

CUSU COUNCIL MICH III MINUTES – 9TH NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Priscilla Mensah, CUSU President
Jemma Stewart, CUSU Coordinator
Robert Cashman, CUSU Education Officer
Helena Blair, CUSU Access and Funding Officer
Charlotte Chorley, CUSU Women's Officer*
Sarah Gibson, CUSU LGBT+ President*
Robert Corbyn-Smith, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*
Tiantian Chen, CUSU Ethical Affairs Officer
James Fox, Christ's JCR President*
Yannis Hemrich, Clare JCR Vice President*
Stephen Walsh, Clare Hall GSB Vice President*
Jamie Carr, Downing JCR Vice President*
Elsa Maishman, TCS Reporter/Emmanuel College
Alex Cicale, Fitzwilliam JCR President*
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Alice Levins, Pembroke Graduate Parlour President*
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Kayani Kayani, Robinson College Students' Association (JCR) Chair*
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Annie Magee, Sidney Sussex JCR President*
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Cornelius Roemer, Trinity JCR President*
Xavier Bisits, Cambridge Tab Reporter/Trinity College (proxy for Kshitij, Trinity JCR Vice President)*
Louis Ashworth, Varsity Reporter/Wolfson College

* - Voting member of CUSU Council - 24

APOLOGIES

Poppy Ellis Logan, CUSU/GU Welfare and Rights Officer

OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity JCR President) asked to move the Motion to Support the Cambridge University Calais Refugee Action Group to the end of the agenda, as this was discussed last time - no opposition.

CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

None

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

None

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next CUSU Council (Michaelmas IV) will be held on the 23rd November at 7pm, location in the Students' Unions' Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

PRISCILLA MENSAH - CUSU PRESIDENT

- Back today from being unwell.
- Working on representation on the Bursars' Committee
- Consultation with graduate students and BME students
- Open callout for Academic Parity
- Rent negotiations session

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN - SARAH GIBSON

- Currently doing handover
- Working on Trans Awareness Month
- Planning for LGBT History Month in February

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN - NOT PRESENT

CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN - ROBERT CORBYN-SMITH

- DSA: Met with John Harding at the DSC and met with Heidi Allen, MP - both productive meetings, talking about this at the next Open Meeting
- Elected Natalia Kudryashova as Disabled Women's Officer

- Statement on Singer speaking at a charity event
- Student Support Officer training sessions
- We Are Not Leaving Campaign - met with SpaceFinder to discuss amendments to the system to include accessibility information on spaces, and put forward the motion for tonight

ICUSU CAMPAIGN - NOT PRESENT

QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

- Leonardo Buizza, Homerton JCR VP: to Disabled Students' Campaign - what was the statement?
 - o Robert Corbyn-Smith: Response to Singer's views on infanticide and euthanasia with a rights not charity approach and more real standpoints. Whilst the event was not specifically about this, the way that that approach to charity impacts on disabled individuals and the way that the ethos places someone as saving other people, leading to specific views on euthanasia and infanticide. Thought something should be said. As a campaign, DSC takes no position on assisted suicide, but needed to say something about it. The statement can be found here - <https://www.facebook.com/CUSUdisabledstudents/posts/1630326783893686>
- Kayani, Robinson JCR: on why the statement was produced
 - o Robert Corbyn-Smith: It's worrying that disability rights are an unconsidered issue and it would be nice to say something about it. Didn't consider it worth their time to engage with Singer directly as he wouldn't change his mind on the views.
- Damiano Sogaro, Fitz JCR VP: What's been happening with the Streetlight Motion from last Council?
 - o Jemma Stewart: Planning with Poppy on the campaign following last Council's passing of motion as it didn't designate a specific officer
 - o Charlie Chorley: will be taking it to Women's Forum to be discussed on Wednesday
- Cornelius Roemer: Consultation is going on with the Council that should be publicised, endorse the current petition and publicise that and the consultation
 - o Will be done
- Cornelius Roemer: What's the status of the policy document?
 - o Jemma Stewart: It's being written - competing priorities means there's lots to do each day, so spending around an hour a day adding policy from a few past Council's a day

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

None

8. ORDINARY MOTIONS

A. MOTION TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF ACCESS STATEMENTS

Proposed by Robert Corbyn-Smith (CUSU DSC Disabled Students' Officer, disabled@cusu.cam.ac.uk), seconded by Richard Birkett (CUSU DSC Computing Officer, disabled-computing@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

PROPOSITION - ROBERT CORBYN-SMITH

As a part of the We Are Not Leaving Campaign, the motion is about encouraging the use of Access Statements. Disabled students should be able to attend any event they choose (not just specific events made accessible for disabled people) and normalising Access Statements is a good way of making that happen. Many people might feel like they don't have the training to make access statements, and so we want CUSU to work with us to improve the resources of the Access Statement Generator, and to have a training session in Lent Term for Ents and Society Officers. From Lent onwards, we want CUSU to no longer advertise, promote or be involved in any events that don't have Access Statements. A grace period will be allowed for CUSU to build up resources and develop the policy. Access Statement examples are saying that the event is wheelchair accessible by a route with directions. This is about disabled people not having to make choices about what events they want to attend.

SPEECH AGAINST - CORNELIUS ROEMER, TRINITY JCR PRESIDENT

Agrees that it's a good idea to have access statements with events but isn't sure whether the motion puts the burden on the event organiser or whether there's a more efficient way of providing access information for venues. Not sure whether the information is put into a form, or whether it provides information on the venue. It would be great if there was a central database for every event in the database (this wouldn't be too hard to provide). Anyone would only have to do the labour once for it to be in a central database, which might make it more efficient or easier; we shouldn't be making it hard for event organisers to look up whether every single venue is accessible

QUESTIONS

Cornelius Roemer - What is the Access Statement Generator?

- Robert Corbyn-Smith: It's a generator on the website with tick boxes that generates a statement on the information put in (<http://www.disabled.cusu.cam.ac.uk/resources/access-info/>)

Robert Corbyn-Smith: Responding to the question raised in the speech against: Compiling such a database is an aim of the Campaign, but it won't happen anytime soon. Why shouldn't the burden be on the event organiser - they should know the facilities of the venues they hire and should be having the dialogue with the venue. If Colleges aren't hearing/having those conversations then the power of the motion is removed. Access statements are about more than just the room - if there's a film showing there should be captions/audio description provided, there should be mentions about if food is on offer,

there should be information on the capacity of the venue, trigger warnings, whether or not the room will be well lit - the access information is not going to be the same for one room each time as it will vary to fit the event. It's important to have the information central to the event as disabled students shouldn't be having to do the work of looking up the venue in order to find out if they can attend the event.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ President): Is there capacity to include whether there are gender neutral bathrooms on the access statement?

- Robert Corbyn-Smith: the Generator currently includes whether there are gender neutral toilets as this is part of what access statements are considered to be. Inside this motion includes a consultation period about what access statements should minimally contain (making them more comprehensive)

Leonardo Buizza: Does this mandate only CUSU events?

- In terms of producing access statements yes, but would also include not promoting events without them

Leonardo Buizza: The motion states in effect from Lent term - what happens if someone forgets?

- Council always tries its best to do something, but may sometimes forget. Of course there would be angry conversations, but events can be edited to include information as soon as it's noticed that it's missing.

Cornelius Roemer: How long would it take to compile the information? With the improvement of the access statement generator surely it would become routine and very quick. There's a lack of knowledge or certainty about what should be in them. Once the access statement is done for a certain room, it doesn't need to be repeated.

Kayani: Is there no reason that every time the access statement is being generated it can be put into a system to be accessed again?

Friendly amendment: keep a list of all created access statements

- The architecture necessary might be too difficult. We would prefer the amendment not to be added on but happy to discuss the best way forward with this. The amendment is withdrawn.

SUMMATION SPEECH

Waived

VOTING RESULTS

For: 24

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Against: 0

Abstention: 0

B. MOTION TO ERADICATE COLLEGE RANKING TABLES

Proposed by Priscilla Mensah (CUSU President), seconded by Robert Cashman (CUSU Education Officer)

PROPOSITION - PRISCILLA MENSAH

We attend a disparate institution and every College is different. We can recognise that because of resource, some colleges have more to offer than others, and if we want a semblance of fairness between the Colleges we should get rid of the Tompkins and the Baxter tables. At Freshers we asked students what their favourite campaigns were, but there were two incidences with Academic Parity that students stated that they wouldn't want others to get a better education because their College was already better and that would mean their College would receive fewer firsts. All Cambridge University students are high-performing students, and it's extremely damaging and promotes a culture that suggests that if a College doesn't do as well on a ranking table, that the students of that College are less intelligent. The message it promotes hinders our ability to ask for equality of opportunity between Colleges. The data is inaccurate and the Tompkins Table is inaccurate, to the extent that these tables damage the self-efficacy of students. Students find out their College's position on the table and ask what this means about students at

their College - that's not fair. Everyone works hard, everyone deserves the right to be here, and this nonsense reputational burden is unfair.

SPEECH AGAINST - DAMIANO SOGARO, FITZ JCR VP

It's a good idea but has to make a speech against. On a technical point, doesn't agree with the second point made, as it says that we don't want them and what they're doing isn't right. We need to say that they aren't doing it the right way. The motion is too radical, the tables need changing to show more data. Data is helpful with respect to how Colleges move forward, and has sat with Senior Tutor in a meeting where the tables are helpful to identify which subjects are weak and which are strong. Doesn't think that we could stop Colleges from producing a table. There's a realistic problem that it rests with the Colleges for the Baxter Table - within law, there's a central Faculty document that punishes supervisors for giving extra/fewer supervision to certain Colleges. It's admirable what we're trying to do, but should be limited to the Tompkins Table. The Baxter Table is necessary to how Senior Tutors review Colleges.

SPEECH FOR - PRISCILLA MENSAH

It's not too radical - conversations with most academics believe we're doing a good service to the institution. This is about the culture that ranking creates. If we aren't proposing things that aren't ambitious then what's the point of proposing motions at all? This isn't about self-assessment within Colleges - the Baxter table is not working. It gives information on the level of degree classifications on a course, and also information on what students' backgrounds were like. Not saying that College self-assessment isn't important, but that the ranking of the data is wrong. Information should be given specific to each College, but not ranked as how Colleges receive the information at present. As to whether we can stop Colleges from producing rankings internally, we can do this - we sit on these committees and would make sure to stop it. Many senior academics are on our side with this and do not believe that it will continue to happen internally. The methodology is attacked rather than the need for the tables themselves - only to suggest the issue with it. The Tompkins Table isn't supposed to be comprehensive, it's supposed to grab headlines and is inherently flawed. Some Colleges are always at the bottom, and the table doesn't explore this. It suggests that students at specific Colleges are at places that don't do as well, which isn't true.

QUESTIONS

Alex Cicale, Fitz JCR President: Under the impression that the Tompkins Tables is an independent table and has nothing to do with the University. Surely we can't stop these rankings being made by external bodies. What's the response?

- When we say the eradication of Tables, we mean the eradication of the ranking. That's internally. The data exists internally to the Colleges which can be given to the Colleges on a year by year basis. The Tompkins Table is produced due to public class lists - if we work on that, then we can stop the Tompkins Table.

Louis Ashworth (Varsity): Why is there a need for two separate motions given that they match together?

- We wanted to keep the policy relevant. This motion is to resolve to stop the publication of the tables.

Ben Weber, St Catharine's JCR VP: Point in favour - a few academic years ago, the College went down in the rankings and all second years were brought in to be chastised. The JCR felt unable to push motions against the College as students were punished for their academic performance.

Xavier Bisits, Cambridge Tab: Isn't the Baxter Table is confidential unless it's linked to the media? Why is it important not to have information ranked when rich Colleges are trying to give resources to poorer Colleges? Some of the wealthier Colleges buy into a system.

- These conversations are had anyway
- Point of information: resources are distributed to Colleges on the basis of finance, not academic performance

Charlie Chorley: Understanding that the Tompkins Table presumes a system of meritocracy where any student is able to achieve equally. How far does the table take into account the levels of endowments and resources available to each College?

- Don't know a huge amount about the underlying metrics, not sure what takes place

Robert Corbyn-Smith: Spoke to the rest of the Disabled Students' Campaign about this. Agree with the motion, want to know if the idea is that if you abolish the ranking of results, you introduce a ranking based on resources? Instead of ranking by firsts, rank by academic hours? Don't otherwise see how academic equality can be achieved without seeing how you got to that point - is the idea to look at a different approach? Otherwise Colleges wouldn't know they were having issues.

- We want to endeavour in this institution to ensure that provision across different Colleges are equal and similar, with student having similar access to resources. Measuring and ranking provision of resources publicly is to suggest that we endorse the differences, meaning that prospective students might create a competition of choosing colleges with better resources. As a body that sits on the committees that we do, we look to collate that data but believe it should be internal, not in a way that shames or embarrasses colleges. Even if done on provision, ranking isn't the way to improve the system as it stands as it doesn't work. This is the same feedback that was received from the consultation on welfare ranking, as it would be damaging to colleges working to better the provision offered.

Cornelius Roemer: The discussion seems like it's mostly talking about the negative effects of the Tompkins Table, maybe we agree that the Baxter Table might be useful as it helps Admissions Tutors decide how many students for which subject to accept. Getting rid of this might harm the internal admissions process.

- Happy to talk about amending the way the Baxter Table comes up in the motion, but the idea of the motion is to get rid of ranking. The college data should be specific to each college, they shouldn't be receiving data on rankings of where they fell within the data. Should be getting information on results within college. The ranking dimension of both tables is hoped to convince people to vote to work against them.

Gabriel Fleming, KCSU VP: Understand the problem with ranking, but is some form of ranking not useful in trying to solve the problem of academic parity? Acknowledging that there's an issue of some colleges providing more resources and allowing students to do better through this. Would be concerned if we took steps to put us in the dark about those issues. Surely we want to be able to attack those issues by knowing about them? The resource point is good, looking at how people perform academically on this basis, but it's important that we as a Union should want to know about these comparisons?

- We're trying to compile that information. Putting the information in a ranked format poses issues on how the University would respond to it. When we have the information and are researching it, it will be disseminated in a structure like this. Ranking format used that's public can be used across the world is a problem - the information used to give Colleges should be different in structure

Louis Ashworth, Varsity: Question on statement that 'we know that Women's Colleges and Mature Colleges produce equally good results'

- Charlie - clarification that this is talking about how the tables account for value added
- Point of information that the statement said "as successful as other colleges" with no mention of results

Kayani, Robinson JCR Chair: Thinks the idea of ranking has a positive in the sense that you can identify best practice. Would like to propose an amendment to split the motion into parts to talk about Tompkins and Baxter tables separately.

- The resolves in the Baxter table - to endorse per-college information but not the ranking element. Motivation for looking at the ranking isn't the way it works - amendment is accepted to alter CUSU Resolves 1 to include "and the ranked form of the Baxter Table" accepted as friendly.

Proposal to vote on the Tompkins Table to say that information shouldn't be produced, that we support a motion that states that the Baxter Table shouldn't be leaked

- Response: the culture of ranked format is a culture that exists and is pervasive. When we have an issue of ranking, if this still takes place even though we can't see it, the same issues still apply. Colleges who feel like they're not doing well in relation to another College will still encourage punishment.

The debate can be summarised to say that we'll campaign to get rid of the Tompkins Table and amend the way in which other tables will be published. In agreeing to this, will be looking specifically at the ranked parts of the Tables as the specific part of the problem

in their dissemination, making the point that it's the ranked nature that we want to work against specifically.

- Amendment to Resolves 2: "To campaign to get rid of the Tompkins Table and amend the way in which other tables will be published."
 - o For: 16
 - o Against: 4
 - o Abstain: 4
- Amendment passes

SUMMATION SPEECH FOR - PRISCILLA MENSAH

This is about a culture that can be changed in this institution for years to come and impact on prospective applicants. Good practice is currently shared, and we can work to change the ways in which information is shared that isn't based on the ranking of students' results.

SUMMATION SPEECH AGAINST - DAMIANO SOGARO

The Tompkins Table is independent, so we can't just stop it in a direct way, If class lists fail then the Independent will still continue to produce the Table from public results. Colleges look at the Baxter Table for financial reasons but also to improve the education system for their students, using the ranked nature to help with this. This isn't about shame, it's the College not prioritising academics. The Baxter table is a valid sense of self-assessment, even though there are methodological problems that need to be worked on. Would be beneficial for prospective students to see these to inform their applications.

VOTING RESULTS

For: 17

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Against: 5

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Abstention: 1

Alice Levins, Pembroke Graduate Parlour President*

8C. MOTION TO ASK FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY BURSARS' COMMITTEE

Proposed by Harrison Gower (hjg35@cam.ac.uk), seconded by Annie Magee (arm73@cam.ac.uk)

PROPOSITION - HARRISON GOWER

The amount that we know about the Bursars' Committee is noted in front of you. This is a private committee, whose papers, agendas and minutes are private. The Bursars' Committee discusses monetary issues that directly affect students with no student voice on the committee, which seems absurd. We have representation on a number of University-wide committees. If these are important enough to have student representation, then why is money not important? Trial motion at Magdalene JCR was voted through by consensus. This motion is asking for JCR committees to put it to their colleges as a motion, and use this to apply pressure to get student representation on the Bursars' Committee - possibly the CUSU President. It's ridiculous not to have any voice or say on this committee.

SPEECH AGAINST

None

QUESTIONS

Robert Corbyn-Smith - does it have to be limited to JCRs?

- Friendly amendment accepted to change JCRs to any committee that would assist CUSU's ability to bargain with the University

Damiano Sogaro - are there any reasons why we aren't currently represented here?

- Rob Cashman - we have three big intercollegiate committees and only currently sit on the Senior Tutors (not Colleges Committee). Historically, CUSU and the GU have lobbied for transparency (the publication of agendas, papers and minutes) that we get for other committees. Attempts for representation. In recent years there have been no reasons, just a sense of reluctance.

Friendly amendment to remove CUSU Notes 3 on the sitting of committees - change to sits on senior committees at the institution.

Damiano Sogaro - if CUSU gets to sit on there, does that mean that Varsity, TCS and the Tab will be able to sit on too, or interview the person that sits on there?

- This isn't about student press - we don't even know what student representation would look like there because it's been closed for so long
- The concern is for confidentiality - if a CUSU representative sits on that committee and starts discussing confidential issues that can't be talked about to students?
 - o CUSU sits in on unreserved business and would inform students of this

Cornelius Roemer - can we campaign for non-confidential parts to be made available and form minutes? Being able to represent students' views and allow the wider student population to see what's going on?

- Harry: no issue with this, but would it make the motion more difficult to get through with the University
- Strategically - it could work in phasing it forward as a second part to the current objectives
- Friendly amendment: Resolves 3: That non-confidential information, if such exists, is accessible and minutes are published (like University Council). To subsequently apply pressure for this to be done.

SUMMATION SPEECH

Waived, but encouragement that if the motion does go through, take to your voting bodies, add lots of support. CUSU can provide resources/templates/emails if necessary.

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Against: 0
Abstention: 0

8D. MOTION TO CAMPAIGN TO STOP PUBLISHING CLASS LISTS

Proposed by Poppy Ellis Logan (CUSU/GU Welfare and Rights Officer), seconded by Rob Cashman (CUSU Education Officer)

PROPOSITION - WAIVED TO CHARLIE CHORLEY

This is on the back of two significant events - a petition by the Our Grade, Our Choice Campaign to opt out of class lists with 1000 signatures last year and the University's consultation on published class lists, to shape the way in which we feed into this and the direction that we take. Concerns of class lists raised such as negative effects publishing them, and deadnaming trans students. We've already consulted students on this in 2008, with the notion that class lists providing motion to students not widely held. We want to be able to campaign to the University directly to stop doing this and to work with the relevant bodies to do so.

SPEECH AGAINST

None

QUESTIONS

Maya Raphael, Hughes Hall MCR VP: does this also mean that College class lists can't be published?

- Consultation hasn't been launched yet so brought this for steer. At the moment, class lists are printed at the Senate House, published in the Reporter and put up by faculties and departments. The suggestion is that we campaign against this in its entirety, but have not yet seen what the consultation is asking or what its results should be

Xavier Bisits, Cambridge Tab: We already have opt-out provisions for people who aren't comfortable with this, why don't we make it so that if there are problems with it not being straight forward enough to make it easier?

- It's not straight forward, at present you need a medical note
- Why not therefore change the provisions of opting out?

- In the current form, the system would suggest that students would be able to know even if it was made explicit that all students who didn't want to be in it had known prior to this. They would have to register to opt-out early enough - by June they may not be able to do so, and this wouldn't be fair
- Make it so that you can opt-out via CamSIS?
- Isn't there an issue that if you opt out then you're missing from the list and people know you've opted out - this will create stigma. Just get rid of the lists.

Cornelius Roemer: It's crucial that if we site CUSU consultation it should be cited in its entirety. We should take out the consultation as it isn't in the same spirit as this motion

- This is recognition of the previous work done and we shouldn't be bound by that - CUSU notes is fact.
- Friendly amendment to remove CUSU Notes 4.

Robbie - isn't familiar with how the Tompkins Table is formed, is part of this motion to do with the fact that if we stop publicly publishing class lists, then the public data can't be used to make the Table?

- It can be FOI'd
- Class lists in a public form, are made as a PDF to be downloaded
- Faculties have results - doesn't prevent the publication of the Tompkins Table

Sarah Gibson, CUSU LGBT+ - is part of what you're doing to stop the future publications, or also the past publications that are currently available?

- Friendly amendment accepted to CUSU Resolves 1, to remove previously published class lists.

Statement of support: the JCR has pushed for something similar at an open meeting

Damiano: results come out earlier in CamSIS and some are ranked

- Discussion of online ranking

SUMMATION

It's really important to campaign to support this, as it feeds into the direction that CUSU in general takes. It comes with a history of support and is a great idea not only for rankings and the Tompkins Table but also for the welfare of students as well

VOTING RESULTS

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Against: 0

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8E. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CALAIS REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

Proposed by Peter Martin (pm505@cam.ac.uk), seconded by Tom Tyson (tmt27@cam.ac.uk)

PROPOSITION - PETER MARTIN

The CUCRAG was set up largely because the charity in Calais is focussed on helping the refugee camp, not taking more donations at present as not able to support the distribution. Students are able to help out by visiting the camp. Last weekend, had 10 on a trip to help the running of distribution of donations to people in the camps. Facing a problem as a society, as the Societies Syndicate is asking to hold off until Easter, along with RAG, and no funding from the Hub. Looking for ways to subsidise costs, which currently stand at around £73 per person. £200 raised from Cambridge University Amnesty International. Trying to ask CUSU to help subsidise the costs as it wouldn't be realistic to take people to Calais if costing £60-70 for a three day trip. The next trip is next weekend and 35 people are interested in attending, with increases on numbers interested for future weekends. This is a positive impact being brought, but a question of funds. In the minutes last time, there was the potential problem to CUSU giving money to volunteering for more than 6 hours per week - money spent on volunteer costs could be used outside of term.

SPEECH AGAINST

None

QUESTIONS

Leo Buizza - what are the methods being used to fundraise at present?

- Setting up a GoFundMe site, but by this point lots of trips will have happened already, getting societies syndicate to respond to us sooner, reaching out to over 20 companies for sponsorship, Amnesty holding events to fundraise in coming weeks.

Robert Corbyn-Smith - how to split the £800? Split over all three trips, or just one?

- Money into society bank account
- Wouldn't be spending on just one trip, would depend on the success of funding measures. Would use between £200 and £300 per trip. Hope to have secured other funding means by then. Money can be saved for the future.

Sarah Gibson - CUSU Believes 2 mentions RAG, but funding is unavailable. Friendly amendment to remove mention of RAG.

Damiano Sogaro - Concerns raised of setting a precedent to any society with funding gaps, any words to suggest why this society is different?

- Had a very large response to a call to go out on weekends with over 100 people responding in 3 days. Had to stop advertising to people to keep responding to requests with instant impact
- Not where the funding is for year-long activities - Christmas is approaching and as the weather gets worse, more volunteers are needed
- Friendly amendment to ad to Resolves 3 "in recognition of the urgent nature"

Maya Raphael - is this solely for Cambridge students?

- If in Cambridge and want to join one of the trips (staff members, maybe ARU in future), welcome to join the trips.
- Can it be assured that we aren't subsidising people who we don't represent?
- The money can be ring-fenced to be used only by Cambridge students. Friendly amendment to resolve that the money will only be used with members of CUSU.

Cornelius Roemer - what would the University say about the fact that CUSU is donating money in times of financial difficulty?

- We only work in the interests of how Council votes and can't comment on how CCSSU would perceive us. The money is ring-fenced for student campaigns.

VOTING RESULTS

For: 19

Charlotte Chorley, CUSU Women's Officer*
Sarah Gibson, CUSU LGBT+ President*
Robert Corbyn-Smith, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*
James Fox, Christ's JCR President*
Yannis Hemrich, Clare JCR Vice President*
Alex Cicale, Fitzwilliam JCR President*
Ruth Taylor, Homerton JCR President*
Leonardo Buizza, Homerton JCR Vice President External*
Maya Raphael, Hughes Hall Vice President*
Gabriel Fleming, King's JCR Vice President*
Harrison Gower, Magdalene College JCR President*
Eva Higginbotham, Newnham MCR President*
Alice Ilevins, Pembroke Graduate Parlour President*
Arthur Westwell, Queens' MCR External Officer*
Kayani Kayani, Robinson College Students' Association (JCR) Chair*
Benjamin Weber, St Catharine's JCR External Officer*
Annie Magee, Sidney Sussex JCR President*
Joe Miller, Sidney Sussex JCR Vice President*
Xavier Bisits, Cambridge Tab Reporter/Trinity College (proxy for Kshitij, Trinity JCR Vice President)*

Against: 1

Cornelius Roemer, Trinity JCR President*

Abstention: 4

Stephen Walsh, Clare Hall GSB Vice President*
Jamie Carr, Downing JCR Vice President*
Damiano Sogaro, Fitzwilliam JCR Vice President*
Beth Craig-Geen, Murray Edwards JCR President*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No-one runs for Elections Committee.
- Hustings for the Part-Time Executive