CUSU COUNCIL MICHAELMAS IV MINUTES – 20TH NOVEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Rachel Mander, CUSU Chair

Daisy Eyre, CUSU President
Olivia Hylton-Pennant, CUSU Access and Funding Officer
Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*
Emrys Travis, proxy for Lola Olufemi, CUSU Women’s Officer*
Micha Frazer-Carroll, CUSU/GU Welfare and Rights Officer

Oliver Jones, Christ’s JCR, Vice-President*
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Reece Oosterbeek, Trinity College MCR, Liaison Officer*

Miriam Gauntlett, Jesus, NUS Delegate*
Matt Kite, CUSU Part Time Executive, Education Team Member*
Fiona van der Spek, CUSU Part Time Executive, Education Team Member*
Total voting members of CUSU Council present (*): 35

**APOLOGIES**

None.

1. **OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

2. **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

None.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

None.

4. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

To be confirmed.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE**

- **Daisy Eyre, CUSU President**
  - Florence and I have met with people from ofo, the bicycle sharing company, and have arranged for some cycle proficiency training sessions to take place next week. They may also be able to offer bikes to hire in your colleges.

- **Martha Krish, CUSU Education Officer**
  - Was not in attendance.

- **Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students’ Officer**
  - We are screening ‘Unrest’, the documentary in Emmanuel College on Wednesday at 6pm.
- November 22nd to December 22nd is Disability History Month. This screening is kicking off our celebrations of that and I am also hoping to hold a panel. If interested or your college has any potential venues for it, please do let me know.
- Students’ Forum will be held on the 29th as I was unable to make it last week.

• Lola Olufemi, CUSU Women’s Officer
  - Was not in attendance.

• Micha Frazer-Carroll, CUSU/GU Welfare and Rights Officer
  - Produced pages for the year abroad welfare guide.
  - Produced content on how students can spot signs that they are struggling and the Cambridge support services that students can access remotely.
  - Worked with our graphic designer to produce some graphics for the sexual health scheme and promoted it on social media.
  - Went to the welfare and finance committee.
  - Ran and spoke on a panel discussion on mental health as a disability.
  - Spoke on the student minds panel at the Union.
  - Spoke at the Corpus re-affiliation debate.
  - Attended the parent-toddler group.
  - Ran a dog therapy group.
  - Spoke at the President’s tea on Friday and had a chat on boundaries and team dynamics.
  - The support services posters are being distributed in all of the sexual health bags, it would be great if officers could continue to put them in prominent places in college when they pick them up.
  - Please encourage your Welfare and Liberation officers to come to forum.
  - Breaking the Silence posters will be being sent to every college, and it would be really great if you could ensure that they are being put out.

• Olivia Hylton-Pennant, CUSU Access and Funding Officer
  - Will be running target schools training. Students can come along and find out how to give talks. The session is running from 5pm – 6.30pm in the CUSU lounge.

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN

Simon Percelay, CUSU LGBT+ Chair:
- Over the past week we have been running elections. We currently have half of our committee being renewed. Unfortunately our new President couldn’t make it tonight, but will be coming to future Councils.
- We had a very successful social, and tonight and tomorrow we are holding other popular events. These can be seen in our term card.
- We are collaborating with the Union, including holding an LGBT+ panel at some point next week.

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN

No representative was in attendance.
CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

Leo Paillard, CUSU International Autonomous Campaign, Chair:

- We will be holding by-elections at the end of this term.
- Planning events for international students staying in Cambridge over the Christmas vacation with the Graduate Union.

CUSU ETHICAL AFFAIRS CAMPAIGN

No update was provided.

6. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

None.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

None.

8. DISCUSSIONS

None were submitted.

9. ORDINARY POLICY MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL

No objections were made and these motions were consequently passed.

10. PROPOSED ORDINARY POLICY MOTIONS

CUSU MOTION TO SUPPORT FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

Hattie Hammans presents: I’m proposing the motion on behalf of the Zero Carbon society. There is a need for CUSU to update its policy using this motion. This motion is urgent, with a recent study showing that there is just a 5% chance of global temperatures remaining below the universally acknowledged limit. We have wide support from students and members of the University, as shown by the ever increasing attendance at our events. Already this term campaign members have spent a lot on money and printing, and there should be no money barrier for people wanting to take part in the Campaign.

No speeches in opposition.

Questions/comments:

- Daisy: In support, I just wanted to note that in terms of the submission to the Divestment Working Group, I have already done that. I have made a public statement in reflection of that.
  - We are grateful for this, and are using it as a way of emphasising the support of the student’s body as well as the Union as a whole.

- In terms of allocating £100 from the CUSU Free Budget, was there a specific reason behind it?
We have some money, but a lot of our campaigners are in a lot of debt. This money will be gone by the time we have repaid everyone for their printing.

- With the Free Council Budget, how much does the Campaign already receive from the budget?
  - £150

- Clare College JCR discussed the motion and decided we were going to vote for it, but one of our members asked us to state that he had done a lot of research into this. He found that the matter of whether one should divest or not is a lively academic debate, and it is not a direct matter of supporting the environment or not.
  - Our Campaign does not vilify anyone. I would say that shareholder engagement has failed over the past 30 years with people trying to engage with fossil fuel companies.

Voting Record:

For (33):
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Angus Satow, Magdalene, NUS Delegate*
Eleanor Fawcett, Clare, Other Students Officer*
Dylan Amin, CUSU Ethical Affairs Officer*

Abstain (2):
Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*
Nicholas Langford, Hughes Hall MCR, Vice-President*

Against (0):

The motion passes.

MOTION TO HELP US IMPROVE WELFARE PROVISION ON THE YEAR ABROAD

Eleanor presents: I’m part of a large group of students who don’t think there is a lot of support for students on their years abroad. The Faculty has stated that student welfare isn’t within their remit. As a result, we decided to make a small leaflet with ‘myths’ and ‘truths’ about the year abroad, contacts, and practical steps to take etc. that is made by students and can’t be found elsewhere. We would like CUSU to support us in this in the absence of Faculty support. We have calculated a figure of £600 as presented in the motion which is an estimate of the costs.

No speeches in opposition.

Questions/comments:

• Is it not possible to get the MML and AMES departments to fund this?
  - We have consistently tried and spoke to the head of the year abroad who told us that welfare isn’t their responsibility.

If you put pressure on departments would this not succeed? It’s not much of their budgets and it should be their responsibility.
  - That’s what we thought, and the next day after seeing the head we were contacted by someone offering us the chance to talk through any questions on welfare. But there was no offer to support this projects.

• There is generally more flexibility on what can be written if it is a student-led activity.

• Are there not department booklets already in place that students can add content to?

• Is there a way to avoid this becoming a recurring cost for CUSU Council?
  - We are hoping to put all of the stuff online and see which is more successful. We are hoping the department will see how useful this booklet has been in helping with the years abroad, and actually want to be part of it.

• I think this is the kind of thing that we should use the CUSU Free Budget for. Things that will benefit students more broadly but aren’t being funded by the University. There are definitely ways we can get faculties and colleges in the future to try and pay for this.

• How much is left in the Council budget?
  - Annually it’s £3500 a year. Before this Council we had spent £450, and as we just spent a further £100 in the last motion, we have £2950 remaining.
• Have you considered an online version only?
  - We though having something physically to take with you on your year abroad is a very useful thing. However, we are happy to work with producing less if students are concerned with that.
  - There is a lot of content to go on the website. Not everything will be in the leaflet which will be a massively condensed form of the information available online.

• I would like to speak in favour as a disabled and transgender student having gone on the year abroad. If it is something that we print now, and is recommended to the faculty by students having used it, this will be a positive thing in terms of putting pressure on the Faculty.

• Florence: I really endorse this. This sounds like a necessary thing that needs to be made and I’d like to help in any way possible.

• How are you planning to distribute it?
  - The Department has offered to distribute this at the ‘Year Abroad Lecture’ if the material is appropriate.

• How do you know how many students to target and how many leaflets you should therefore print?
  - Part of it is MML, part AMES. There are also Masters’ or PhD students who could possibly be going abroad as well as people who have come from abroad to study in the UK.

• Have you taken into account the people of Erasmus students who are going on a year abroad?
  - This is definitely something we are taking on-board.

• Friendly amendment made to CUSU Resolves 1. ‘To proportion £600’ changes to ‘To proportion a maximum of £600, with a detailed breakdown of costings...’

Voting Record:

For (32):
  Emrys Travis, proxy for Lola Olufemi, CUSU Women’s Officer*
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  Jonathan Ho, St Catharine’s College, External Officer*
  Toby Henley Smith, Trinity JCR, President*
  Luis Nobre, Darwin DCSA, President*
Abstain (3):
Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*
Nicholas Langford, Hughes Hall MCR, Vice-President*
Quentin Peter, Queens’ MCR, External Rep*

Against (0):

The motion passes.

MOTION TO ENCOURAGE JCR AND MCR COMMITTEES TO INCLUDE ELECTED STUDENT MINORITY POSITIONS

Simon Percelay presents: The point is to mandate CUSU to encourage JCRs and MCRs to have a properly elected role for every minority group. For instance, at St John’s, we have an Equal Opportunities officer designed to represent all of the minorities. This prevents all the minority groups having access to the JCR budget. This motion improves representation for students and is better for welfare generally.

No speeches in opposition.

Questions/comments:

- Is this lack of representation widespread?
  - We’re talking about a minority, but not just a single JCR. There are at least four colleges that do not have a sole representative for international students.

- Is this anything more than encouraging people who read this motion to pursue this in their college? Or is it asking for a specific action to be undertaken?
  - The motion was left vague so CUSU could decide the best way to approach the overall goal. Ideally it would send out an email to all of the JCRs and MCRs.
- Does the CUSU voting platform have a technical way of ensuring that only certain groups vote for the election of a specific officer?
  - No, but JCRs can request that only certain groups vote in particular elections.

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Quentin Peter, Queens’ MCR, External Rep*

Abstain (2):
Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students’ Officer*
Nicholas Langford, Hughes Hall MCR, Vice-President*

Against (0):

The motion passes.
**FREE EDUCATION**

**Matt Kite presents:** The principle reason you should support this motion is that the current system of university funding is not sustainable. The Student Loans Company recognises that the vast majority of people are not going to pay off all of the debt that they left University with. Sooner or later this system will have to change or the Higher Education system will collapse. Grants were replaced with loans last year, so students have to pay back all the support they get. 7% of students nationally, and a higher percentage here, don’t take out loans at all so they graduate university with no debts. This system negates any impact universities might have as engines of social mobility. I’m asking CUSU to help students to participate in the national movement that exists and to do what they can do mitigate the impact of tuition fees and low levels of maintenance support. We’re also asking them to inform students about the flaws within the system.

**No speeches in opposition.**

**Questions/comments:**

None.

**Voting Record:**

For (31):
Emrys Travis, proxy for Lola Olufemi, CUSU Women’s Officer*
Oliver Jones, Christ’s JCR, Vice-President*
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**Abstain (4):**
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Aoife Blanchard acting as proxy for Connor MacDonald, Emmanuel JCR, President*
Leo Paillard, CUSU International Autonomous Campaign, Chair*
Francesca Jenkins, Sidney Sussex JCR, President*

**Against (0):**

The motion passes.

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**MOTION TO CLARIFY QUORUM AT CUSU COUNCIL, AND TO CHANGE THE CUSU STANDING ORDERS REGARDING VOTES AT CUSU COUNCIL**

Simon Percelay presents: This motion changes the Standing Orders to ensure that the decision previously made to allow Autonomous Campaigns two votes at CUSU Council is formally ratified. It also addresses the issue of quoracy at CUSU Council, as it isn’t very clear in what context meetings were able to vote on motions. The aim of this motion is to ensure that the quoracy is systematically checked. I’ve also included a provision to include that there should be at least 30 voting members present at meetings. Because this motion changes the CUSU Standing Orders, it requires a 2/3 majority and needs to be passed at two CUSU Councils.

No speeches in opposition.

Questions/comments:

- Is CUSU Resolves 1 intended to change the number of votes?
  - Yes

- It seems like a lot of extra work for the Chair to check quoracy all the time.
  - The motion is designed to solve the issue of quoracy for good. This just requires everyone to sign the attendance sheet and for the Chair to look through it.

- Do NUS delegates count as part of the executive?
  - Yes

Voting Record:

For (19):
Oliver Jones, Christ’s JCR, Vice-President*
Francesca Rigg acting as proxy for Grace Etheridge, Christ’s JCR, President*
Jake Gilbey, Clare JCR, Vice-President*
The motion requires a 2/3 majority, it therefore falls.

**RENEWAL OF LAPSENG OF EXISTING POLICY**

**Daisy Eyre presents**: CUSU policy after three years needs to be renewed or it lapses. This was delayed from Michaelmas term to now. All the policies to be lapsed were for a specific reason which is now completed, and all the policies to be renewed have the potential to be continued.
Voting Record:

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Nicholas Langford, Hughes Hall MCR, Vice-President*

Abstain (1):
Florence Oulds, CUSU Disabled Students’ Officer*

Against (0):

The motion passes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.