

CUSU Council Michaelmas III

7pm, Monday 6th November 2017
Cormack Room, University Centre

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. The next Council will be held in the Cormack Room, University Centre from 7pm on Monday 20th November 2017.

Please draft any policy or action motions and supporting documentation that you may wish to debate at this meeting by Tuesday 14th November at 6pm, and send them to alex.cicale@cusu.cam.ac.uk.

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. None submitted.
9. Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council
 - a. Combating Sexual Misconduct and Violence in Cambridge*
 - b. Support the Free Education Demo*
 - c. Motion to Change the CUSU-GU Affiliation Fees Model*
 - d. Motion to Support the Living Wage Campaign*
10. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions
 - a. Motion on Increasing the Number of CUSU Council Votes for Liberation Campaigns
 - b. Motion to Support Cambridge Rent Campaigns
11. Any other business
 - a. Applications to the Council Inquiry into CUSU Finances
 - b. Appointing 2 members to the Societies Syndicate

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Please click here: [CUSU Council 9th October 2017 Minutes](#)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

DAISY EYRE – CUSU PRESIDENT

To update at CUSU Council

MARTHA KRISH – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

FLORENCE OULDS – CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS' OFFICER

- Attended Breaking the silence launch event
- Worked with rest of CUSU team on CUSU strategy
- Met with Relaxed Theatre Company to discuss collaborations
- Ran disabled students' Social Groups launch event
- Began writing DSO training
- Delivered Typed Exams report to Digital Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
- Attended Health and Wellbeing committee

LOLA OLUFEMI – CUSU WOMEN'S OFFICER

Updates from Council II:

- Sat on the Athena SWAN Committee helping to draft the university's second application
- Hosted Forum on 17th October, and an event about Intersectional activism on the 19th
- Attended an Equality and Diversity Committee about Breaking the Silence
- Submitted a motion to CUSU Council about BTS
- Attended CUSU Meeting about Strategy
- Organised transport/student sign ups for Yarl's Wood Protest
- Ran a reading group looking at feminist theory (Angela Davis' Women, Race and Class)
- Spoke on a panel about feminism in the age of censorship
- Had a working group meeting about Trans Admission to women's college
- Initiated Women's Campaign elections for committee roles (Grad Rep, Trans Rep, Disabilities Rep)

To update at CUSU Council III

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

No updates for CUSU Council II

- Designed, planned and delivered self-care 101 workshop to students
- Produced informational flyers on the sexual health scheme to be distributed with all sexual health supplies to Officers

- Attended 2 day NUS Zones conference in Sheffield
- Held Welfare and Liberation Officer Forum and 1:1 slots
- Put out a poll on what Officers want to be trained on, and have planned two further training sessions
- Worked with Varsity on Sexual Health Scheme publicity to produce a news item
- Participated in CUSU strategic planning
- Participated in CUSU finance session

OLIVIA HYLTON-PENNANT – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

CUSU ETHICAL AFFAIRS CAMPAIGN

To update at CUSU Council

9. ORDINARY POLICY MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Policy requires approval at two consecutive Councils. The approval of the 'starred' motion at the second Council will be deemed to be automatic unless this 'star' is removed by a single member at the second Council wanting to revisit the motion for further discussion.

Please find the starred policy motions that were passed at the last Council listed below:

- Combating Sexual Misconduct and Violence in Cambridge*
- Support the Free Education Demo*
- Motion to Change the CUSU-GU Affiliation Fees Model*
- Motion to Support the Living Wage Campaign*

10A. MOTION ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CUSU COUNCIL VOTES FOR LIBERATION CAMPAIGNS

Proposed by Emrys Travis, CUSU Women's Officer, seconded by Lola Olufemi, CUSU Women's Officer

CUSU Notes:

1. Currently, as per the Standing Orders, each of the CUSU liberation campaigns (women's, disabled, BME, LGBT+, international) is allocated one voting member at CUSU council.
2. Currently, as per the Standing Orders, each college is allocated a total of three voting members at CUSU council, split between their representative bodies (JCRs and MCRs) where applicable.
3. Each college representative body represents somewhere between 163 (Murray Edwards MCR) and 731 (Trinity JCR) students [numbers from 2016-2017].
4. The number of students represented by the liberation campaigns are harder to define; however, by estimates from admissions data and the Big Cambridge Survey, each liberation campaign represents between roughly 4000-4500 students (LGBT+, BME, and Disabled Students Campaigns) and roughly 9000 students (Women's Campaign).

CUSU Believes:

1. Liberation campaigns are central to its mission and should be adequately represented.
2. Many marginalised students may feel more adequately represented by the liberation campaign(s) applicable to them than by their college representative body, particularly on issues relating to their specific marginalisation.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To increase the number of voting members allocated to each liberation campaign (women's, disabled, BME, LGBT+, international) from one to two.

10B. MOTION TO SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE RENT CAMPAIGNS

Proposed by Angus Satow, seconded by Matt Kite

CUSU Notes:

1. Rents make up a large part of the cost of living for students in Cambridge;
2. There is a large disparity between rent costs at different colleges;
3. Rents often increase annually above inflation;
4. Many students face unfair changes in addition to their rent, such as the Kitchen Fixed Charge or punitive fines added to college bills;
5. The Big Cambridge survey (BCS) 2016-17 found that only 55% percent of students were satisfied by the value for money of their accommodation, and at some colleges the proportion satisfied is as low as 12%;
6. That many students feel unfairly treated in accommodation matters, as evinced by the BCS.

CUSU Believes:

1. High costs of living are a material barrier to access;
2. Students should not face significant differences in quality of life across colleges;
3. Rents at some colleges are too high;
4. All students have the right to financial security while at Cambridge.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To endorse student-led campaigns, including 'Cambridge, Cut the Rent' to reduce rents in their colleges.
2. To mandate CUSU sabbatical officers to support these campaigns through data collection and any other such measures;
3. To mandate CUSU sabbatical officers to raise the issue of rents, and their effect on access and student quality of life, where appropriate in their meetings with the university and colleges.