

CUSU Council Michaelmas II
7pm, Monday 22nd October 2018
Room 1, Mill Lane Lecture Theatres

AGENDA

1. Objections to the order of items on the agenda
2. Corrections to the minutes of the last Council Meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last Council Meeting
4. Date, time and venue of upcoming Council meetings:
 - a. To be confirmed via email and the CUSU Council Facebook page.
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Discussions
9. Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council
10. Proposed Ordinary Action Motions
 - a. Motion on Remembrance
11. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions
 - a. Motion to endorse a referendum on the final Brexit deal
 - b. Motion on drinking societies
12. Any other business

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

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

4. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

EVIE – CUSU PRESIDENT

See accountability document

MATT – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

See accountability document

EMRYS – CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ OFFICER

See accountability document

CLAIRE- CUSU WOMEN’S OFFICER

CHRISTINE – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

SHADAB– CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

See accountability document

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN

To update at council

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

Covered in accountability of leading sabbatical officer

CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU WOMEN’S CAMPAIGN

Covered in accountability of leading sabbatical officer

CUSU ETHICAL AFFAIRS CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

6. QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS, AND THE EXECUTIVE

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Elections committee: Proposed election rules- see supporting documents [Michaelmas II\FINAL Election rules.docx](#)

8. DISCUSSIONS

9. ORDINARY POLICY MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Policy requires approval at two consecutive Councils. The approval of the ‘starred’ motion at the second Council will be deemed to be automatic unless this ‘star’ is removed by a single member at the second Council wanting to revisit the motion for further discussion.

Please find the starred policy motions that were passed at the last Council listed below:

- MOTION PROPOSING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CUSU, THE GU AND CAMBRIDGE UCU*
- MOTION TO FUND A PORTION OF THE AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY AND CUSU BME CAMPAIGN’S “WINDRUSH AT 70: CARIBBEAN HISTORY, RESISTANCE, AND IDENTITY” FROM THE COUNCIL FREE BUDGET*
- MOTION TO FUND A PORTION OF THE 2018 CAMBRIDGE ‘DISORIENTATION GUIDE’ FROM THE COUNCIL FREE BUDGET*

10A. MOTION ON REMEMBRANCE

Proposer: CUSU Executive

CUSU Notes

- 1 That the 11th November 2018 represents a century since the signing of the Armistice, which marked the end of the First World War.
- 2 At the previous CUSU council, a motion on how CUSU should observe Remembrance Day was considered along with an amendment, and both the motion and the amendment were defeated.
- 3 There has been extensive local and national attention paid to CUSU’s position on Remembrance Day, much of which has been grounded in misrepresentation of the events of the previous council.
- 4 That the Royal British Legion’s position is that remembrance ought to honour the sacrifices and contributions of the Armed Forces in defence of freedom and therefore that the observation of Remembrance Day should be a matter of personal choice.

CUSU Believes

1. That it is important to provide clarity regarding CUSU's position on Remembrance Day.
2. That the centenary of the 1918 armistice is a significant occasion, and that it is important to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, in particular during the First World War.
3. That in observing Remembrance Day, we seek to learn lessons from the past to prevent atrocities such as the First World War from occurring again.
4. That charities supporting the veterans of armed conflict including the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal, PTSD Resolution and SSAFA do necessary work in supporting a group often unjustly treated by society, on issues such as PTSD and homelessness.
5. That the observation of Remembrance Day by students should be a personal choice.
6. That media coverage has led to abuse of CUSU members involved in democratic processes, and that such abuse should be condemned in the strongest terms.

CUSU Resolves

1. To continue its usual efforts in recognising Remembrance Day including through participation in the University's Remembrance Day ceremony
2. To make a public statement to the following effect:
 - a. CUSU believes that Remembrance Day is an opportunity to commemorate those from our Cambridge community and beyond, who have lost their lives in conflict and the devastation these losses caused to those they left behind. They will never be forgotten.
 - b. On the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1, 'the war to end all wars', it is pertinent to reflect on the devastation caused by conflict and on how we can seek to learn the lessons of the past.
 - c. As in previous years, a representative from CUSU will actively participate in the Remembrance Day commemorations in Cambridge.

11A. MOTION TO ENDORSE A REFERENDUM ON THE FINAL BREXIT DEAL

Proposer: Luke Hallam, Trinity College

Seconder: Gabriel Barton-Singer, Trinity College

CUSU Notes:

1. That the result of the referendum on 23rd June 2016 was to leave the European Union (EU);
2. That this result was contrary to the wishes of the majority of UK students;
3. That representatives from unions at 60 UK universities and colleges, including the Cambridge Graduate Union (GU) and CUSU International Students' Campaign (iCUSU), have endorsed a referendum on the final terms of our exit from the EU, in the hope of retaining the benefits of membership;

CUSU Believes:

1. That recent political developments have significantly increased the likelihood of a 'no deal' exit from the EU;
2. That young people in the UK are overwhelmingly opposed to a 'no deal' Brexit;

3. That a ‘no deal’ scenario would be devastating for universities, jeopardising research funding and our ability to attract and retain the best academics;
4. That it is regrettable that a ‘no deal’ situation would, after 2020, likely cut off funding the UK receives from the Horizon 2020 programme, as well as sever the grants and opportunities provided through Erasmus+;
5. That even if a deal is agreed, it should still be put in a referendum to the British people, over a million of whom have turned 18 since June 2016, because membership of the EU is the best deal for this country;
6. That it is nevertheless probable that in the event of a deal being agreed between the UK and the EU (subject to approval by parliament), it is far less likely that parliament will legislate for a referendum than if there is no deal;
7. That it should therefore be a government negotiating priority to maintain membership of the Single Market and the Customs Union if a final vote on the deal does not materialise, and that membership of these institutions is vital to peace in Northern Ireland;

CUSU Resolves:

1. To officially endorse holding a referendum on the final Brexit deal;
2. To lobby that such a referendum must include an option to remain within the EU;
3. To affiliate itself with non-partisan campaigns to bring about such a referendum, such as ‘For Our Future’s Sake’ and the ‘People’s Vote’ campaign;
4. To lobby the government that, regardless of whether there is a final vote, the United Kingdom must remain a member of the Single Market and the Customs Union.

11B. MOTION ON DRINKING SOCIETIES

Proposed by Evie Aspinall

Seconded by Claire Sosienski Smith

CUSU Notes:

1. A series of ‘Grudgebridge’ posts in Easter Term 2018 highlighted a significant number of issues associated with some drinking societies, including acts of racism, sexism and homophobia.
2. Drinking society practices have harmed the reputation of Cambridge, as a city and an institution.
3. Former CUSU President, Daisy Eyre, responded to the issue by proposing that drinking societies pledged to sign a code of conduct. To date, 28 drinking societies have pledged to make a code of conduct, though what precisely that entails remains vague.

CUSU Believes:

1. Sexual misconduct, misogyny, racism and other kinds of discrimination have no place at this University.
2. CUSU should play an active part in challenging any cultures in which these forms of discrimination exists.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To work alongside drinking societies to challenge misconduct by:
 - Facilitating their attendance at Good Lad workshops
 - Creating a code of conduct for drinking societies to sign which will be published widely in order to hold them to account
 - Encouraging colleges to extend bystander intervention training to all of its current members
2. To produce resources for J/MCRS and liberation campaigns as part of a broader objective of informing students about the realities of being a member of a drinking society
3. To mandate the sabbatical officers to lobby colleges to challenge the unacceptable behaviour present at drinking society events, and acknowledge the presence of drinking societies within the student body.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS