CUSU COUNCIL EASTER I MINUTES – 2ND MAY 2016

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*
Poppy Ellis Logan, CUSU-GU Welfare and Rights Officer
Leonardo Buizza, HUS Vice-President External*
Ruth Taylor, HUS President*
Ellen Parker, Jesus JCR Vice-President
Connor MacDonald, HSPS Faculty Rep*
Ellen McPherson, Selwyn JCR Vice-President*
Lee Robertson, Selwyn JCR President*
Finn Kristensen, Trinity JCR Vice-President*
Joe Levin, Queens' JCR Co-President* (Vote shared with Lizzie Carr)
Lizzie Carr, Queens' JCR Co-President* (Vote shared with Joe Levin)
Sam Dixon, Queens' Vice-President*
Martha Krish, Robinson JCR President*
Elsa Maishman, Proxy for Emmanuel JCR President*
Darcy Levison, Sidney Sussex JCR Vice-President*
Carl Martin, Fitzwilliam JCR Vice-President*
Frances Hawker, Peterhouse JCR President*
Elizabeth Lloyd, Peterhouse JCR Vice-President External*
Dan Bowen, Trinity Hall MCR Vice-President External*
Arthur Westwell, Queens' MCR External Rep*
Bethany Bartlett, Newnham JCR Vice-President External*
Rachel Evans, Emmanuel MCR Vice-President*
Mark Driver, Robinson MCR Vice-President*
Ahmed Elmi, WCSA President*
Anna Fee, Robinson MCR President
Simon Scutts, Darwin Ambassador
Alice Ievins, Pembroke GP President*
Sarah Gibson, CUSU LGBT+ President*
Oliver McMillan, Clare MCR President*
Eleni Courea, KCSU President*
James Antell, Magdalene JCR President*
Joshua Peters, Girton JCR President
Tom Meadows, Downing JCR President*
Kat Karpenko, Murray Edwards JCR President*
Beth Greenwood, Murray Edwards JCR Vice-President*
Martin Freimüller, Trinity JCR President*
Louis Ashworth, Varsity
Jonah Surices, Clare JCR Vice-President

Zachary Berenson-Barros, Pembroke JCR Vice-President*
Vera Chapiro, Newnham JCR Rep*
Lola Olufemi
Stephanie Ashenden, Darwin President*
Oliver Hudson, Sidney Sussex JCR President*
Gabriel Fleming, KCSU Vice-President*
Jennie Towler, Trinity Hall JCR Vice-President*
Fenella Keevil, Fitzwilliam JCR President*
Max Edwards, Churchill External Officer*
Jean Lavarenne, Christ's MCR External Officer*
Cloran Ryan, Pembroke JCR President*
Chad Allen, GU President*
Matt Kite, Robinson LGBT+ / Proxy for Robinson JCR Chair*
Sam Pulman-Slater, Trinity Hall JCR President*
Daniel Chouchena, Proxy for Churchill JCR President*
Jessica Wing, Disabled Students' Officer*
Angus Satow, Magdalene JCR Vice-President*
Oliver Mosley, Proxy for St John's JCR President*
Daisy Eyre, Jesus JCR President*
Page Nyame-Satterthwaite, Proxy for Christ's JCR Vice-President*
James Fox, Christ's JCR President*
Amelia Papworth, Fitzwilliam MCR President*
Nafis Khan, BME Campaign President*
Roberta Huldisch, Proxy for Emmanuel JCR Vice-President*
Julie Damborg, Lucy Cavendish SU President*

* - Voting member of CUSU Council (54 total). Highlighted names: Ballot sheet not handed in.

OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mark Driver (Robinson MCR) proposes that motions 10d, 10e, 10g be considered first, to be followed by the remaining ordinary motions, and then the ratification of item 9.

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

Monday 16th May, 7pm, location TBC

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

PRISCILLA MENSAH – CUSU PRESIDENT

- Liaising with University Equality and Diversity (E&D) department and Education Student Policy (ESP) department on Handbook on Racial and Sexual Harassment. Handbook now published and to be disseminated to all Senior Tutors in light of Welfare and Finance Committee
- Secured unconscious bias training for porters, meeting with E&D to discuss best provider to the deliver the training and timeline
- Planned, invited and scheduled first 'Prevent Taskforce' of term to discuss with range of College reps how the Prevent Legislation will operate within University and Colleges; all reps are encouraged to attend.
- Presented the Handbook on Racial and Sexual Harassment at Welfare and Finance on the 25th of April, asking Senior Tutors to disseminate to their support staff and begin dialogue with CUSU on how best they can support students who report racial harassment, sexual harassment or the intersection of both
- Met with Senior Tutor and pastoral support of Hughes Hall to plan a workshop session CUSU Women's officer and I will run on supporting students reporting on racial harassment. Workshop to take place on 2nd May. Workshops at three other Colleges to follow.
- Phone calls with 3 senior tutors in light of discussion about academic parity at the Senior Tutors' Committee in Lent Term; I have 6 more calls to line up before the next STC
- Liaised with, and attended meeting with members of CamCORS committee on how the functionality of CamCORS can be improved to ensure better collection of supervision data (for the purposes of monitoring academic parity more closely).
- Liaising with Nick Wilson, on financial modelling on international student fees
- Met with Cambridge Trust to discuss strategies for increasing Cambridge's funding for international students
- Attending NUS Conference ex officio as lead delegate
- Held a meeting of the Union Development Team to begin the constitutional review process
- 50% of the data for the Welfare Grid has now been collected
- Attended a rent meeting at Girton
- Reported that reform to the affiliation fee process was not presently a priority for the Bursars. Given that this is a precarious income stream for CUSU this is disappointing news but the work to bring about change will continue

JEMMA STEWART – CUSU COORDINATOR

- Conducting the General Manager Annual Review
- Completed the CUSU Policy Document, to be updated following each CUSU Council
- Written the Returning Officers' Report for the 2016 CUSU/GU Elections
- Presenting motions on the election of the Disabled Students' Officer and deferral of the Coordinator election
- Working with the General Manager on the Budget for 2016/17
- Put together the agenda for CUSU Council

- Supporting the Islamic Society to find prayer space within the University, including seconding a motion for CUSU Council
- Took part in the Learning and Teaching Review for Clinical Science (Graduates)
- Taking part in the Learning and Teaching Review for Genetics
- Attended two meetings of the CUSU Board of Trustees
- Stewarded the CUSU WomCam Reclaim The Night March
- Provided training to NUS Delegates
- Wrote the bulletin for last week
- Began organising the CUSU Freshers' Fair plans with staff, including a meeting with Skanska to discuss infrastructure
- Getting started on Affiliation Fee invoicing
- Voter Registration Drive held on King's College lawn in conjunction with KCSU, KCGS and the City Council
- Planning the handover period with staff
- Assisting with the handover of TCS email addresses
- Part of a new committee – the Registration and Compliance Sub-Committee of the Sports Committee, which will first take place on Thursday 28th April
- Assisting with the move to our new downstairs office
- Elections for Ethical Affairs and CUSU Chair will be taking place later this Term

ROBERT CASHMAN – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

- Have been organising the 2016 CUSU Student-Led Teaching Awards (SLTAs). At the time of writing more than 650 nominations have been made, and preparations are underway for the celebration event on 5th May. The panel will choose the winners on Friday, 22nd April
- Have been working with Priscilla and Poppy on the CUSU 'Welfare Grid'
- Held a meeting of the CUSU Education Team
- Was a member of the judging panel for the SLTAs at Anglia Ruskin University
- Took part in the whole-day Learning and Teaching Review of the Faculty of Law
- Attended two meetings of CUSU's Board of Trustees, one of which I chaired
- Attended three meetings of the CamSIS upgrade steering committee
- Attended two meetings of the General Board Education Committee
- Attended a meeting of the Board of Examinations
- Attended a meeting of the Information Services Committee
- Attended a meeting of the University Research Ethics Committee
- Attended a meeting of the General Board
- Co-presented, along with Poppy, on our work on inclusive teaching and learning practice at the National Association of Disability Practitioners Spring Conferences
- Attended the University's inaugural Teaching Forum. I also presented on the CUSU SLTAs at the Teaching Forum
- Met with the Student Registry to discuss information provided to students in advance of exams
- Met with, alongside Poppy, the Secretary of the Applications Committee and the Secretary of the Board of Examinations to discuss how the University supports students who experience delays in diagnosis

- Organised and facilitated a student focus group to help shape the University's Digital Education Strategy
- Attended a Rent Workshop at Wolfson College
- Attended the Students' Unions' Advice Service (SUAS) roadshow at West Cambridge
- Attended the SUAS away-day, and have been supporting the preparation of paperwork for the Advice Quality Standard
- Met with staff at University Information Services (UIS), including a Deputy Director, to discuss how they engage with and support students.
- Ran two days of Student Support Officer training with Poppy
- Attended a meeting of the Planning and Resources Committee
- Attended a meeting of the Exam Review Working Group
- Attended another meeting of the Information Services Committee
- Met with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)
- Attended a meeting of the Oversight Group for Teaching, Learning and Examination Space
- Attended another meeting of the General Board

POPPY ELLIS LOGAN – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

- I submitted my paper on the inadequate state of storage facilities for many students (particularly international/EU students) to the Welfare and Finance Committee
- Worked with Streetbite to get EAT to give all their leftover food to Streetbite (been working on this since Michaelmas and it's finally been confirmed so a BIG WIN)
- Finished the Student Welfare Guide, a comprehensive guide to all welfare matters, available to all students in the University
- Completed the Student Support Officer Handbook and provided to officers at training
- Held Welfare App focus groups
- Spoke at two national conferences about my work on Inclusive Teaching & Learning, and on the Inclusive Education Pledge
- Went to watch Rob at Teaching Forum
- Planning animal welfare events for Girton MCR, John's MCR, MEdwards, Newnham, Emma, Selwyn, Girton and St Cat's
- Organised and hosted two full days of weekend welfare training right at the start of Easter Term so Support Officers aren't burdened with training throughout the term
- Organising the Big Chill
- Planning SUAS Destress Fests
- Working on Welfare Grid
- Met with Daniel Zeichner to discuss NHS delays and lack of bike parking provision at the North West Cambridge site

HELENA BLAIR – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

- Oxford Cambridge Student Conferences (two week UK tour of information events for prospective applicants) delivered presentations to 1000s of sixth-form students
- Advised CUDAR on Welcome to Cambridge events (regional events for incoming students)
- Worked on CUSU Alternative Prospectus website - almost ready to go. Over 200 student contributors for webpages on Courses, Colleges, Cambridge as a city, Students Life and Diversity
- Worked with Priscilla (CUSU President) on paper addressing College rent prices and 'squeezed middle students'
- Developed and added questions to Big Cambridge Survey on bursary and grant support
- Collected testimonies from every College Access Officer on the value of bursaries - this and above has been fed into University's 2015/16 Access Agreement
- Committees: Admissions Forum, Outreach Steering Group, Access Agreement Working Group, Information and Publications Sub-Group, Undergraduate Admissions Committee
- Target Scheme training session - training students to do presentations in schools
- Met with several newly elected JCR Access Officers.
- Met with newly appointed Mature Outreach Officer (staff member) to discuss ideas
- Began planning PGCE Access training session
- Communication with CUSU Shadowing Scheme 2016 participants
- Began writing CUSU Shadowing Scheme 2016 Report

CHARLIE CHORLEY – CUSU WOMEN'S OFFICER

- Ran a Women's Officer training day for JCR/MCR Women's Officers and Welfare Officers
- Led the Reclaim the Night march across Cambridge, and held the RTN vigil
- Organised a Women's Campaign event for International Women's Day, in collaboration with Movement for Justice, looking at detention centres and immigration
- Co-authored a handbook on 'Racial and Sexual Harassment' with CUSU President, Priscilla.
- Planned initial training sessions to deliver training on dealing with sexual and racial harassment to stakeholders with pastoral duties of care
- Attended NUS Women's Conference
- Ran a consent workshop for JCR/MCR Welfare Officers as part of a Welfare Training Day
- Volunteered at Cambridge Rape Crisis and Cambridge Women's Aid
- Attended an Away Day for the Student's Unions' Advice Service
- Met with stakeholders to discuss plans for Intercultural Awareness training for BME Officers, to be delivered during Freshers' Week
- Contacted Autonomous Campaigns about joining the student-led PREVENT taskforce, and began working with CUSU President, Priscilla, to plan its first session
- Co-ran the first Forum of term, looking at issues that specifically affect mature women and graduate students

- Racial and Sexual Harassment handbook is now complete. Will be running workshops on this, and happy to run additional workshops in Colleges
- Last Forum will be taking place this coming Wednesday

ETHICAL AFFAIRS

- No update received

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN (SARAH GIBSON)

- Helping to produce the CUSU Alternative Prospectus
- Campaign on legal existence for non-binary people featured on Arte
- Contributed to Welfare Guide
- Building the Campaign's internal resources
- Garden Party and Rainbow Ball are coming up
- Working with women's Colleges on trans inclusion
- Working with the local Police on tackling hate crime

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN (NAFIS KHAN)

- Recently held elections
- The campaign's committee has grown

CUSU DSC CAMPAIGN

- No update received

ICUSU CAMPAIGN

- No update received

QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

- Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – question to Charlie Chorley – what does volunteering with Cambridge Rape Crisis and Women's Aid involve?

  Response – it is supporting students to volunteer with these organisations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

- Sophie Roborgh (PhD student in POLIS), Dr Anne Alexander (Research Fellow at CRASSH) and Eleanor Hegarty (Cambridge University Amnesty International Group) spoke.

  Sophie – three months ago our colleague and friend Giulio died. We have been trying to find justice. Giulio was a student at Girton / POLIS. We are the front line of defence, and we need to do something. We need help to help us find justice.

Anne – organised open letter. Working with Amnesty International and UCU. Thank you to CUSU for the support given – like the rally. We are looking to organise a week of action from 16th May to get justice. Information will be circulated about this.

Eleanor – a campaign is underway in Cambridge. It will be visual, with poster campaigns, photo campaigns, social media campaigns and a petition. Encouraging letter writing, and campaigns within Common Rooms to find truth for Guilio.

DISCUSSIONS

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator, Elections Committee Chair & Returning Officer) presented.

It is recommended that in future elections as much support as possible is provided for election candidates before and during the election, and that the rules surrounding social media are revamped as they are currently very prescriptive.

It was announced that the new voting platform is likely to be trialled next term with the Part-Time Executive elections.

CUSU BUDGET 2016-17

Priscilla Mensah (CUSU President) and Mark McCormack (CUSU General Manager) presented.

Mark introduces himself and the purpose of his role. Begins by asking Council to remember that this is a proposed budget. Explains that the budget is proposed by the Trustees and that their role is to ensure that the charity advances its objects and remains solvent.

Mark introduces CUSU's funding streams. CUSU is funded by affiliation fees, bank interest, fundraising (commercial, advertising and external publications) and University funds (which have increased in recent years). CUSU does not receive a block grant. (The average students' union receives a block grant of around £1million.) CUSU therefore operates with few options to raise funds. The difficulties of generating income from advertising include the fact that a lot of people at Cambridge want to raise funds through sponsorship – although CUSU is better at that than many, that advertising is very volatile as a funding stream, and that reliance on funding from advertising makes it difficult to move with the pace of the rise of cost of living and increases in expenditure. Advertising income does not mean immediate payment either, but CUSU still needs to have cash in the bank to cover its monthly costs.

Funding from the University has increased in recent years – mainly through contracts and specific activities. These include the Students' Unions' Advice Service (SUAS) and the Freshers' Fair. Most of CUSU's staff roles are attached to a particular kind of University funding.

The CUSU Mail Service is the student mail service (as students are not able to make use of the University's UMS). The Mail Service also has to deliver commercial mail. Sales of NUS Extra Cards have grown. Investment in digital is also starting to pay dividends. Freshers' publications (the Freshers' Guide and Wallplanner) have got harder to raise money from – something which is consistent with others throughout the rest of the UK.

The digital side of TCS is going very well. CUSU also supports BlueSci magazine.

CUSU raises funds through donations and shop services. The Freshers' Fair is a good means of generating revenue – and this is why we have tried to add more value to it.

Staff costs have risen over time. Office costs are generally consistent, but cannot be cut as they represent essential expenditure.

Reference to 'executive administration' refers to elected officers. Under 'costs of generating charitable income' CUSU is looking to restructure its commercial activities to services activities, and is proposing to run more services. Digital screens are an example, and help to fund CUSU's activities.

The University has increased funding for SUAS. The CUSU staff team has increased, and is structured with a Membership Team, and also with a Business Team which is looking to work with the Graduate Union (GU).

The budget is aiming to focus on core activity. CUSU does a lot but has little 'room for give'. The University is unwilling to give a large amount of money in order for CUSU to fund its activities. Core activity is being understood as what the objects of the charity are.

Priscilla added that CUSU must present its accounts and budgets to the University's Council Committee for the Supervision of Students' Unions (CCSSU). This committee advises CUSU on what the University is likely (or unlikely) to fund via its planning round exercise. The committee does not have an appetite to support further funding, and so most of the additional bids CUSU made were not supported.

It was suggested that the University is more likely to open more funding streams if CUSU demonstrates financial credibility. CUSU's Board is therefore of the opinion that CUSU needs a strong reputation for sound finance.

The proposed changes to the budget were therefore outlined. These are to defer the election of the CUSU Coordinator and to stop print publications. TCS was described as being of real value, but there is a question to be asked in any consideration of what is deemed to be CUSU's core purposes. Council were informed that the budget is a proposal. It was noted that TCS' financial performance was going in one direction. The same is true for the Freshers' publications. The Board wish to remove risk, and note that advertising income represents risk, as it could either make a surplus or a loss. The Board is trying to remove the most high risk areas of income generation.

Priscilla noted that the budget represented a proposal to Council. The CUSU Executive is required to propose a break-even budget. This proposed budget includes a £10k surplus. CUSU has reserves because its income from advertising and affiliation fees is volatile. The budget represents attempts to ensure financial stability in coming years, and not just for next year. CUSU does not wish to risk its financial stability. The budget setting process has included a number of difficult decisions. Council can say that other areas of the budget can be removed or reduced, but the budget must break even overall.

Questions:

Adam Crafton (Homerton) – notes that the print market is declining, but feels that it is very unfair that such a short period of notice has been given to TCS. Asks if it can be planned to take place over a number of years so that this can be achieved more gradually. Priscilla Mensah responds that it has been very difficult for CUSU and TCS, and that an extraordinary Board meeting was called so that this could be discussed. TCS has been told about the proposal both formally and informally. It should not, therefore, be a surprise. Adam asks how much notice TCS was given.

Jack May (Gonville and Caius) – asks what the informal channels were. States that CUSU has repeatedly been informed of TCS concerns surrounding print advertising. When TCS met with the Board the figures showed that the only loss-making year for TCS was this year. Asked for the evidence of multiple years of loss making. Priscilla responds by saying that CUSU was aware of this situation, and that not all of CUSU's activities have to necessarily make a surplus, but that CUSU is looking to focus on its core priorities. Priscilla says that the losses for TCS do not take place in a vacuum, and that print advertising income normally is received in the first few months of the year. She cites the reason for The Tab having a Freshers' edition as being because companies most want to advertise at the start of the year. Print newspapers are not generating the income they used to, and a national newspaper has already moved to being online only.

Jemma Stewart adds that she has a link with TCS, and that at their last AGM she reported that the paper's losses were around £20k, that the Autonomous Campaigns get less funding than does TCS, and that if CUSU could support TCS more it would. CUSU supports TCS as much as it can, and looks for ways to make savings. The TCS figures presented at the meeting with the Board did not include the overall costs of supporting the paper, and these were included in the budget presentation to Council. It was again stated that CUSU's Board wished to take control of the union's financial situation.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – No Definition has been discontinued, and is now Get Real. It didn't appear in last year's budget, but there was £1k allocated for it. There is no funding for publications in this year's budget. Asks if there will be any funding for publications for the coming year.

Mark responds – each Autonomous Campaign gets £2k, which can be allocated how the Autonomous Campaign chooses. Mark asks if the Campaign normally gets sponsorship.

Sarah responds – the budget allocates £300 to the Women's Campaign for Gender Agenda.

Mark responds – each Autonomous Campaign gets £2k which it can allocate as it chooses. The figure in the budget is for the year as a whole, and can be spent as wanted. Can also propose changes to the budget if wanted.

Sarah responds – the Campaign doesn't normally actively fundraise. Asks why fundraising income has been included when it isn't normally.

Mark responds – the equality of funding for the Autonomous Campaigns was standardised last year. Charlie adds that Reclaim the Night is included in the Women's Campaign budget.

Em Travis – last year's budget had £1k for socials and publications. Asks for explanation of why this year's is different.

Charlotte Ivers (Pembroke) – Cambridge Union Society runs three print publications, and one student officer is responsible for getting sponsorship. TCS could be funded this way, but it requires a lot of capital upstart. Asks if CUSU will consider funding upstart for TCS so that it can do so. Priscilla responds that the money do so would need to be sought from elsewhere in the budget. Jemma notes the constitutional clause which allows Council to reduce one budget line up and another down.

Alice Ievins (Pembroke GPC President) – is there any information on how many people access print and/or on-line versions of TCS? Priscilla invites a representative of TCS to respond, and notes that it has been suggested by some that too many copies are printed. Jack May responds that when asking in 2015 if circulation could move from 9000 to 5000 was advised that that was not possible as doing so would not be commercially competitive.

Angus Satow (Magdalene JCR) – Council Free Budget is barely used, and so its budget should be reduced or it should be advertised more. Priscilla responds that there is not a clear pattern of requests for funding from the Free Budget, and that there is a motion at this meeting requesting funds from it. Is keen that it remains and suggests that it is promoted more next year, but notes that Council can cut it if it wants to. Jemma adds that the Free Budget was kept as there is now a system of participatory budgeting. Now that there is a new Part-Time Executive they can bring requests for funds from the Council Free Budget to Council.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – asks if the NUS Conference funding allocation is fully used. States that the LGBT+ Campaign would also like to attend NUS Conferences. Mark McCormack responds that the budget line includes the Autonomous Campaign attendance at Conferences.

Mark Driver (Robinson MCR) – notes request to change order of agenda items so that the budget would be ratified after the vote on relevant motions which may have budgetary implications.

Elsa Maishmann (Emmanuel) – TCS currently printing 19 issues, whereas Varsity is printing one per fortnight. Asks why CUSU is proposing to fully cut the TCS print run if CUSU is not in financial difficulties or financially incompetent. Priscilla responds by saying that CUSU

experiences financial difficulties most years and that this does not necessarily imply financial incompetence. Elsa asks why there was no room for manoeuvre in the budget. Priscilla responds that the Board proposed this budget because it had to. Cuts cannot take place elsewhere – such as officer development funds, conferences, Autonomous Campaigns because the budget is about meeting CUSU's core objectives. Elsa then asks why the paper is being cut when CUSU is in financial difficulties rather than crisis, and when 400 students had signed a petition against cutting TCS' print run. Priscilla responds that she serves 22000 students and has to make decisions. She states that it is difficult and that is why this budget is proposed to Council for discussion.

Jack May (Gonville and Caius) – requests explanation of section K.9.a.ii of the Constitution. Paragraph (b) suggests that £20k can be used to continue to fund TCS under these regulations. Asks at what point a motion should be presented to Council. Priscilla responds that the budget will be ratified at the next Council meeting.

Mark McCormack adds that investment in TCS is not necessarily capital investment. Capital involves retained investment. Adds that the Board discussed whether it was willing to make an investment, but felt that there was not a sufficient business case for this. If Council is willing to do so that is a decision which could be made. Priscilla adds to this that the Board was unwilling to do so because of the risk this would involve, and the risk there may be in future years.

Vote on ratification of the budget deferred until the next meeting of CUSU Council.

ORDINARY MOTIONS

OPENING NOMINATIONS FOR THE CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS' OFFICER

Proposed by Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator, Returning Officer), seconded by Charlotte Chorley (CUSU Women's Officer, CUSU Elections Committee)

PROPOSITION (JEMMA STEWART):

Is the Returning Officer this year. CUSU's Board of Trustees have approved that the election for the Disabled Students' Officer take place this year. A timeline for the election is proposed.

OPPOSITION:

None

QUESTIONS

Jess Wing (Disabled Students' Officer) – amend the dates for voting opening and closing. Accepted as friendly.

Roberta Huldisch (Emmanuel) – running in an election is very stressful, especially when the campaigning period is so close to the start of voting. Proposes that the candidates briefing takes place sooner than is proposed in the motion. Accepted as friendly.

Summation speeches waived.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
Sam Dixon
Ellen McPherson
Daisy Eyre
Bethany Bartlett
Frances Hawker
Dan Bowen
Leonardo Buizza
Lee Robertson
Oliver McMillan
Beth Greenwood
James Antell
Finn Fristensen
Zachary Berenson-Barros
Gabriel Fleming
Cloran Ryan
Chad Allen
Arthur Westwell
Oliver Hudson
Eleni Courea
Alice Ievins
Matthew Kite
Nafis Khan
Julie Damborg
Mark Driver
Sarah Gibson
Vera Chapiro
Carl Martin
Kat Karpenko
Sam Pulman-Slater
Tom Meadows
Ruth Taylor
Darcy Levison
Lizzie Carr / Joseph Levin
Page Nyame-Satterthwaite
James Fox
Elizabeth Lloyd
Rachel Evans
Elsa Maishman
Charlie Chorley
Martin Freimüller
Angus Satow
Ahmed Elmi

Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Roberta Huldisch
Daniel Chouchena
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(52 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Jean Lavarenne
Oliver Mosley
(2 votes)

DEFERRING THE ELECTION OF THE CUSU COORDINATOR

Proposed by Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator, Returning Officer), seconded by Charlotte Chorley (CUSU Women's Officer, CUSU Elections Committee)

PROPOSITION (JEMMA STEWART):

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jemma Stewart and I have been the Coordinator for two years. I was first elected following a failed referendum to change the role to Campaigns and Societies Officer, with the promise of a broader remit and a lot of the administrative duties moved to the CUSU Staff Team. Unfortunately this didn't happen, because institutional memory demanded that certain jobs be done by the Coordinator, and there was not the impetus to change. In 1992, the role was described as performing boring, menial and thankless tasks (that may be useful or important), and I can say that not much has changed in the past 24 years. Council, it is not within the interests of our membership, nor the spirit of a union, to elect a representative to run the administration of the Union. The Coordinator has little representative duties and this burden can easily be moved to other officers, and I can speak from two years of experience that the administration will be much more difficult to transition away from elected officers, which is why I think we should have a forceful move in deferring the Coordinator election. Discussions have taken place within the sabbatical team and we believe that the administrative work can be moved.

Having been in the role whilst constitutional changes have been discussed, I can guarantee that critical discussions on the merits and demerits of this role are more difficult, both as the person who is being discussed in the role, and seeing people try not to offend that person too.

I would strongly recommend you vote for this motion.

OPPOSITION (CORNELIUS ROEMER):

CUSU has big difficulties with its administration at the moment. CUSU should be student-led, and this motion will mean that only 3.5 sabbatical officers are representing all students. Reducing this number would reduce student involvement. There are already difficulties with following the required processes. The Coordinator could become like a Minister without portfolio, supporting the other sabbatical officers with their campaigns.

In response to the argument that CUSU does not have enough money, there are proposals for how it could save £40k. Don't understand the point about emotional wellbeing – CUSU will need to discuss the roles of all sabbatical officers in this process.

QUESTIONS

Zac (Pembroke JPC) – can the spelling of effectiveness be corrected. Accepted as friendly.

Queens' JRC Co-President – does the proposed budget factor in having a Coordinator? Mark McCormack responds that the budget is for six sabbatical officers.

Angus Satow (Magdalene JRC) – has withdrawn proposed amendments. Asks how CUSU will deal with getting all of the necessary work done. Priscilla responds by saying that CUSU will be able to appoint someone to undertake some of the administrative tasks.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – asks how the spread of the Coordinator's work can be effectively communicated. The Coordinator is like something of a sink for everything going on. Jemma responds that the website will be updated and that the handover period used to communicate changes. Any information deficit in this regard will be sought to be overcome.

Alice Ievins (Pembroke GPC President) – is the position of Coordinator found elsewhere. Jemma responds that the role is unique.

Amatey Doku (Jesus) – asks what the timeline for the constitutional review is. Priscilla responds that it has already started, and will involve Amatey.

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity) – the constitutional review is why the Coordinator role should stay on. There is a lot to do with improving CUSU's communications and website. Jemma responds that this does not have to be done by someone who has been elected.

Gabriel (King's) - asks if there is enough money set aside to allow CUSU to fund having someone to cover the administrative duties. Priscilla responds that it would be a part-time role. Gabriel asks if that would be enough time. Jemma responds that some work would also pass to other staff.

Louis Ashworth (Varsity) – asks for explanation of the Services and Fundraising Manager role. Mark McCormack responds that the previous role of Commercial Services Manager has been restructured to create the Services and Fundraising Manager. Adds that there is a job description on the CUSU website. Louis requests further information on what the job entails. Mark responds that the manager oversees income generation activities and the staff responsible for this work, and that they will be developing the service-orientated approach. Louis asks if this is a new role, Mark responds that it is an existing role for which the University provides funding.

Mark Driver (Robinson MCR) – Coordinator is a relic from past times when there were few/no staff at CUSU. Roles should change to reflect the present situation.

CLOSING SPEECH (JEMMA STEWART)

Agrees with Mark Driver that CUSU has had the role for a long time. CUSU should elect representatives rather than people to run the organisation.

CLOSING SPEECH (CORNELIUS ROEMER)

Students are more effective in certain jobs. CUSU should not reduce the number of elected officers.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
Sam Dixon
Ellen McPherson
Daisy Eyre
Bethany Bartlett
Frances Hawker
Dan Bowen
Leonardo Buizza
Lee Robertson
Beth Greenwood
James Antell
Finn Fristensen
Zachary Berenson-Barros
Cloran Ryan
Arthur Westwell
Oliver Hudson
Eleni Courea
Alice Ievins
Matthew Kite
Nafis Khan
Julie Damborg
Mark Driver
Sarah Gibson
Vera Chapiro
Carl Martin
Sam Pulman-Slater
Tom Meadows
Ruth Taylor
Darcy Levison
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James Fox
Elizabeth Lloyd
Rachel Evans
Elsa Maishman
Charlie Chorley
Martin Freimüller
Ahmed Elmi
Amelia Papworth
Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Roberta Huldisch
Daniel Chouchena
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(45 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Jean Lavarenne

Oliver Mosley
Oliver McMillan
Gabriel Fleming
Chad Allen
Kat Karpenko
Lizzie Carr / Joseph Levin
Angus Satow
Jennie Towler
(9 votes)

APPROVING THE SABBATICAL OFFICER CONTRACTS 2016-17

Proposed by Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator), seconded by Priscilla Mensah (CUSU President)

PROPOSITION (JEMMA STEWART):

We are required to approve these at CUSU Council, and these documents are broadly in line with other contracts of employment.

OPPOSITION (CORNELIUS ROEMER):

These are more like employment contracts than those for student representatives. They require sabbatical officers to do things like give a four week notice period, be line-managed, not leave the office without notifying others. The roles should be more like elected MPs or Government Ministers.

QUESTIONS

Amatey Doku (Jesus) – asks if there have been any major changes. Priscilla responds that there have not. Notes that sabbatical officers are also employees and subject to internal policy. Most things in the contracts are there to help the team run effectively. CUSU's address has changed, and there have been some changes in response to changes in pensions legislation. The contracts also cover various statutory rights.

Angus Satow (Magdalene JRC) – sabbatical officers often work in excess of their contracted hours. Asks how this is addressed. Jemma responds that sabbatical officers are able to take Time Off In Lieu (TOIL).

CLOSING SPEECH (CORNELIUS ROEMER)

Some clauses in these contracts should be re-written. People should abstain from voting to show their dissatisfaction.

CLOSING SPEECH (JEMMA STEWART)

Encourages Council to vote for the contracts.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
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Leonardo Buizza
Lee Robertson
Oliver McMillan
Beth Greenwood
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Angus Satow
Ahmed Elmi
Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Daniel Chouchena
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(49 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Jean Lavarenne
Oliver Mosley
Chad Allen
Roberta Huldisch
(4 votes)

APPOINTMENT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SELECTION GROUP

Proposed by the Union Development Team. (Proposition speech deferred to Robert Cashman, CUSU Education Officer).

PROPOSITION (ROBERT CASHMAN):

Proposes the motion, noting that this is a requirement of the Standing Orders. There are two student Trustees, who will be appointed by Council. Apologises for the delay in the process, and notes that volunteers for the group came forward following this being discussed at CUSU Council Lent III.

OPPOSITION

None

QUESTIONS

Angus Satow (Magdalene JCR) - asks how long the student Trustees will serve for. Rob responds that the standard term of office is one year.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
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Ahmed Elmi
Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Daniel Chouchena
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(47 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Jean Lavarenne
Oliver Mosley
Sam Dixon
Lizzie Carr / Joseph Levin
(4 votes)

ENSURING FAIR, EQUITABLE RENT NEGOTIATIONS AND PRICES WITHIN COLLEGIATE CAMBRIDGE

Proposed by Priscilla Mensah (CUSU President) and Eleni Courea (ec537@cam.ac.uk)

PROPOSITION (PRISCILLA MENSAH):

This represents a manifesto commitment. CUSU cannot get directly involved with rent negotiations. The CUSU President's job is to empower representatives with the information they need, and this has included three roaming rent workshops last term.

Most Colleges have banded rents, but some do not. Has worked with King's, Girton and others on rents already. This mandates the President to carry out this work, and the use of equality impact assessments.

OPPOSITION:

None

QUESTIONS

Helena Blair (CUSU Access Officer) – can the motion be amended in resolves 1 to 'CUSU, led by the CUSU President', as each year the involvement of particular CUSU sabbatical officers may differ each year. Accepted as friendly.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – asks what is being referred to in 'no more than a certain percentage of income'. Priscilla responds that CUSU is asking the University to work this out, and that NUS has some average amounts. There is not a precise figure at this stage. Amendment proposed to address this. Accepted as friendly.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
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Sam Dixon
Ellen McPherson
Daisy Eyre
Bethany Bartlett
Frances Hawker
Dan Bowen
Leonardo Buizza
Lee Robertson
Oliver McMillan
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Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Roberta Huldisch
Daniel Chouchena
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(53 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Oliver Mosley
(1 vote)

ENACT A REFERENDUM ON DISAFFILIATION FROM THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

Proposed by Jack May (jom24@cam.ac.uk) and Adam Crafton (ahc35@cam.ac.uk)

PROPOSITION (ADAM CRAFTON):

It is important that this is a motion for a referendum rather than for disaffiliation. Sets out the NUS definition of anti-Semitism. Based upon the definition used by the European Forum on Anti-Semitism.

Malia Bouattia has described Birmingham as a Zionist outpost, and talked of Zionist conspiracies taking over the media and world affairs. Reference to Zionist media is used to describe Jewish people as traitorous and as destroyers of communities. Anti-Semitism is still a problem. Jewish schools need to have security, and British Jews are often undeserving victims of attack.

Malia Bouattia is an elected representative, setting herself out as leading a representative organisation.

Since the last affiliation referendum in 2010 the political landscape has changed dramatically. This motion is not asking to disaffiliate, but to give students an opportunity to decide if they want to be represented by someone in this way.

OPPOSITION

None.

QUESTIONS

Angus Satow speaks in favour of his proposed amendments. The whole situation has caused concern in Cambridge and nationally. Malia Bouattia does not represent a fundamental change in direction – she has put liberation at the forefront of her campaign.

She has addressed her criticism against the Israeli state rather than against Jewish people. There has been a failure to recognise the context to her language. She and NUS are not anti-Semitic as these are purely political arguments being put forward.

CUSU Notes 1 and 2 are not accurate

Adam responds to Angus – states that has not called Malia Bouattia anti-Semitic, but as having used anti-Semitic rhetoric. Just because she is a Black Muslim woman it doesn't mean that she can't have prejudices. Wants to take the concerns Jewish students have seriously. Says there are concerns for the Jewish community and from others in the campaign.

Angus responds – there is a bigger problem here. Suggests amendments.

Amendment to Notes 1 accepted as friendly.

Notes 2 amended by proposer.

Angus – proposes striking Resolves 2. People with the most experience should be able to use that voice. It is strange to gag them for these reasons.

Adam responds – because Priscilla was running in an NUS election when the motion was submitted it was felt there was scope for a conflict of interest. Sabbatical officers should be able to inform people. There are also financial consequences to this motion – CUSU's budget is stretched. Losing NUS Extra Card sales could cost £10k. There could be a conflict of interest here.

Priscilla – we have one of the closest relationships with NUS. Delegates saw first-hand the policy which got passed, and the elections. Believes we should have a right to speak about this issue. Cites the Black Sabbs network as an example of the support sabbatical officers receive. Has worked with NUS on a range of matters, including rents. If sabbatical officers are gagged they can't share their experience. Financial arguments will be made on both sides by the Elections Committee.

Jack May responds – the motion doesn't mention NUS delegates. It is important that people who know have a chance to speak. The clear issue is financial interest. It is important not to confuse the financial interest with the central issue behind the referendum.

Adam – student media was told to remain neutral in the elections because of the possibility of swaying the outcome of the vote if they didn't. If sabbatical officers come out with a position that will sway the vote.

Jemma Stewart responds – taking a position was permitted at the last referendum.

Connor MacDonald –there is more to NUS than delegates and conference. There is a need to discuss other elements too, and sabbatical officers can do this.

Charlie Chorley – sabbatical officers were criticised for not commenting on the DSO referendum. It is sinister if sabbatical officers cannot speak on this.

Adam responds – the Resolves is to stay officially neutral.

Priscilla responds – CUSU is often told of not communicating well enough. CUSU sabbatical officers should have a right to speak on this.

Mark Driver – the motion should be democratic, but this is restricting the democratic voice. The only people who should be neutral are those on the elections committee. Sabbatical officers have the most experience in this.

Sarah Gibson – preventing sabbatical officers from commenting is unconstitutional. The Women's Officer cannot be bound by this as they are the head of an Autonomous Campaign.

Jack – suggests changing the wording. Doesn't want to see a statement that all sabbatical officers are in or out.

Olly Hudson –this motion applies double standards. This is putting one set of arguments ahead of another. We should strike this resolution.

Roberta Huldisch – should this be that CUSU doesn't have an institutional opinion. It is not clear cut on the financial side of the debate.

Adam responds – there is a £250/year affiliation fee, costs for conferences. The loss would be around £13k. The fee for the website is around £10k.

Jemma responds –the elections committee will be tasked with producing neutral information for both sides.

Angus – summation in favour of the proposed amendment. All speakers bar two have shown this Resolves to be unfair.

Adam – summation against the proposed amendment. Oxford have called for a referendum, and the OUSU President wrote in the Independent that leaving NUS would only do harm. Don't want CUSU to dismiss the concerns of Jewish students straight away.

Amendment clearly passes – Resolves 2 is removed.

Charlie Chorley proposes an amendment that a referendum be called at a regular interval – possibly every three years. It is naïve to believe that this referendum would only concern the NUS President-elect.

Adam responds – there is a concern that some would present the JSoc as responsible for the disaffiliation, and so want a regular review of CUSU's affiliation.

Charlie responds – could have a review every two years.

Jack May responds – remove reference to Malia Bouattia, and have a referendum in two years. Motion amended.

Daisy (Jesus) – concerned that the underlying issues may be overshadowed because of a focus on the referendum. CUSU should agree to condemn these issues – possibly through a separate motion. Disaffiliating involves more than just making a statement – it doesn't take into account the statements made by Malia Bouattia.

Jemma responds – could add Resolves 4 to condemn these statements.

Adam responds – this is already being condemned. Asks if we need to keep emphasising this condemnation.

KCSU representative – asks if under Resolves 3 CUSU Council can resolve to re-affiliate.

Jemma responds – this would need a further referendum, as referenda are the highest level of CUSU's policy-making process.

Olly – the election of Malia Bouattia is one thing, but this is also speaking to a much larger cultural issue which could also be factored into this motion. These statements are symptomatic of something deeper.

Jack responds – could bring a separate motion, or insert Notes 2 to the effect that the concerns about anti-Semitism are not limited to the election of Malia Bouattia.

Priscilla – adds that there are more recent concerns of anti-Semitism within NUS.

Em Travis – this does make a difference. Calling for a referendum sends a statement. Worry about co-option of Jewish students' concerns in the debate given the other issues.

Mark Driver – proposes amendment to mandate sabbatical officers to raise these concerns directly with NUS.

Jack responds – strange to raise concerns in this way if a referendum takes place.

Jemma responds – this is about taking immediate action.

Jack responds – clarifies if this means writing a letter or issuing a statement.

Adam – the whole country has already raised concerns. Asks what writing a letter would achieve for us.

Jemma speaks in favour of the proposed amendment – we should mandate sabbatical officers to send a strong statement to NUS insisting that action gets taken.

Jack speaks against the proposed amendment – it is unclear what this action will achieve. There are still a lot of questions to be answered.

Adam – the voices of the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford are very powerful. This would be a big statement if CUSU were to make it. Asks why there is a need to be mandated to do this. This could be done independently – CUSU should be making a clear statement irrespective of there being a referendum.

Gabriel (Trinity) – supports the proposed Resolves. Heartened by people saying that they want to listen to Jewish students. The referendum is an important thing to happen now.

Amendment voted on. Amendment clearly passes.

Anna (Trinity) speaks against the motion – this is a big statement to make. We should be thinking about this together. Doesn't believe that Malia Bouattia has made anti-Semitic comments. States that these refer to allegations, and that they need to remain as allegations at least until the referendum takes place. Other students are concerned by what is happening.

The entire motion is about Malia Bouattia from beginning to end. It is premised on the basis that Malia Bouattia has made anti-Semitic comments. Alleged to have equated Zionism with the University of Birmingham JSoc. States that Malia Bouattia instead said that the leadership of the Birmingham JSoc was dominated by Zionist activists. Malia Bouattia has not equated Zionism with Jewish people. Malia Bouattia is a passionate, pro-Palestine activist. She is alleged to be criticising large Jewish body within her own University. This is nothing to do with her criticising Jewish students. She is not necessarily anti-Semitic; she is able to criticise the state of Israel.

We shouldn't be throwing Malia Bouattia under the bus. She is committed to uprooting racism. We should be proud that she is the first Black Muslim woman NUS President.

Malia Bouattia doesn't feel entitled to speak about the right of people to protest. The right of resistance in international law is very complex. This has nothing to do with anti-Semitism.

Reference to Zionist-led media carries worrying tones of anti-Semitism. She has been clear that she was referring to bias the media towards Israel and against Palestine. Malia Bouattia has been consistent in criticising media bias when it is pro-Israel.

Joe (Queens' JCR) – there is a more systemic problem. At the National Conference there were speakers against Holocaust Memorial Day, the Anti-Racism Anti-Fascism campaign lost its Jewish member seat, and an NEC member spoke of institutional anti-Semitism.

Ran (Wolfson) – so many people have commented about how her comments have made them feel. The term 'Zionist-led' is being banded around. Malia Bouattia has not apologised.

Anna responds – asks in what contexts can 'Zionism' be used. She is talking about political use of 'Zionism'.

Connor MacDonald – the NUS faction of which Malia Bouattia is a member voted for there to be no Jewish student representation on the ARAF Committee.

Julius (King's) – asks how what Malia Bouattia has said is not anti-Semitic. NUS's own rules say that it is.

Anna responds – there are various ways in which Zionism has been used. Here it is the political definition which is being used.

Xavier (Trinity) – it was said that Malia Bouattia has reiterated not being anti-Semitic. Someone who was anti-Semitic would not admit to being anti-Semitic.

Anna responds – was talking about the pro-Israel bias in the media. The media vastly favours the Israeli narrative.

Leo – procedural motion – move to a vote.

Mark Driver – procedural motion – take the motion in parts.

Gabriel (Trinity) – asks if there is a unanimous view among the Council.

Vote on procedural motion to move to a vote. Procedural motion passes.

Mark Driver – proposes that Council vote on Resolves 1 first, and then Resolves 2,3,4 together.

Mark speaks in favour of the procedural motion – there is already a near unanimous view on Resolves 1. For Resolves 2,3,4 it has been expressed that the timing of the referendum is not ideal given the time of year, and that the student body is about to turn over.

Adam speaks against the procedural motion – Resolves 1 has already passed through the Council once. This procedural motion seems to be distancing the letter from the referendum. Malia Bouattia will take up office as NUS President in the summer. Those about to leave the University have an obligation to see what we are leaving for those starting in Michaelmas Term.

Vote on whether to take the motion in parts.

For – 22

Against – 19

Abstain – 11

Procedural motion passes.

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity) – a two-thirds majority is needed to pass this. Council should vote on external affiliations every year. 1 third voting to disaffiliate will be sufficient.

Speech opposing Resolves 1 – none.

Speech proposing Resolves 1 – none.

Speech opposing Resolves 2,3,4 – Anastasia (Murray Edwards) – doing this through a referendum is a different issue. The referendum will address the broader issue of affiliation, which may undermine these issues and lead to us having less representation. We should fight for change within NUS.

Speech proposing Resolves 2,3,4 – motion proposers – 85% of the Cambridge JSoc wanted to have a referendum. To those who say that Jewish students should stand in NUS elections – they should not have to do so, they should already have equal representation.

Procedural motion proposed to defer all further business to the next scheduled meeting of CUSU Council. Procedural motion passes.

VOTING RECORD

Part 1 (Resolves 1)

For:
Martha Krish
Oliver Mosley
Sam Dixon
Ellen McPherson
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Lee Robertson
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James Fox
Elizabeth Lloyd
Rachel Evans
Elsa Maishman
Charlie Chorley
Martin Freimüller
Angus Satow
Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
(42 votes)

Against:
Vera Chapiro
(1 vote)

Abstain:
Jean Lavarenne
Nafis Khan
Ahmed Elmi
(3 votes)

Part 2 (Resolves 2,3,4)

For:
Oliver Mosley
Sam Dixon
Ellen McPherson
Daisy Eyre
Bethany Bartlett
Frances Hawker
Dan Bowen
Leonardo Buizza

Lee Robertson
Oliver McMillan
Beth Greenwood
James Antell
Finn Fristensen
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James Fox
Elizabeth Lloyd
Rachel Evans
Elsa Maishman
Charlie Chorley
Martin Freimüller
Fenella Keevil
(33 votes)

Against:
Julie Damborg
Mark Driver
Sarah Gibson
Vera Chapiro
Carl Martin
Kat Karpenko
Sam Pulman-Slater
(7 votes)

Abstain:
Martha Krish
Jean Lavarenne
Matthew Kite
Nafis Khan
Angus Satow
Ahmed Elmi
Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
(8 votes)

(5 votes for this motion were deemed invalid).

ASSISTING THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY IN THE PROVISION OF A VENUE FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS

Proposed by Burhan Ashraf (ba336@cam.ac.uk), seconded by Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator)

PROPOSITION (BURHAN ASHRAF):

Friday prayers are a religious obligation on a lot of Muslims. The obligation is to pray a communal Friday prayer, normally around lunchtime. The nearest Mosque is on Mill Road. The Islamic Society used to be able to use the Small Examinations Hall on the New Museums Site for free, but they no longer have access to this space.

This means that they have to pay for an alternative venue, which is costing £660 a year. Paying this much money for something essential means that the Islamic Society is taking a big financial hit. They want to work with the University, and want to engage CUSU for support with this. They would appreciate support from the Council Free Budget.

OPPOSITION

None

QUESTIONS

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity) – asks if the Societies Syndicate has been approached for support with this. It is extraordinary for CUSU to fund this. CUSU cannot fund a limitless liability. Burhan responds that the Islamic Society do take out a specific grant from the Societies Syndicate to fund Explore Islam Week. It is hard to put a specific request in as this does not fit into any of the Syndicate's broad categories. There is also no guarantee of getting a grant, and the Syndicate may not choose to fund this. There hasn't been a thought of a specific cap on how much funding to request from the Council Free Budget so far.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – asks if this funding is only for one year. Jemma responds that policy is active for three years, and this would therefore be in play for three years. Sarah asks if it is appropriate to commit funding for three years instead of just this year. Response that not sure if wanting to bring a new motion every year, as not asking for a huge amount of money and would like the financial back-up.

Olly Hudson (Sidney Sussex JCR) – feels that cannot give uncapped free budget for three years. Proposes that resolves 2 be removed, and that resolves 3 becomes resolves 2. Accepted as friendly.

Daisy (Jesus) – asks if this is only for one year. Brendan responds that future years' funds cannot be spent now. Daisy asks if this means that the Islamic Society will have to come back every year to request further funds. Brendan responds that it does. Jemma adds that the plan is to campaign for a new space, and that the University is responsive to this.

Gabriel (Trinity) – proposes to add resolves 3 'in the event of not finding a venue funds will be apportioned from the Free Budget in future years'. Mark Driver (Robinson MCR) asks if this is for two years or three. Jemma explains the present state of the motion and that policy is active for three years.

Chad Allen (GU President) – it is unusual to allocate present year's budget for future years.

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity) – CUSU is in financial difficulty and this sets a precedent. Asks why the University is not funding this. Burhan asks where the Free Budget comes from. Jemma explains that it is from CUSU. In response to the question about why this is requested from Council rather than the Societies Syndicate, Jemma explains that supporting students to express their religious beliefs is worth CUSU spending money on, and is not something students should have to incur a cost for themselves.

Cornelius Roemer (Trinity – if unspent money in the Free Budget goes into the reserves, could it be spent on TCS? Jemma responds that there is not going to be an argument on whether something is worth more or less than something else.

Angus Satow (Magdalene JCR) – do the funds remain with CUSU? Jemma responds that CUSU will hold the funds and will reimburse the Islamic Society as required.

Sarah Gibson (CUSU LGBT+ Campaign) – proposes that the motion is voted on in parts. Accepted.

Council votes on resolves 3.

Council votes on resolves 1-2.

VOTING RECORD

For:
Martha Krish
Jean Lavarenne
Sam Dixon
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Daisy Eyre
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Frances Hawker
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Ahmed Elmi
Jennie Towler
Amelia Papworth
Stephanie Ashenden
Fenella Keevil
Connor MacDonald
Roberta Huldisch
Jessica Wing
Max Edwards
(52 votes)

Against:
(0 votes)

Abstain:
Oliver Mosley
Daniel Chouchena
(2 votes)

MOTION FOR RATIONAL AND CONSULTATIVE BUDGETING FOR 2016-17

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Motion deferred until the next meeting of CUSU Council.