

CUSU Council Easter I
7:15pm, Monday 4th May 2015
Little Hall (Sidgwick Site)



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. Monday 18th May, 7:15pm, Small Examinations Hall (provisional)
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
 - a. Big Cambridge Survey
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Ordinary motions
 - a. Motion to Increase Student Input into CUSU's Budget
 - b. Motion to alter the Women's Campaign Constitution
9. Motions to be ratified
 - a. Motion to approve Sabbatical Officer contracts for 2015-16
 - b. Motion to alter the Disabled Students' Campaign Constitution
 - c. We Support Women in Sport Project
 - d. Ratification of the CUSU Budget 2015-16
10. Elections
 - a. CUSU Chair
 - b. Committee to Appoint Student Trustees
11. Any other business

8a. a. Motion to Increase Student Input into CUSU's Budget

Proposed by Helen Hoogewerf-McComb (CUSU President) and Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator)

CUSU Notes

1. That a number of students' unions across the country are implementing 'participatory budgeting' which allows students to discuss and debate how funding should be allocated, rather than simply being presented with a fixed budget determined by officers;
2. That changes to CUSU's Standing Orders in February 2015 introduced Campaigns Officers to CUSU's executive structure;

3. That the budget prepared by the Coordinator for 2015/16 includes a reduction of Executive Team budgets and a significant expansion of the Council Free Budget.

CUSU Believes

1. That CUSU's funding priorities should be set by the student body as a whole, not just by a small group of elected officers;
2. That Campaigns Officers, by their nature, are difficult to assign budgets to under CUSU's traditional funding system as it is unclear when CUSU's budget is drawn up which campaigns will be selected by students and what resources they will require;
3. That those outside of the CUSU executive should also have the opportunity to seek funds from CUSU for projects and campaigns which students support and which further CUSU's charitable aims;
4. That it is important to introduce a structure which allows the funds within Council Free Budget to be distributed to campaigns and projects responsibly and with maximum student input.

CUSU Resolves

1. To hold CUSU's Michaelmas Term Open Meeting after the election of CUSU's Campaigns Officers, with allocation of Council Free Budget funds as the first agenda item;
2. To implement a bidding process by which students can submit funding bids and have them deliberated on by attendees, within the context of other bids submitted;
3. To aim to assign the balance of the Council Free Budget, minus £1000, to campaigns and projects through this bidding process;
4. To work with elected Campaigns Officers to determine the resource requirements of their campaigns and support them in developing their budgets and bids;
5. To advertise the opportunity for campaign funding to the student body, with clear guidelines for what sort of activities CUSU would be able to fund and support for those who wish to develop a bid;
6. To promote the Open Meeting widely to all students to ensure as many people as possible take part in decisions about the allocations of these funds.

8b. Motion to alter the Women's Campaign Constitution

CUSU Notes

1. That the CUSU Women's Campaign has voted to change their constitution at Women's Forum last Wednesday (29th April)

2. That the previous constitution, from 2008, was out of line with current practice in the Campaign
3. That changes to Autonomous Campaign constitutions must be passed through CUSU Council.

CUSU Believes

1. That the changes to the Women's Campaign constitution better reflect how the Campaign organises now, as well as making democratic structures clearer
2. That Autonomous Campaigns have the right to shape their own constitutions.

CUSU Resolves

1. To pass the Women's Campaign constitution

9a. Motion to approve Sabbatical Officer Contracts for 2015-16

CUSU Resolves

1. To adopt the new Sabbatical Officer contracts and make them available to prospective candidates for sabbatical roles.

9b. Motion to alter the Disabled Students' Campaign Constitution

Proposed by Robert Corbyn-Smith and Calista Winstanley

CUSU Notes

1. That following the successful re-launch of the Disabled Students' Campaign (henceforth abbreviated to DSC), the committee believed that a thorough review of its constitution was desirable to ensure that it meets the current and future needs of the campaign and its members. Following the procedure laid out in the current DSC constitution, the committee asked for the input of other members and successfully passed the proposed constitutional amendments in a quorate open meeting.
2. That the current constitution excludes intermitting disabled students from being campaign members.
3. That the current quorum requirements are both a) high compared to other autonomous campaigns and b) do not change to reflect the level of active participation in the campaign.
4. That the current constitution refers to, but does not have, standing orders.

CUSU Believes

1. That intermitting disabled students deserve the support of their university and their student's union throughout their intermission, and as such, should be allowed to be campaign members.
2. That quoracy is a valid way of ensuring that a decision of a campaign is representative of its members and their interests, and should be adjusted to reflect the number of active members.
3. That the constitution could be better served by the removal of certain specifics into a set of accompanying standing orders that govern how the principles of the constitution should be enacted.
4. That any other constitutional amendments not previously specified that are included within this motion (see attached documents for full changes) by the DSC are sufficiently justified and in accordance with the aims and practices of both the DSC and CUSU.

CUSU Resolves

1. To ratify the constitutional amendments needed for intermitting students to be allowed to be campaign members by changing "B.1The Disabled Students' Campaign shall be an association of the members of the University of Cambridge *in statu pupillari* who self-define as disabled, or who have themselves experienced disability, and are pursuing a course of study or research in the University." to "The Disabled Students' Campaign shall be an association of the members of the University of Cambridge *in statu pupillari* who self-define as disabled, or who have themselves experienced disability, and are pursuing or intermitting from a course of study or research in the University."
2. To ratify the constitutional amendments for the quorum requirement from "C. 3 Quoracy for Open Meetings shall be 10 or more members of the Campaign participating in the decision-making process. Decisions of a non-quorate Open Meeting may be ratified at the next quorate Open Meeting." to "C. 3 Quoracy for Open Meetings shall be 1/15 of the total number of votes cast in the most recent election of the Disabled Students Officer, or 1.5 times the current number of members on the executive committee, whichever is the greater, with a minimum of five and a maximum of twenty five. Decisions of a non-quorate Open Meeting may be ratified at the next quorate Open Meeting. It shall be the duty of the campaign to make voting on campaign decisions to be as accessible as possible; to this aim, quoracy requirements where possible can be satisfied by the votes of members that are not physically present at an open meeting."
3. To ratify the creation of standing orders which are to be written by the DSC in consultation with its members, at the next available opportunity, and the removal of specifics from the constitution.
4. To ratify any other constitutional amendments proposed within this motion.

8b. We Support Women in Sport Project

Proposed by Brooke Longhurst & Anna Parker

CUSU Notes

1. Sport is an integral part of the University of Cambridge community
2. The ability to participate in sport has been shown to benefit students in a wide range of areas, including physical health, mental health, community building, and retention rates in degree programs.
3. There are currently significant differences in funding, resources and attitudes toward women, transgender women and genderqueer in sport, that act as barriers to their participation and success.

CUSU Believes

1. In the eradication of gender-based disadvantages at Cambridge.
2. All students should be given equal access to participate in College and University level sport.
3. It is important that equal access to sport is supported by the attitudes of members of the university community.

CUSU Resolves

1. To support the We Sport Women in Sport campaign, by the amount of 100 GBP, in order for the campaign to purchase stickers that promote the campaign, to be included in pamphlets given out at varsity matches. This will allow the project to reach a wide variety of individuals already in the sporting community.
2. To look into the ways sport at Cambridge excludes trans women.