

CUSU Council Michaelmas I
7pm, Monday 10 October 2016
Mill Lane Lecture Room 2

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
4. Date, time and venue of upcoming Council Meetings:
 - a. Fortnightly; to be held in the same venue at the same time.
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 motions
 - a. Moving NUS delegate Elections to Michaelmas Term
 - b. Opposing changes to the Universal bus route
10. Any other business
 - a. CUSU Council Chair Election
 - b. Elections Committee Election

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Please click here: [CUSU Council 16 May 2016 Minutes](#)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

AMATEY DOKU – CUSU PRESIDENT

- Attended two University Council Meetings, the second of which included a whole day Strategic Meeting at Madingly House
- Attended Meeting of the Alumni Advisory Board
- Met with staff in the Equality and Diversity Department for the first meeting of the Unconscious Bias Taskforce
- Attended an Away day at East Anglia, meeting other sabbatical officers at Universities in the region
- Attended NUS Lead and Change Conference
- Met with sabbatical officers from Oxford University Students Union in Cambridge
- Met with Editors of Varsity, Tab and TCS
- Met with Daniel Zeichner in Westminster to discuss our priorities for the year and how we might work together
- Met with staff at the University's Press Office
- Had two meetings with the Office for Intercollegiate Services to discuss cost of living
- Attended two Welcome to Cambridge Events (in London and in Cambridge) to meet Freshers' ahead of their arrival to Cambridge
- Attended Senior Tutor's Committee
- Attended Graduate Union Council
- Attended User Needs Committee
- Attended Information Services Committee
- Had the chance to introduce myself to Freshers' at the CUSU Freshers fair
- Attended Opening Ceremony of the University Primary School as part of a University Council delegation, followed by a tour of the West Cambridge site
- Met with the whole CUSU team and the GU to map out our representation across University Committees
- Had 2 meetings with Graham Virgo, the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education to discuss the University's response to the Teaching Excellence Framework proposals
- Worked with Roberta to shortlist candidates for CUSU Trustee- the final two selected will be submitted to the Michaelmas II for Council approval
- Met with Presidents of the Jewish Society to work out how to address concerns following the NUS referendum
- Arranged a phone call with Rob Young, the NUS Vice President for Society and Citizenship to press for action to tackle anti-Semitism at the level of the NUS
- Attended the College Committee for the Supervision of Student Unions to pitch a first draft of CUSU's bid for funding for 2017-18

- Attended Prevent Committee meeting
- Visited Hughes Hall, Queens, Wolfson, Clare, Jesus, Homerton, Christ's, King's, Darwin, Trinity Hall, Peterhouse, Corpus and Churchill for Fresher's talks - was accompanied by GU President Chad Allen for the graduate fresher talks
- Met with Secretary to the Senior Tutors' Committee, Mark Wormald
- Signed Open letter in the Guardian alongside student Union presidents from across the country asking Vice Chancellors to state their position with regards to the TEF
- Signed Open letter to Jewish students alongside student Union presidents across the country standing with Jewish students in their right to feel represented, safe and welcome in participating in NUS' democracy
- Scheduled talks with all JCR Presidents for meetings, for the week beginning 10th October
- Contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner to organise a meeting in October

ROBERTA HULDISCH – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

- Completed handover period with my predecessor and attended Advice Service training
- Participated in NUS Lead & Change training and networked with other Education officers from across the UK
- Represented students on the following committees:
 - General Board of the Faculties
 - Board of Examinations
 - Oversight Group for Learning, Teaching and Examination Space
 - West Cambridge Shared Facilities Hub Representative User Group
 - CamSIS Upgrade Committee
 - Computer Based Exams Pilot Project Board
- Rebranded the Faculty Rep system to build a Student Academic Representatives network and designed publicity material to be sent out to Faculties
- Put together a dedicated Student Academic Reps section on the CUSU website and rewrote the guide to being a rep
- Met twice with Graham Virgo, Pro-VC Education, to discuss the University's response to the Higher Education Bill and the Teaching Excellence Framework, as well as our plans for the year
- Attended an Unconscious Bias Training working group with the other sabs
- Attended a first planning meeting with CUSU staff team about the Student Led Teaching Awards, which we want to make bigger and more impactful
- Met with Mark Wormald, Secretary of the Senior Tutors' committee to discuss study skills provision in colleges and across the University
- Met with the UL's Futurelib project coordinators to discuss Spacefinder, and collaboration on study skills provision
- Met regularly with Alice Benton, head of Student Policy
- Networked with academics and students to establish a working group on diversifying the curriculum
- Helped devise a survey run by the University Information Services team concerning the transition from school to university
- Met with the University Information Services as well as Kate Maxwell from Student Policy team to discuss the role of IT in the student experience
- Attended an NUS consultation on boycotting the National Student Survey to protest the Teaching Excellence Framework and raised concerns about the proposals

- Preliminary planning for campaigns and projects on:
 - study skills provision - planning for a funding bid to launch a central online study skills hub
 - feedback on examined work
 - Liberating the Curriculum
 - Undergraduate workload
 - Accessible Teaching (with Jessica)
- Took part in interviews for a new design and communications manager at CUSU
- Took a leading role in our Freshers' social media strategy, making the official CUSU Freshers' group more popular than its for-profit competitors
- Helped organise and run Freshers' Fair
- Worked with Amatey on selecting new student trustees for CUSU

JESSICA WING – DISABLED STUDENTS' OFFICER

- Researched the processes of training supervisors and tutors, with view to introduce compulsory supervisor training for disabled students and students with mental health issues
- Attended meetings with the University Equality and Diversity Committee
- Completed Advice Service training, met with service providers, and worked on student casework
- Updating DSC website to go live during term
- Planning and researching for term events
- Reviewing University Fitness to Study policy
- Reviewing intermission policy
- Attended 'Transitional Events' run by the DRC for incoming students with SpLDs and autism spectrum conditions
- Reviewing the Code of Practice for Reasonable Adjustments
- Attended committees for the University's Digital Strategy - Lecture Capture Pilot programme
- With the DRC, overseeing the application process for University funding for diagnoses of ADHD now that the NHS waiting list is closed
- Working to effectively oppose the change to the 'Universal' bus route
- Reviewing and updating welfare resources, as well as creating new resources for college DSOs and students
- Freshers' Fair

AUDREY SEBATINDIRA – CUSU WOMEN'S OFFICER

- Liaised with the university on the new sexual harassment guidelines and complaints procedure
- Liaised with the university on unconscious bias training
- Organised Women's Campaign events for Michaelmas
- Began to advertise and organise Women's Campaign by-elections
- Undertook SUAS training and began to take on cases
- Attended NUS Lead and Change
- Continued work on Intercultural Awareness workshops
- Modified consent workshop guide
- Gave consent workshop training to JCRs and some MCRs
- Helped organise the freshers' fair (with a focus on the CUSU tent)
- Gave freshers' introductions talks about CUSU
- Gave SUAS talk at AS transitional event
- Spoke at local feminist symposium on gendered violence

- Met with Daniel Zeichner at Westminster
- Met freshers at London 'Welcome to Cambridge' event
- Attended Women of the World planning working group
- Freshers' fair

SOPHIE BUCK – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

- Completed handover with previous officer
- Attended the NUS Lead and Change conference, and formed links with other university's welfare officers
- Attended over 35 hours of Students' Unions' Advice Service (SUAS) training
- Attended an Alcohol Working Group meeting
- Together with Nightline, developed and distributed A5 contact cards with the SUAS and Nightline's details to all new students
- Attended the Tutor Training day and made sure students' voices were represented
- Together with the CUSU DSO, suggested amendments for the Guide to Tutoring
- Attended a GU Trustee Board meeting and a GU Executive meeting
- Planning forums, talks and events for the term (see term card)
- Made a Facebook Page (CUSU Welfare and Rights) to publicise these events
- Made a dictionary of Cambridge vocabulary for new students
- Met with service providers, including the University Counselling Service
- Developing Welfare Officer resources: a freshers' presentation template, a revised balloon talk (with Homerton JCR), a revised welfare officers' handbook and training programme
- Have invited all of those in JCR and MCR representative roles (e.g. BME) to be in the CU Welfare Officers 2016-17 Facebook group and have access to the Google Drive
- Investigating changing our condom provider
- Ran several Welfare Officer Training Sessions
- Working to set up an Eating Disorders Support Group (waiting on B-Eat to hire someone to train group facilitators)
- Working on a revised Welfare Guide
- Working on questions for a Welfare Survey

ÉIREANN ATTRIDGE – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER

- Completed handover with the previous Access and Funding officer
- Attended NUS Lead and Change conference
- Helped organise the CUSU freshers fair
- Gave freshers induction talks on CUSU
- Met freshers at the London 'Welcome to Cambridge' event
- Attended a CUSU trustee meeting
- Met with Daniel Zeichner in Westminster
- Attended SLO training
- Started liaising with colleges in organising the CUSU Shadowing scheme
- Started advertising the CUSU shadowing scheme to prospective applicants via the CAO teachers' mailing list, SLOs and their link areas, previous participants on the shadowing scheme, students and Twitter
- Organised an Access Squash for students interested in Access
- Invited external speakers to speak at the Access Squash
- Supported the editing of online unconscious bias training

- Sat in a range of committees and working groups addressing admissions issues, particularly admissions assessments
- Started an Access mailing list and will be advertising volunteering opportunities to those on it

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

9A. MOVING NUS DELEGATE ELECTIONS TO MICHAELMAS TERM

Proposed by Amatey Doku (president@cusu.cam.ac.uk), seconded by Roberta Huldisch (education@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. 6 NUS delegates, including the CUSU President, represent Cambridge students at NUS National Conference in April;
2. 5 Open place NUS delegate elections are currently run in March in the Lent term as set out in the Standing Orders;
3. CUSU runs Part Time Executive elections in Michaelmas Term.

CUSU Believes:

1. That there is an opportunity in Michaelmas Term where CUSU runs elections for the Part Time Executive for CUSU to bring forward the NUS delegate elections;
2. That given the recent referendum on our affiliation with the NUS, NUS delegates must be accountable and must seek out and represent the views of Cambridge students;
3. That with little over a month between their election and being required to attend conference, NUS delegates do not have sufficient times in their capacities to seek out student opinions and sufficiently represent Cambridge students;
4. That NUS delegates should be involved in drawing up policy for NUS Conference which they currently are unable to do because of the proximity of their election to the national conference.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To amend the Standing Orders and move NUS Delegate Elections to Michaelmas term coinciding with the elections for Part Time Executive as laid out in the attached paper, subject to two Councils;
2. To publicise the NUS delegate Elections alongside the Part-Time Executive Elections;
3. To make clear to all nominees that their nomination is subject to the approval of two Councils.

9B. OPPOSING CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSAL BUS ROUTE

Proposed by Jessica Wing (disabled@cusu.cam.ac.uk), seconded by Sophie Buck (welfare@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. That the Universal bus service (formerly known as the 'Uni 4') is the only public transport link between Homerton, the Education Faculty, and the Sidgwick and West Cambridge sites, as well as the hill colleges;
2. That students attending Homerton and the Education Faculty make up over 10% of the student body;
3. That following the changes approved at the University Planning and Resource Committee (March 2016), as of November 2016 the bus route will no longer service Hills Road, and instead run along the guided busway;
4. That the cited reason for this change is an estimated profit of £63,000 p/a;
5. That disabled students in particular will be adversely affected by this route change, which will result in an inequality of access to academic study.

CUSU Believes:

1. That disabled students are entitled to equal access to education and social events;
2. That the changes to the Universal bus route will create a significant barrier to accessing education and social events for the University's disabled students.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To oppose the changes to the Universal bus route;
2. To support and publicise the petition to oppose and reverse the decision.

10A. CUSU COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTION

CUSU Council is asked to elect a Chair for subsequent Councils. The Chair's role is to preside over Council and Open Meetings, ensuring that those meetings operate within CUSU's Constitution and Standing Orders.

It should be noted that the Chair cannot participate in the debate, and cannot vote.

Any member of CUSU is eligible to stand for the position of Chair. Please send nominations to alex.cicale@cusu.cam.ac.uk by 5pm Monday 10th October 2016.

10B. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE ELECTION

CUSU Council is asked to elect up to five members of the CUSU Elections Committee. The CUSU Elections Committee is responsible for any Referenda, the scheduled cross-campus elections in Lent Term and any cross campus by-election. Members of the CUSU Elections Committee are in charge of putting together, publicising and running elections and referenda throughout the year.

It should be noted that no member of the Elections Committee, nor any person who was a member of the Elections Committee at any point during the period of four weeks before the opening of nominations in an election, can stand for a cross-campus election to the Executive or in a simultaneous NUS Delegation Election, nor can any member of the Elections Committee endorse or campaign on behalf of any candidate or choice in a referendum.

For more information, please contact alex.cicale@cusu.cam.ac.uk

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