

CUSU Council Lent I
7pm, Monday 22th January 2018
University Centre, Cormack Room

AGENDA

1. Objections to the order of items on the agenda
2. Corrections to the minutes of the last Council Meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last Council Meeting
 - a. None
4. Date, time and venue of upcoming Council meetings:
 - a. To be confirmed via email and the CUSU Council Facebook page.
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Discussions
 - a. Mid-year Budget Review
9. Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council
 - a. CUSU Motion to Support Fossil Fuel Divestment
 - b. Motion to Encourage JCR and MCR Committees to Include Elected Student Minority Positions
 - c. Free Education Motion
10. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions
11. Proposed Ordinary Action Motions
 - a. Motion to clarify quorum at CUSU Council, and to change the CUSU Standing Orders regarding votes at CUSU Council
12. Elections Committee Elections
13. Any Other Business

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Please see supporting documents

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

DAISY EYRE – CUSU PRESIDENT

- Organised CUSU Council
- Organised Demo for the Living Wage outside of Senate House
- Attended University Council and the EU Advisory Group
- Presented sessions on “Rent and the Cost of Living” and “Standing up for Students” at CUSU Council
- Helped out with students arriving for the shadowing scheme
- Met with prospective candidates for CUSU President
- Offered JCR and MCR Presidents a range of slots for meetings
- Met with Pro-VC for Education Grahame Virgo
- Put on very successful Christmas Mince Pies and Mulled Wine event for University staff we work with
- Sent the first Senior Tutors’ Bulletin
- Ran first “Intermission Welcome Back” of term

MARTHA KRISH – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

- Was a member of the ICE Programme Review Panel
- Attended University Card Committee
- Attended the Board of Exams
- Attended two General Board Meetings
- Attended General Board Education Committee
- Met with my new PTE to make plans for the upcoming term
- Ran a focus group with FutureLib for BME students about their experiences of learning and resources at Cambridge
- Lent term campaign planning meetings
- Attended CUSU’s Christmas Staff Engagement event
- Involved in recruitment for a member of the CUSU Membership Team
- Put together a funding bid for the Student-Led Teaching Awards
- Launched nominations for the Student-Led Teaching Awards
- Planned and attended CUSU Conference
- Launched NSS Boycott
- Completed the first draft of the Faculty Rep Audit Resource
- Planned and ran Faculty Rep Training

FLORENCE OULDS – CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ OFFICER

- Catalogued the CUSU Liberation Libraries and got them ready to move into the lounge

- Planned campaigns and projects for Lent
- Helped with and running sessions for CUSU Conference
- Helped with the Shadowing Scheme
- Hosted Intermission welcome back event with Daisy & Micha
- Made term card of events for Lent
- Prepared draft of survey for disabled students on Healthcare and Services in Cambridge
- Launched accessible room survey

LOLA OLUFEMI – CUSU WOMEN’S OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

MICHA FRAZER-CARROLL – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

- Welfare is Political events and termcard complete
- Micha delivered Welfare Training last weekend and sexual health training will be this weekend
- Running a 'Supporting Your Friends' workshop, and relaunching the guide after the workshop (won't be attending Council because it's at the same time)
- BME mental health support project work
- Designed and delivered two sessions at CUSU Conference, one on 'Team Dynamics and Conflict Resolution' and one on 'Looking After Yourself in Your Role'. Also co-designed and delivered 'Disability in Cambridge'

OLIVIA HYLTON-PENNANT – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

- Ran 7 training sessions for student mentors and Access Officer volunteers
- Ran Week 1 Shadowing Scheme
- Conducted a school visit
- Attended meetings with bursars, senior tutors and staff from admissions research teams
- Highlighted a 'day in a life' of Access Officer on the Newnham JCR Instagram

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN

- Survey - closes on the 27th January at 6pm, nearly 250 responses so far
- History Month - have been working with CamQueerHistory on filling the month, have events nearly every day, over 70 events this term
- Contacting reps for both colleges and faculties - trying to find where we need to focus our efforts, thinking especially in terms of gender neutral toilets
- New committee handover - have a new committee who are committed to ensuring sufficient events and engagement with the community

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN

- iCUSU Brexit Forum -> 29th January -> forum open to all students on issues affecting Cambridge Students after Brexit (exchange with foreign universities, tuition fees, visas), including after they graduate.
- Byelection of the remaining position of the committee planned

CUSU WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU ETHICAL AFFAIRS CAMPAIGN

- We have been working on the living wage campaign, with a demo outside senate house on the morning that council discusses the grace submitted to demand all Cambridge staff are paid the living wage.
- We have had a brand refresh and are re-launching the CUSU Ethical Affairs Facebook page in order to share news and advertise green and ethical events around Cambridge.
- We have attended the ESSC committee.
- We have attended green officer meetings to share ideas and to publicize Ethical Affairs and its role.
- We have had meetings with the Environment and Energy section in order to collaborate on strategy and discuss how we can best publicize their work and resources among green officers.
- We are planning events and meeting throughout the term to encourage collaboration between green officers.

8A. Mid-Year Budget Review

Preamble

CUSU's Trustees approved a revised Finance Policy in June 2017. A revision stipulated that the budget will be reviewed at the end of Michaelmas term by the Trustees and adjustments made based on the latest information available. These adjustments would be made with direct relation to variances identified, trading results so far, additional income and/or expenditure items identified subsequent to the approval of the original budget and projects or asset purchases that may have been required. Any revisions to the budget in-year at the end of Michaelmas are to be presented to CUSU Council for approval in the first meeting of Lent Term.

The aims of the Mid-Year Review are to increase transparency and accountability, improve budget-monitoring in-year and increase student awareness of CUSU's financial performance ahead of ratifying the budget in Easter Term.

Proposal to Council (for decision)

The accounts for the period July to December [of the 2017-18 year running July to June] show the Union as running over budget by ~£13k. However this excludes outstanding funds due to be transferred from the University, which would otherwise show a positive variance of ~£31k for the

year to date. A cautious estimate for the forthcoming months forecasts a slightly smaller loss than that budgeted.

In their December 2017 meeting, the Trustees made two resolutions.

1. To ask Council what they might expect from a Mid-Year Review and, in particular, whether they would expect positive variances (i.e. savings) to be re-allocated to other budgets.
2. To propose to Council that, subject to Council's response above, no changes are made to the existing 2017/18 budget allocations on the basis that, whilst finances for the year-to-date indicate that a positive variance against budget should be expected by end of year, CUSU is still operating a loss-making budget.

Council are asked for feedback on 1) above and, subject to that feedback and any new/additional proposal, to ratify the Board's proposal.

SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR ACCOMPAGNYING PAPER

9. Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council

- d. CUSU Motion to Support Fossil Fuel Divestment
- e. Motion to Encourage JCR and MCR Committees to Include Elected Student Minority Positions
- f. Free Education Motion

SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR FULL TEXT

11A. Motion to clarify quorum at CUSU Council, and to change the CUSU Standing Orders regarding votes at CUSU Council

Proposed by Simon Percelay, Seconded by Leo Paillard

CUSU Notes:

1. That, in the third CUSU Council of Michaelmas Term 2017, an "action" motion was passed to give the CUSU Liberation Campaigns two votes at CUSU Council, rather than a single vote;
2. That, in the same CUSU Council, there was confusion regarding the exact amount of voting members needed for a CUSU Council to be quorate;
3. That Clause D.7i. of the CUSU Standing Orders states that: "Quorum of CUSU Council shall ordinarily consist of a number present equal to or greater than three-fifths of the number of Affiliated Common Rooms, provided the number of non-Executive Council Members present, i.e. Council Members other than those prescribed in D.6i.b), is greater than the number of Executive Committee Council Members present (as described in D.6i.b))."

CUSU Believes:

1. That the CUSU Standing Orders should be changed to reflect the motions voted by CUSU Council;
2. That due to their voting power and their importance regarding quorum, JCRs and MCRs have a responsibility in sending at least one of their representatives to every CUSU Council;

3. That clarifying the situation regarding quorum and votes at CUSU Council is essential in showcasing the transparency of CUSU's democratic system.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To change Clause D.6b)(3) of the CUSU Standing Orders from "the Heads of each Liberation Campaign as stipulated by Campaign constitutions in accordance with Article L (excluding Sabbatical Officers who are also Heads of Liberation Campaigns who already have a vote on behalf of their constituency via their status as both Sabbatical Officer); and,"
to
"the representatives of each Liberation Campaign, each Campaign being awarded two votes at CUSU Council (excluding Campaigns led by Sabbatical Officers who are also Heads of Liberation Campaigns, who already have a vote on behalf of their constituency via their status as both Sabbatical Officer, thus leaving only one vote to be awarded to another representative of the Campaigns in question), and the distribution of the two votes within the executive committees of the Liberation Campaigns being decided by the Campaigns' committees themselves; and,"
2. To change Clause D.7i. of the CUSU Standing Orders from "Quorum of CUSU Council shall ordinarily consist of a number present equal to or greater than three-fifths of the number of Affiliated Common Rooms, provided the number of non-Executive Council Members present, i.e. Council Members other than those prescribed in D.6i.b), is greater than the number of Executive Committee Council Members present (as described in D.6i.b))."
to
"Quorum of CUSU Council shall ordinarily consist of a number of present voting and non-voting members equal to or greater than three-fifths of the number of Affiliated Common Rooms, provided the number of voting non-Executive Council Members present, i.e. voting Council Members other than those prescribed in D.6i.b), is greater than the number of Executive Committee Council Members present (as described in D.6i.b))."
3. To publish a list on the CUSU website of all the CUSU-affiliated Common Rooms, in order to make clear the required quorum for every CUSU Council;
4. To mandate the CUSU Chair to verify and declare at the start of every CUSU Council whether the quorum has been met, by certifying that the amount of voting members present is equal to or higher than three-fifths of the total of affiliated common rooms, and that the number of non-Executive Committee Council Members present is greater than the number of Executive Committee Council Members.