

# CUSU Council (Easter I)

Monday 27th April 2020, 7pm

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## Agenda

1. Objections to the order of items on the agenda

- No objections

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last Council Meeting

- No matter arising

- Approval of minutes deferred to the next meeting

3. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive

a. Officer accountability

- Edward Parker Humphreys (President) gave an update on his work.

- Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) gave an update on her work.

- Ali Hyde (Education Officer) gave an update on his work.

- Kate Litman (Women's Officer) gave an update on her work.

- Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) gave an update on her work.

b. Updates from Campaigns and the Executive

- Rensa Gaunt (Disabled Students' Campaign) gave an update on the work of the DSC.

- Ali Hyde (Education Officer) gave an update on the work of the LGBT+ Campaign.

- Jasmine Wei Loo (iCUSU) gave an update on the work of iCUSU.

- Roshni Parmar-Hill (BME Campaign) gave an update on the work of the BME Campaign.
- Alice Gilderdale (Ethical Affairs) gave an update on the work of the Ethical Affairs campaign.
- Allison O'Malley Graham (Women's Campaign) gave an update on the work of the Women's Campaign
- Amy Bottomley (Class Act) gave an update on the work of the Class Act Campaign.

#### 4. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions

- a. Motion in Support of a Formal Institutionalised Language Policy (ILP) and Collegiate Contribution for In-sessional Academic English Courses for Non-native Speakers
  - Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) proposed the motion
  - Sandra del Valle-Casals (Robinson MCR) asked whether concerns she had raised at GU Council had been taken into account and if there was any feedback on them.
  - Stella Swain answered that Alessandro Ceccarelli (GU President) is working on these, Sandra could get in touch with him.
  - The motion passed.

- b. Motion to collaborate with the Cambridge City Council and local organisations to provide public accommodation during the COVID-19 crisis
  - Ayse Polat proposed the motion.
  - The motion passed.

#### 5. Any other business

- John Cooper (LGBT+ Campaign) spoke in favour of the motion for NUS Liberation Conference on Supporting transgender students following Liz Truss speech 22/04/2020 being heard.
- Council voted in favour of motion for NUS Liberation Conference on

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being heard.

- John Cooper (LGBT+ Campaign) spoke in favour of the motion.
  - Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students' Campaign) asked if it is known if any other unions are bringing similar motions and how many other motions have been submitted to Conference.
    - John Cooper (LGBT+ Campaign) replied that he did not know about motions from other universities; not certain that the voting system works the same at Liberation Conference.
  - Rensa Gaunt (Disabled Students' Campaign) asked who is attending on CUSU's behalf.
    - John Cooper (LGBT+ Campaign) replied that he was aware that Ali Hyde is the Trans+ delegate and Kate Litman is the Women's delegate. One of these would present it.
    - Ali Hyde (Education Officer) noted that Alessandro Ceccarelli is the LGBT+ delegate, so could also present the motion. Some motions will be discussed within caucuses, the motion may be included in one of these.
  - The motion was passed.
- Edward Parker Humphreys (President) encouraged J/MCRs to attend College Forum next Thursday and encouraged applications to be a trustee of Cambridge SU.
- Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) asked whether there is any indication whether main graduation ceremonies will go ahead and if so, in what format?
  - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) answered that it won't take part in the regular format this time. Headline message is that the university will work with colleges to help students graduate in absentia. Alternative ceremony will be as similar as possible. No decision has been taken yet on whether everyone will graduate in absentia or whether students will

be able to delay graduation. Should become clearer soon.