Term 2010

2. Reconciliation of Standing Orders with the Articles of Association

Council Notes:

1. That the introduction of a Memorandum & Articles of Association requires the OUSU Standing Orders to be amended in order to ensure consistency between the Articles and Standing Orders.
2. That this can take place in Council in weeks 5 and 8 of Trinity Term with revised Standing Orders being in place from Michaelmas Term onwards.

Council Believes:

1. That the following changes should be made to ensure consistency between the Articles and the Standing Orders.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend the Standing Orders in the following ways, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company).
 - a) To replace all references to the "Constitution" with "Rules" except as designated below.
 - b) To replace all references to the "Constitution and/or Standing Orders" with "Bye-Laws".
 - c) To replace all references to the "Constitution or Standing Orders" with "Bye-Laws"
 - d) To replace "Constitution, Standing Orders" in B.7.1.a), C.4.a), C.5.a.1), C.5b.8.iii), C.5c.ii), C.6a.i) with "Articles, Bye-Laws"
 - e) To replace "Constitution" in B.7.2.a) with "Articles and Bye-Laws"
 - f) To replace all references to "Policy" in Standing Order B with either "Policy Guideline" or "Policy Guidelines" as grammatically appropriate.
 - g) To replace "Constitution, Standing Orders" in C.4.b.2), J.2.1, J.2.7 with "Bye-Laws"
 - h) To replace "these Standing Orders, in the Constitution" in C.5a.9) with "the Articles, Bye-Laws"
 - i) To amend Standing Order G.1.1 to read "The President shall have responsibility for ensuring that these Financial Standing Orders are observed. All Standing Orders within this section should be read in line with the responsibilities of the Trustees as defined in the Articles."
 - j) To amend Standing Order G.6.3 to read "The governing board of OSSL shall be composed in the manner laid down in the Memorandum & Articles of Association of OSSL."

k) To amend Standing Order J.I.I to read "Council shall be empowered to make Regulations governing the administration and execution of Standing Orders, provided such Regulations do not contradict any express provision of the Articles or Bye-Laws."

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)
Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Know controversial thing on agenda, not really as a result of a decision taken a few years ago. Registering a charity. As a result of us passing mem and arts we have to bring standing orders and constitution in line. Part done in referendum. If any questions, please just ask.

Motions passes

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Reading passed 5th Week Trinity Term 2010

3. Election of Student Trustees

Council Notes:

1. That the Articles of Association will require 3 Student Trustees to be elected to sit on the Trustee Board of OUSU.
2. That this motion enables candidates for Student Trustee to also run for the part-time Executive or NUS Delegate or both.
3. That it enables candidates for Student Trustee to run on slates in a manner similar to how other positions are elected.
4. That it also allows candidates for Student Trustee to run unslated.
5. That it sets an identical deposit and publicity budget as for candidates for the OUSU Executive.
6. That it sets a date at which Student Trustees take office, as required in the Articles of Association.
7. That it (along with the procedure stated in our current Constitution) clarifies the voting system by which Student Trustees will be elected.

Council Believes:

1. That there needs to be a procedure to elect Student Trustees.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order C.2.a.i), to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company), to read:

"Candidates may not stand in more than one concurrent Direct Election, with the following exceptions:

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Executive Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Sabbatical Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of NUS delegate and Graduate Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of Student Trustee and Executive Officer.

Candidates may stand for the position of Student Trustee and Graduate Officer.

Candidates may stand for the positions of Student Trustee, Executive Officer and NUS delegate.

Candidates may stand for the positions of Student Trustee, Graduate Officer and NUS delegate.

In the event of a candidate standing for any position concurrently with standing for another elected position or positions, the expenditure and publicity limits laid out elsewhere in the Standing Orders shall not be cumulative, rather only the higher expenditure and publicity limit shall apply. "

1. To strike from Standing Order C.2.a.2, "Council Delegate or"
2. To amend Standing Order C.2.c.i.vi to read, "A deposit, comprising £15 per NUS delegate candidate, £25 per executive or graduate executive candidate or candidate for Student Trustee, £50 per sabbatical candidate and £50 per referendum campaigning group."

3. To insert Standing Order C.2.f.iv to read "Three candidates for Student Trustee" and amend Standing Order C.2.f.iv to read "Five candidates for NUS Delegate" and renumber accordingly.
4. To amend Standing Order C.2.h.4 to read "If there remain vacancies to be filled, this shall be done according to the Rules D.11-15."
5. To amend Standing Order C.3.c.1.i to read "£50 per NUS delegate candidate or executive or graduate executive candidate or student trustee candidate"
6. To amend Standing Order C.4.a.4 to read "The elections for each sabbatical officer shall each be deemed separate elections. The election of the executive officers shall be considered separate elections, as shall the election of the graduate executive officers. The election of the NUS delegates shall be considered a single separate election, as shall the election of the student trustees. Each referendum question shall be deemed a separate poll. This shall not preclude the use of one or more joint ballot paper(s)."
7. To insert Standing Order C.6.3: "Student Trustees elected in the Statutory Annual Elections shall take office at midday on Sunday of week 9 of the Michaelmas Term in which they are elected."

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)

Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

As a result of articles of association we are going to have trustees, if we are going to have student trustees need a process of electing them candidates. There is a section that was amended last time which needs adding but I will ensure is in.

Motion passes

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS *First Reading passed 5th Week Trinity Term 2010*

4. Nominations Committee

Council Notes:

1. That OUSU will be incorporating as a company limited by guarantee prior to registering as an independent charity later in 2010.
2. That as a result of this process OUSU will have Trustees who will be responsible for the management and administration of OUSU.
3. That the Memorandum & Articles of Association create 13 Trustees - 9 students who are elected in cross-campus ballot (6 of whom will be sabbatical officers) and four external Trustees who cannot be students or employees of the University of Oxford or its Colleges.
4. That a Nominations Committee will have responsibility for nominating candidates for External Trustee to Council.
5. That Council will then be able to decide whether to accept or reject these candidates for External Trustee by a simple majority vote.
6. That any External Trustee will be able to be removed from their post, either by a simple majority of the Trustee Board voting to do so. or by a 2/3 majority of Council voting to remove them at two separate meetings of Council, or by a simple majority in a referendum provided that at least 1,000 members of OUSU vote in it.
7. That External Trustees will have four year terms of office which may be renewable once (either consecutively or non-consecutively).

Council Believes:

1. That the Nominations Committee should include an External Trustee, a nominee of the University, the OUSU President, and students.
2. That Trustees should never be a majority of the Nominations Committee to prevent a situation where Trustees can nominate candidates for Trustees.

Council Resolves:

1. To insert a new Standing Order, to come into effect on the Effective Date (the date on which activities are transferred from current OUSU to the new company), as follows:

“E5: The Nominations Committee

5.1 The Nominations Committee shall have responsibility for nominating candidates for External Trustee to Council in accordance with the Articles.

5.2 The Nominations Committee shall consist of:

- i) The President, who shall chair the committee
- ii) An External Trustee selected by the Board of Trustees
- iii) Two members of the Executive, elected in the Executive, of whom no more than one shall be a Trustee.
- iv) Two members of OUSU, elected in Council, neither of whom shall be a Trustee.
- v) The Registrar of the University of Oxford or their nominee

5.3 All members of the Nominations Committee shall have one vote, with the Chair having a casting vote in the event of a tie. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members by a 2/3 majority of all voting members.

5.4 The Committee shall be responsible for determining the criteria against which potential nominees shall be considered. These criteria must be approved by Council at the first meeting of Council in Michaelmas Term each year. Council shall have the power to amend the criteria against which potential nominees shall be considered.

5.5 Any candidate nominated to Council by the Committee must be approved as a Trustee by a simple majority vote of Council. In the event that Council rejects the nominee of the Committee then the Committee shall nominate two candidates (one of whom may be the previously rejected candidate), with Council choosing between the candidates by a simple majority vote.

5.6 The quorum for the Nominations Committee shall be four. For avoidance of doubt the Committee shall be able to conduct business by circulation if necessary provided that all voting members of the Committee are included in any such circulation and are given a reasonable opportunity to comment on any such circulation.

5.7 For the purposes of the Council Agenda as laid out in Standing Order B.4.1, consideration of recommendations from the Nominations Committee shall be Elections in Council.

5.8 External Trustees approved by Council shall hold office as specified in the Articles, taking office immediately after their approval by Council unless otherwise agreed by Council.

Proposed: Jonny Medland (The Queen's)
Seconded: Stefan Baskerville (Univesity)

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Also have to have external trustees, so need nominations committee to elect them, the way going to work is in the papers. Always a majority of students of committees, various ways of removing but this sets up how we get them.

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

Explain reasoning of procedure. Surely committee can just force council to elect someone unappealing.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Rationale behind was because specified earlier. If have two candidates RON can beat both of them. Council can then decide to reject both with RON.

Madeline Stanley (LMH):
In multiple position STV really hard for RON to remove them.

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):
Reason exists is that their is a model in other universities as to how it works.

No opposition

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5. Elected Charities

Council Notes:

1. The Charities Executive is elected in Hilary Term of each year.
2. The new Charities Executive needs to plan events over the Long Vacation in order to start fundraising at the beginning of Michaelmas Term.

Council Believes:

1. The Charities Executive should know which charities it is raising funds for.
2. It is helpful for charities, especially the small local ones, to have money across the year rather than just one lump sum at the end.

Council Resolves:

1. To strike Standing Order G.9.1, and replace it with:
"G.9.1
a) Funds raised by Charities Committee shall be distributed to, usually, four charities each year, the majority of which shall do local work in Oxford.
b) The charities to which funds are distributed shall be decided by Charities Committee at the end of Hilary term, and shall take effect at the start of the Trinity term.
c) The allocation of the funds raised each term shall take at the end of each term."

Proposed: Eorann Lean (St. Hugh's)

Seconded: Charlotte Le Flufy (The Queen's)

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):
Want to move to Hilary so lines up with Exec and we know what charities working on in summer.

Motion passes

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6. President-Elect as an NUS Delegate

Council Notes:

1. That Annual Conference is currently the policy-making body for the National Union of Students, to which OUSU is affiliated.
2. That NUS Conference typically meets annually over the Hilary vacation, with its responsibilities including electing the NUS sabbatical officers, student trustees, National Executive Committee, and passing policy guidelines which set the policy agenda for the NUS.
3. That OUSU sends delegates to this Conference every year to represent the views of Oxford students to the NUS.
4. That these students currently consist of the OUSU President ex officio and several students elected cross-campus in OUSU's Michaelmas elections each year.

5. That the OUSU President-Elect is on the ballot at the same time as any elected NUS delegates, meaning that they win a cross-campus ballot of OUSU's members at the same time that elections for NUS delegates are taking place.
6. The report of OUSU's Strategic Review Group which recommended that the OUSU President-Elect be an ex officio NUS delegate in addition to the OUSU President.
7. That the current OUSU President and other delegates to the 2010 NUS Conference believe that this would be valuable and guarantee that the President-Elect would attend NUS Conference, improving their understanding of the national student movement prior to them taking up office.

Council Believes:

1. That the OUSU President-Elect should be one of OUSU's delegates to NUS Annual Conference and any Extraordinary Conferences which are called during their period as President-Elect.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order M.2.2 to read "The election of delegates to all NUS bodies at which OUSU is entitled to send delegates shall be governed by the relevant parts of section C of the Standing Orders (Elections). Electoral regulations shall lay down the number of delegate positions for each NUS Conference. The OUSU President and President-Elect (when such a position is filled) shall be ex officio delegates to each NUS Conference or Extraordinary Conference."

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Seconded: Jason Keen (St. John's)

Stefan Baskerville (University):

Hello council voted for last term so should vote again. Heard about involvement in wider world, as a delegation all agreed that President elect should go.

Motion passes

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF A MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS *First Reading passed 5th Week Trinity Term 2010*

7. Introduction of a Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy)

Council Notes:

1. The previously circulated final report of OUSU's Strategic Review Group (available at <http://www.ousu.org/democracy/ousu-council/agendas/agendas-for-council-tt10/>).
2. That the review group recommended that the current position of OUSU Vice-President (Charities & Community) be replaced by a new position of Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy).
3. That this recommendation came at the end of an extensive consultative process, including a survey of the entire Oxford student body on their views of OUSU and what activities it should prioritise; focus groups for JCR Presidents, MCR Presidents, OUSU reps, people with an extensive involvement in OUSU and a Common Room Committee; individual conversations with members of the Strategic Review Group which all members of OUSU were offered; assistance from the NUS Regional Organiser in going through the data generated by the survey and written submissions to the Strategic Review Group by individual members of OUSU.
4. That 3rd week Council indicated that it would like to see this recommendation brought forward through the mechanism of Standing Order Changes in week 5 and (if accepted) week 8 as opposed to a referendum, delay until the 2010/11 academic year or any other suggested proposal.
5. That no job description for the proposed Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) is on the Council agenda for approval today as this can be done in week 8 Council by simple majority.
6. That if this motion is approved by simple majority today then job descriptions for the Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) and revised job descriptions for other members of the OUSU Executive will be on the Council agenda in week 8.
7. That a draft job description for the proposed Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) is nevertheless annexed at the end of this Council agenda to help inform debate.

8. That the reasoning of the Strategic Review Group for this proposal as outlined in the Final Report of the Strategic Review Group is also annexed at the end of this Council agenda to help inform debate.
9. The valuable and hard work which successive Vice-Presidents (Charities & Community) have performed on behalf of the students of Oxford.

Council Believes:

1. That the position of Vice-President (Charities & Community) should be replaced by that of Vice-President (Campaigns & Democracy) in line with the final report of the Strategic Review Group.

Council Resolves:

1. To amend Standing Order D.1.1 to read "OUSU shall have as a Sabbatical Officers a President, a Vice President (Welfare and Equal Opportunities), a Vice President (Women), a Vice President (Graduates), a Vice President (Access and Academic Affairs) and a Vice President (Campaigns & Democracy)."
2. To amend Standing Order E.2.2 to read "The Charities Committee shall be responsible for co-ordinating charitable fundraising and giving within OUSU."
3. To strike from Standing Order E.3.3 "The Vice President (Charities and Community) shall decide when these elections shall take place in consultation with the Environment and Ethics Committee." and insert "The Environment & Ethics Committee shall decide when these elections shall take place".

Proposed: Stefan Baskerville (University)

Seconded: David Barclay (Worcester)

First speeches 5

Others 2

Stefan Baskerville (University):

Return to issue debated at length two weeks ago. You will remember then that there was a clear preference for you guys to resolve this this term. The idea has come from a consultation with students and the SRG. What the deficiencies we identified with OUSU are and why we feel this position will address this. A lack of active and invisible campaigning not enough involvement especially with elections and a gap in perception between what we are thought to do and what we actually do.

Proposed job description in white booklet, which we go on to debate in 8th week council.

Merits of post, will inject debates and conflict, which I think has been lacking, think significant scope for disagreement. Creation of a post will assist us in this. Also part of a student movement, there are a lot of unions that do things, stronger because people working together in common cause. Something we don't have enough of in oxford.

Fact that we do representation, we speak for you at University committees, essentially concerns fed in, find an issue that need addressing and we do it. Think student should be involved should have a voice, should generate campaigns from students working together. Benefits of that. Universities league table the ones were the students are engaged are coming up higher. We have to think about education in the broader sense, in the way you get what you want from the structures you are engaged in.

Speech in opposition

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

I just like to start of, is VP Cam Dem, which will replace the VP Charities and Community. Think VP C & C needs reforming created when funding was different, fundamental thing is needs reforming not annihilating. Why do we need representation in community, why campaigns important but can do a different way. We are part of the oxford community, we have the opportunity to be represented, the community are now asking us to do this, we shouldn't shy away from that we really need a sab representing our views. Been proposed to move to a an exec, too big a role for this. When we look at figures from SRG. How important is representation to student bodies 86% think uni 81% though community, same level as student advice lots of sab time goes into this.

POI

When asked to prioritise, all things that VP Cam Dem will do come at the top VP C & C at the bottom.

Jack Matthews (St Peter's):

Many issues in local community we need to be looking at studentification. Student housing and licensing. Campaigning really important, noted a problem, but there are other solutions, why can't we have a campaigns committee. Look at RAG, strong because of its diversity why can't we run in a different way. Biggest campaign is coming next term, why aren't we discussing how we can debate higher education funding could set up committee in first week council.

I personally stood with Stefan and David about making bonds stronger.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

Many times have made radical changes in trinity term, past three terms done things and then spent about 3 months going through and unpicking the changes. This wasn't spent to any group that Steering committee could have been sent to.

Steering committee cannot be referred back? They have to go to IA.

Chair advises that this wasn't how it was dealt with.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

How do we know that VP Cam Dem is the best way of getting more students involved. Things like E & E and Wom Cam. Worry that this will become VP hack. If unaware of how it works won't have a way in. Don't think this is necessarily the best way of engaging people.

Jason Keen (St John's):

This in issue too big for 2 mins. If look at C & C's current job description only two points referring to community. Attending committees and working with OxHub. The fact is that we've had this position for decades. If anyone wants to change this then vote for cam dem and run on a platform of studentification. Strongest thing that we've had mandated to do is write a letter. Other students write hundreds of letter. I challenge you to find a time when 1000 students have been involved in anything. Other universities have had town takeovers.

Jessie Harber (St Hilda's):

Jack is speaking against but made a point which grateful for. Higher Education funding. We are discussing this but will only come in in two years time, just suggests that this should have come in two years ago. Don't think too late, will always be issues that matter to students. We need someone to work to coordinate campaigns and improve student life. We have reason to believe that this will be a beneficial position

Jonny Medland (The Queen's):

Address a few points anywhere, reason not referred to an internal committee would have got as many people involved. 2nd point for consultation and discussions, think trinity term is good for discussing things everyone engaged. Sorry timetable hasn't worked well for everyone, now is the right time to debate. Survey data, role of VP C & C not just about representation to the community, shouldn't just go off survey data, it is not open and shut. I think this is the best way forward.

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

3 mains point. Higher Education funding. If oxford gets its way it will be oxford that gets to set its fees so we will have to constantly debate this. We need to work with people to get things done. They need to come to us and say how do I do it. Some of things I have experienced this year teaching review, difficult to get university to take action on things, translating down takes so long. We need someone on the ground that can do this.

Kat Wall (LMH):

Campaigning issue. Completing agree that their needs to be more campaigning don't think that will solve all of OUSU issues, think that it is a lot of expectation for one person. Student campaigning needs to be about bringing students together not just about people standing up in OUSU and saying what we are going to be campaigning on. WomCam thirst lodge example of this, because was generated out of OUSU council.

Community engagement really important, we are in the committee meetings with the council and can put across student voice. Shouldn't just be

Mark Mills (St Edmunds)

Know loads about community engagement. The changes that will be made to this role will help the VP C & C, but if have cam dem won't leave them with a strong voice. Working behind the scenes quietly on changing things works successfully. Two years ago police did a report on night safety couldn't work out how to consult with students Eorann and Kat brought them information on what students need and they acted positively and proactively on this. Thirst lodge campaign pushed the council but didn't change its mind.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):

People aren't going to run on issues. People run on pleasing platforms they don't want to alienate parts of the electorate. They will run on campaign of I'm a blank slate, will appear to be a panacea for our issues, but will have own ideas. Council will not mandate them; most issues are brought by the sabs or perhaps the exec. Everyone wants to be ethical and engage with the community but only if it is easy. At Cambridge have just elected a VP Ethical Affairs, as campaigns aren't about one person they are about everyone. Should blow open and see how we can do this.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

I'm speaking in opposition to this as it is more complicated than just cam dem against c & c, propose that this isn't the right solution. What do we want cam dem to do, will it actually work. If people want E & E campaign will go to cam dem., will this work? Think too big a problem, just a sticking plaster. Just plead caution.

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

I think what we are talking about here is what is more important to the student union. I believe we can have both don't think it either or. Real need for representation in the community. All the sabs have done great work representing us to the university we need to be out there building relationships. On campaigns we can have a campaigns committee, it will get people involved from all colleges who can feed the message back. More people more ideas better campaign. No reason we can't change the VP C & C job description. I find it worrying that we want to recruit rather than encourage people.

Jason Keen (St John's):

If look at Job description then there is information. Haven't talked about campaigns that don't currently get sab support. Campaigning and student engagement is important. Do you think that the students are currently engaged with OUSU as much as they should be? What makes you think that this will change if we vote to stay with the status quo. When students occupied the Clarendon building, this was important the University now constantly ask what do the students think about Gaza, as they saw that this was an important issue to students.

Christina Head

Move to vote. Debate has happened before and will be more later.

Dawn Hollis (Balliol):

Think should go to Eorann, to at least have her say since she has done the job.

For move to vote .35

Against move to vote. 25

Need 2/3rds for move to vote.

Hannah Cusworth (Brasenose):

Think we should only hear from first time speakers. Do agree that those who haven't spoken should get a chance.

Speech in opposition

No one.

No opposition

Passes

Eorann Lean (St Hugh's):

We have said everything, would like to refute Jason. The job was funded differently, I would like to think I have worked quite hard to move the focus towards community and we now have representation on more community issues and am now working with Brooke's

Meetings usually take an hour or two and probably twice a term. Think could do more at times, but this is all I have had time to give. This would be something I need to think about. I feel that it is really important that there is a student voice out there. It is down to priorities, should be someone out there, don't think the provisions and ability of President and COC officer are enough.

Madeline Stanley (LMH):

It has been really nice to come back to council and hear people debating. Of course dependent on person who does the job, but I encourage people to run for this on exciting ideas. Student unions are so much more than sabbaticals sitting in meetings, passionate about combating students for students. Yes risks but think good idea.

Mae Penner

I have been converted, there are some changes made to the new job description. Idea that we are throwing about charities and communities is wrong. There is support. Campaigns existing, which are effected, but will continue to have sab support as cam dem will be mandated to support them. I can understand fear about I sabbatical officer not being on university committees. Having one sabbatical officer communicating what students want and talking to them on their issues.

Tom Scott (New):

The students at my college think OUSU just spends all its time getting people to like it. This position would change this.

Ollie Linch (Lincoln):

If I had an issue which I thought was really important I would hate it to be penned up with VP Cam dem, how can they know anything about everything. When students responded and said wanted sabs to do more campaigning, they meant that they wanted all sabs to do more campaigning, not just to be shunted into one persons jobs. I want OUSU to represent me and I want to take the issues that students campaign about work with them. Shouldn't have a jack-of-all-trades and master of none representing me.

Genevieve Laurier

They have all questioned whether people have enough time, I have loads of time.

POI

Part of your job has already been neglected, as you haven't attended two meetings you were mandated to go to.

Genevieve Laurier

Community outreach I think I have more than enough time to devote to community outreach.

Kat Wall (LMH):

Think its great that you want to do a good job, people in your role have dropped out in the past which is concerning.

Genevieve Laurier

Think it is important I pick up the slack, but if it can't be done a new position could be developed to ensure that these things are covered by enough part time position.

Jack Matthews (St Peters):

Do you think you would have enough time to do all the things and meetings that are necessary?

Phraseology, suggests it is too extensive, have to wait and see.

Daniel Lowe (St Edmunds):
Timing is about 30 hours a week.

Genevieve Laurier
Yes could if needed to.

POI move to vote

9 people still want to talk.

Jason Keen (St John's):
This is one of the biggest issues that will come to OUSU in the last few years, should vote and then look at job descriptions.

Speech in opposition:
Ronald Collinson
As Jason just said that this is the most important issues that has come to OUSU for years think everyone should be allowed to have their points heard including me.

For move to vote 46
Against 10

2/3rds now voting on this motion.

Dani Quinn (Merton):
Criticism that this is an unclear role, all our roles are unclear. This is probably one of the most clear. Why is campaigning not happening now, because there is no organization or support for this. No one has enough time. When I get casework in I can't turn them away. Our work is so structured. We need one person who has enough time to enable students to campaign. This is about enabling students and giving them the confidence. We need everyone to be able to shout out.

Kat Wall (LMH):
I completely agree that there are issues with VP Charity and com, but cam dem is not the silver bullet. The role of all members of sabbatical team is to enable us to ensure that the students can represent themselves. Think damaging to lose the charity and community position, this is in a process in transition. Important because of the issues we are facing at the time. Rule changes about houses of multiple occupancy about licensing laws, and night safety. Don't vote for this we need further debate, need to hold on to the valuable things in the job we have at this time.

For 36
Against 22
Abstentions 3

Motion fails not 2/3rds majority.