## CUSU COUNCIL MICH IV MINUTES – 23RD NOVEMBER

### ATTENDANCE

**PRESENT**

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<td>Priscilla Mensah</td>
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<td>Jemma Stewart</td>
<td>CUSU Coordinator</td>
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<td>Helena Blair</td>
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<td>Charlotte Chorley</td>
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<td>Tiantian Chen</td>
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<td>Yannis Hemrich</td>
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<td>Katie Craven</td>
<td>Emmanuel College JCR President*</td>
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<td>Andrew Tanabe</td>
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<td>Maya Raphael</td>
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<td>Lokyan Wong</td>
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Usman Javed, WCSA External Officer* (missing voting sheet)
Louis Ashworth, WCSA Secretary & Varsity Reporter
Connor MacDonald, HSPS Faculty Undergraduate Representative* (missing voting sheet)
Daniel Baumann, Computer Lab MPhil Representative, Magdalene College* (missing voting sheet)

* - Voting member of CUSU Council – 31

APOLOGIES

Poppy Ellis Logan, CUSU/GU Welfare and Rights Officer
Kavish Shah, Emmanuel JCR Vice President
Amy Dolben, Pembroke JCR Vice President (proxy sent)

OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes not circulated, will be circulated alongside these minutes for approval at Lent II

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

As above

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next CUSU Council will take place on 1st February, location TBC owing to GU yoga taking place in the CUSU/GU Lounge

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

PRISCILLA MENSAH - CUSU PRESIDENT

- Working with the Union Development Team on resources including a map of the University structure, factoring in where student representation is included. This should help people to understand where the change happens
- Planning a P&E social with the UD Team
- Worked on sessions for CUSU Conference
- Bursar consultation on affiliation fee changes with good results so far
- PREVENT duty: The University has to comply with the duty by law, but its practical implementation has an impact on students at the University. Council has no policy, but we want to consult with students in order to take their opinions to committees.
HEFCE wants Colleges to consult with students, so reps should make sure this is happening
- If events are occurring in Colleges, invite CUSU!

**JEMMA STEWART - CUSU COORDINATOR**
- Working on JCR/MCR Funding Project – get your Treasurers to send me copies of your budgets!
- Putting together the rules for both the DSO Referendum and main CUSU Lent Elections as Returning Officer
- Planned and ran two sessions for CUSU Conference
- Working with Elections Committee on putting together information for the Referendum
- NUS Women in Leadership Mentoring meeting
- Planning the Office Move to the basement - getting hold of tables and chairs, planning the layout, liaising with Facilities Management
- 1:1 meetings with Elected Officers

**ROB CASHMAN - CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER**
- Attended the SUAS roadshow at West Cambridge
- Been on the Programme Review Panel at the Institute of Continuing Education
- Held an Academic Forum meeting with newly elected Reps
- Attended a meeting of Access Forum to discuss the Green Paper
- Attended two General Board meetings, a meeting of the Board of Examinations, and a meeting of the General Board’s Education Committee
- Responded to HEFCE consultation (Consultation on information about learning and teaching, and the student experience)
- Met with the Deputy Director responsible for education and student services at University Information Services
- Attended a meeting of the Joint Committee for Teaching and Learning to discuss new Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
- Advice Service away day
- Digital Education strategy workshop
- Attended initial meeting for a Faculty Learning and Teaching Review
- Began planning for CUSU Conference and Faculty Rep training
- Held a Faculty Rep drop-in at Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages
- Written CUSU response to Green Paper following consultation with students
- Met with PVC (Education)

**POPPY ELLIS LOGAN - CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER**
- Winter Vac activities were great success
- Prescription collection and delivery is now up and running with Petersfield and Fitzwilliam pharmacies
- Planning a clothes swap
- Meeting with all the people across Cambridge who are interested in helping the homeless on Friday evening to try and plan things
- Students’ Unions’ Advice Service Away Day
- Pledge for faculty reps (with Rob)
- Disabled students’ yoga (starting next Thursday)
- Welfare training
- International Students welcome event
- Saturday screenings for people to meet new people
- Letter to Daniel Zeichner to improve mental health services in Cambridgeshire (particularly for students with ADHD)
- Worthwhile Balls project
- Looking for facilitators for B-eat eating disorder support group
- Eco sanitary products and guide for officers bringing them in-college
- Working on welfare charter
- Tutor proactivity checklist
- Working on welfare handbook

HELENA BLAIR – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

- Shadowing Scheme starts this week
- #CambTweet - student volunteers tweeting daily lives, new volunteers recruited and an online Q&A session held
- Maintenance grants campaigns with NUS, leading up to the student movement pushing for a debate and a vote, which is being held tomorrow. Getting in touch with Cambridge MPs to express views
- Committee work - on three new admissions working groups
- A Level Reform work helping to shape the University’s reformed admissions processes

CHARLIE CHORLEY – CUSU WOMEN’S OFFICER

- Began planning Reclaim the Night by meeting with the Council’s Safety Advisory Group, and contacting potential speakers
- Edited and updated consent workshops to include gender-neutral scenarios and Intimate Partner Violence information
- Organised Women’s Officer Training Day for Sunday 6th March
- Met with head of Equality and Diversity, with LGBT+ President, to discuss additions to committee representation
- Had meetings with several college Women’s Officers to discuss their plans for the year, and college sexual harassment policies
- Planned, and led, sessions for CUSU Conference

SARAH GIBSON – CUSU LGBT+ PRESIDENT

- Working with the CUSU Shadowing Scheme
- Started talks with the University Counselling Service to better support LGBT+ students
- Running elections later this term for half of the committee
- Campaign coming up on Non-Binary legal representation following the Government Trans Enquiry Report
- Joint event with OUSU LGBTQ, events with Brighton and KCL being planned
- Attended the Encompass Network AGM
- Feeding into the Good Night Out Project with the Women’s Campaign on LGBT+ specific sexual harassment and assault
- Get Real. zine
- Updated guidance for student newspapers on how to be more trans inclusive
- Survey on how CUSU LGBT+ can better support students, currently around 100 responses
- Introduction to Liberation workshop for CUSU Conference
- Planning a lot of events for LGBT History Month

**CUSU ETHICAL AFFAIRS - TIANTIAN CHEN & TESSA LEE**

- December 12th: follow-up meeting with Cambridge Carbon Footprint about sustainability workshop
  - Discussed how to improve the workshop during the Ethical Festival
  - Planned to put on a version of the workshop specially for Green Officers
  - Planned to create a webpage on CCF website if people want to find information about the workshop
  - Will host workshops on Jan.26 and Feb.16
- December 14th: Green Officers training, networking and social event
  - The event is a great opportunity for green officers to share the activities they have organized both in their colleges and around Cambridge, plans or new ideas they have in the coming term and puzzles/barriers they face when they promote your campaigns.
  - We will also introduce CUSU, the Environment and Energy Section of the University and green societies around Cambridge about what they do and how they can support green officers.
- Work with our campaign officer about the homeless campaign. We will find out who to invite as our speakers and draft the invitation
- Will be having a meeting with the Environment and Energy Section about student engagement

**CUSU BME CAMPAIGN**

- Currently focusing on collaborating with the CUSU Shadowing Scheme
- In talks with various speakers including Akala for events during Lent Term
- In talks with NUS black students campaign to set up a teach in/ informative session on PREVENT

**CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN - NOT PRESENT**

**ICUSU CAMPAIGN - NOT PRESENT**
QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

Daisy Eyre, JCSU President – was intending to ask the Welfare & Rights Officer what was happening with Welfare Ranking, wants to continue to be informed on this

- Priscilla reports: this is a joint project between herself and Poppy (CUSU/GU Welfare & Rights). This has been halted due to a lack of take-up from JCR/MCR Welfare Officers. Emails were sent at the beginning of the vacation asking for help shortlisting the criteria for each college, but plans have been stalled on this. Priscilla will re-email.

Yannis Hemrich, Clare JCR Vice President – what’s CUSU’s position on the Disabled Students’ Referendum?

- Elections Committee members (Jemma Stewart, Priscilla Mensah & Charlotte Chorley) must remain neutral throughout the process. Elections Committee are also constitutionally mandated to produce and publicise Yes/No material.
- Of the other individual officers present, Helena Blair chooses not to disclose her position and Robert Cashman thinks “it is a good idea”

Leonardo Buizza, Homerton JCR Vice President External – wants an update on the sexual assault and harassment policy

- Charlie: Graham Virgo, the PVC for Education, is spearheading the University campaign. Charlie has met with him and a student from Yale with discussion over Christmas in researching the Yale model. This has been chased with Graham
- Priscilla: we’re lucky in having consultation on the way the policy looks – there were concerns with the first draft, but students from liberation groups have had the opportunity to input significantly
- This is a broader policy about harassment, and if we continue to call it a sexual harassment policy, students may not understand that it is encompassing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Angus Satow, Magdalene Vice President

- Student publications and campaigns rely on FOI requests. The Government’s Green Paper consultation is looking to remove FOIs from universities. Jemma will be looking into the national student picture. If anyone is interested in working against this, get in touch
- Angus is the Campaigns Officer for Cambridge Zero Carbon and is looking to increase students’ roles in environmental issues and getting students to exert change in this area. Go-Green Week will be from the 8th–13th February. They will be talking to CUSU Ethical Affairs, but it would also be good to get as much support from other colleges as possible.

8. DISCUSSIONS
- Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator & CUSU Elections Committee Returning Officer) announced the Disabled Students' Officer Referendum, taking place on 27th January, and presented the Referendum Rules
- Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator & CUSU Elections Committee Returning Officer) presented the CUSU Electoral Rules and Timeline

9. ORDINARY MOTIONS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Round 1 Votes:

Beth Craig-Geen – 24
RON – 0

Beth Craig-Geen has exceeded the quote and is elected. The surplus is now reallocated.

Round 2 Votes:

Beth Craig-Geen – 0
RON – 4

The election is complete and the elected candidates are Beth Craig-Geen and Re-Open Nominations

SOCIETIES’ SYNDICATE ELECTION RESULTS

Round 1 Votes:

Cornelius Roemer – 15
RON – 8

Cornelius Roemer has exceeded the quota and is elected. The surplus is now reallocated.

Round 2 Votes:

Cornelius Roemer – 0
RON – 10

The election is complete and the elected candidates are Cornelius Roemer and Re-Open Nominations