## CUSU COUNCIL MICHAELMAS III MINUTES – 7TH NOVEMBER 2016

### ATTENDANCE

#### PRESENT

Rachel Mander, CUSU Chair  
Alex Cicale, CUSU Democratic Support Coordinator (Scribe)  
Amatey Doku, CUSU President  
Roberta Huldisch, CUSU Education Officer  
Jess Wing, CUSU Disabled Students' Officer*  
Audrey Sebatindira, CUSU Women’s Officer*  
Finn Kristensen, Trinity JCR, Vice-President*  
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Alexandru Savu, Girton MCR, Welfare Officer*  
Mudit Gupta, Churchill JCR, President*  
Nicholas Taylor, Churchill JCR, Proxy*  
Jack Drury, Gonville & Caius  
Alex Savu, Girton MCR, Welfare Officer*  
Ruairi Mackenzie, Girton MCR, Welfare Officer*  
Jean Lavarenne, Christ’s MCR, External*  
Zoe Ye, Murray Edwards MCR, Vice-President*  
Ceylon Hickman, King’s, President of KCSU*  
Sandeep Vijayakumar, King’s, Proxy for Ents*  
Rajiv Shah, Downing  
Mark Mawdsley, Queens’ MCR, External Officer*  
Alex Ho, St Catherine’s, JCR External Officer*
None recorded

1. OBJECTIONS TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

None

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

None

4. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Alex:** The location for Council will be the same unless otherwise announced. It looks like we’ll be in the Hicks Room as opposed to the Cormack Room from this point onwards so please come here unless informed otherwise.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

- **Roberta Huldisch (CUSU Education Officer)**

  Went to NUS Higher Education Zone conference to network with other Education officers, feed into NUS policy and attend workshops on a student-led vision of teaching excellence

  - Represented students on the following committees:
    - Cambridge Centre for Teaching and Learning steering group → joint meeting with Digital Teaching and Learning strategy committee
- Computer Based Exams pilot project board
- General Board of Education
- Language Centre Committee of Management
- Started planning CUSU conference with sabbs and membership team
- Worked on campaign on opposing the Teaching Excellence Framework which will go live tomorrow
  - Networked with academics and the UCU
  - Networked with other SU officers to build a national movement
  - Planned meetings with JCRs and MCRs
  - Made an info video about TEF
  - Wrote most of open letter
  - Started planning teach-in event
- Organised National demo signups, advertised the demo and organised a banner making and discussion event
- Advertised PTE elections, NUS elections and referendum

- Amatey Doku: We didn’t have anyone stand for the Board of Policy Scrutiny. I am suggesting that we bring it to the next Council Meeting. If not, we will rethink the entire strategy. The idea behind BoPS was to give Council an opportunity to scrutinise policy in more detail and ensure the Sabbatical Officers are following through with the policies that have been passed.

CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN

No representative was in attendance.

CUSU BME CAMPAIGN

Nothing notable to report has occurred since the last Council.

CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

Updated by Jessica Wing in the agenda.

CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN

We’re holding the International World Food Festival this Saturday at St Andrews House from 6pm to 9pm.

CUSU WOMEN’S CAMPAIGN

Updated by Audrey Sebatindira in the agenda.

6. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

- (To Alex), you said at the last meeting that you were going to make contact with the Autonomous Campaigns to try and ensure that they turn up to Council, how’s that going?
  - Two out of three non-sabbatical autonomous campaign officers were able to attend Council and provide updates. Emails have been sent to the chairs of all of the campaigns asking for representation at Council. This is an ongoing process.
• (To the BME Campaign), at the start of term there was meant to be a workshop for BME Officers, has that been re-scheduled yet?
  - That will be rescheduled but a date is yet to be confirmed.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

• Mark Driver: It has been four years since my first Council.
  - Applause

• Amatey: I did say in my remarks on Friday after we got the referendum result that I wanted to clarify a couple of things today. I have got a couple of points to make about this result which in my view are statements of fact.
  - On Friday we had an election. The CUSU Election’s Committee announced that the referendum on the question ‘Should CUSU campaign to keep the Class Lists with an easier opt-out process?’ had passed. 55.34% voted in favour, 44.26% voted against the motion. Turnout was 20%. As the constitution states, policy decided by referenda has precedence over previous CUSU policy and that decided by CUSU Council.
  - It is my understanding as well as that of the Chair that this result overturns the policy of CUSU Council Michaelmas III 2015.
  - I’m committed to making sure that the views and concerns of the 2162 individuals who voted against the question are taken into account within the scope of this new policy. Important issues to do with mental health and structural inequality within Cambridge were highlighted and we must continue to make sure that CUSU is tackling these issues alongside policy.
  - This new policy only refers to those policies who are mandatable by Council. The heads of the Autonomous Campaign, Disabilities’ Officer and Women’s Officer are not mandated by CUSU Policy.

• Do you think this damages the legitimacy of Council at all?
  - That will be a question for Council to decide but I don’t think so at all. I think this is healthy democracy in action. Council does turnover quite rapidly but I think this is a good point for Council to think about how best it can undertake its duties.

8. DISCUSSIONS

None were submitted.

9. ORDINARY MOTIONS

MOTION TO ELECT TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE CAMBRIDGE STUDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

• Jessie Matthewson presents: TCS has a Board of Directors. Their role is to work on bridging the gap between CUSU. It has oversight of the editorial team, an advisory role for the editors working on the paper and it’s responsible for the long-term future of the paper. It is made up of the current Editor in Chief, the previous editors, and two annually elected members. The motion is simply that Council will elect two new representatives for the year. The caveat to this is that we only have one applicant at the moment.

No speeches against
Questions:

• With the two new people elected onto the Board of Directors, what are their roles?
  - They don’t have official titles but they tend to be people who have a history of involvement with the paper or involved with the team.

• Voting Record:

For: 32

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Jonah Surkes, Clare JCR, Vice-President*
Elizabeth Lloyd, Peterhouse, JCR Vice President*
Frances Hawker, Peterhouse JCR, President*

Abstain: 3

Ivy Qian, iCUSU, Vice-President*
Jean Lavarenne, Christ’s MCR, External*
Arenike Adebajo, BME Autonomous Campaign, Publicity Officer*

Against: None

The motion passes

10. EMERGENCY MOTIONS

**EMERGENCY MOTION 1** MOTION TO CAMPAIGN FOR EASY OPT OUT CLASS LISTS

• **Nicholas Taylor presents:** We are here to talk about putting the students’ decision into practice. The yes vote to keep the class list has the second largest mandate in CUSU history. CUSU policy is to keep the class list with an opt-out system, as has been recognised by both sides of the debate and by CUSU officials. Currently, there is a motion in Regent House to abolish the class lists which will be decided between the 28th of November and the 8th of December. The referendum mandates CUSU to campaign against this motion in Regent House. The only way that the student decision to retain the class list with an easier opt-out could be possible is for CUSU to campaign for this motion to be voted down. The way to campaign in Regent House is by issuing a Fly Sheet – a short persuasive statement sent to all voting members of Regent House. We believe CUSU should mandate its officials to sign this Fly Sheet and support this motion. It is particularly important that CUSU accepts this motion.

No speeches against

Suggested amendments:

• **Roberta:**

  - **Amend Believes 3 (Accepted as friendly)**
    Replace “That Council must pass this motion in order to comply with the new CUSU policy...” With “That passing this motion would be in line with the new CUSU policy...”
      - I think this corrects a factually incorrect statement. This basically means the same thing but doesn’t set the same precedent.

  - **Add Believes 4 (Accepted as friendly)**
    “That, in order to not misrepresent the student voice, CUSU must emphasise that students voted against the status quo and for an unconditional opt out. Therefore, CUSU must make clear that, while the Regent House vote will only decide whether to keep class lists as they are, or abolish them completely, students did not vote for either of these options”.

  - **Add to Resolves 1 (Accepted as friendly)**
    “The fly sheet should make absolutely clear that the majority of students did not support the status quo but explicitly voted for change: an easy and automatic opt out system. CUSU’s fly sheet should urge members of Regent House who vote to keep class lists because of the student vote to also lend their unconditional support to an opt out system”.

  - **Add to Resolves 3. Change ‘and’ to ‘with’ (Accepted as friendly)**
Questions:

• I have concerns about the people that voted no being represented by this motion. I have concerns that voting against the motion in Regent House will fail to introduce an opt-out system.
  - Roberta’s amendments make it clear that this is not campaigning for the status quo. An opt-out system can be implemented without another grace. We have consulted the University Statutes about this.
• Do you think if the referendum question had been ‘Should CUSU campaign to keep the class list and campaign for an easier opt-out’ there would have been a different answer?
  - That’s not the question decided by the Elections’ Committee. The referendum has occurred and we have the result.
• Is there a guarantee that if we keep the class-lists we’ll keep the opt-out too?
  - No, there is absolutely no guarantee. It is CUSU’s job to try and do this.

• Voting Record:

For: 29

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Abstain: 5

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Zachary Berenson Barros, Pembroke JCR, Vice-President

Against: 1

Arenike Adebajo, BME Autonomous Campaign, Publicity Officer*

*EMERGENCY MOTION 2* SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL DEMO UNITED FOR EDUCATION

- **Roberta:** Asking you to support this again. We opened bookings for the coach spaces right after the last Council and they started filling up much more quickly than expected. We spoke to UCU – the University and College Union – and they are interested in sending individuals to the Demo and want to contribute to the costs. Now we have one coach of 50 seats for Cambridge Students/Staff and Anglia Ruskin Students/Staff and we’re worried that these spaces will run out. Because the next CUSU Council isn’t until the Monday after the Demo we are asking if Council would let us put aside £200 from the Council Free Budget in case it is needed to book more transport. If the spaces don’t fill up this won’t be used. We think it will be unfair if we get significantly more people signing up than spaces are available at the moment.

**No speeches against**

**Suggested amendments:**

- Add in resolves: ‘that the second coach of people has to be wheelchair accessible’.

**Questions:**

- **Will Anglia Ruskin share costs for the second coach?**
  - No because this would be shared by the Cambridge branch of UCU so we are planning to get a smaller bus because we don’t expect the need to have a larger bus. If the second bus will be mainly booked up by UCU then they will pay a higher proportion of the price.

- **Will UCU be contributing?**
  - We spoke to UCU after the first coach was booked. They are contributing according to how many places they use of this new bus that is ordered. The cost of the first coach is split between CUSU and Anglia Ruskin whilst the second is split between ACU and CUSU. We are only paying for CUSU members.

- **Voting Record:**

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Against: None

The amended motion passes

10A. TCS Elections

Urvie Pereira: I am former Chief Sub-Editor for TCS in Lent Term 2015. I’m standing for the role because I believe a students’ paper like TCS is a valuable tool for teaching aspiring writers and editors the fundamentals of journalism. TCS is unique in its inclusive approach and its aim to represent student voices that want to be heard. Print journalism lies at the heart of TCS. It gives students the ability to work to deadlines and provides a crucial opportunity for creative
collaboration between writers, photographers and editors. The reality is that TCS now faces an uncertain future. As a board member I would utilise the opportunity to work with editors to find ways to safeguard the print legacy of TCS through monetisation strategies whilst supporting the redesign of the website to ensure that the paper has social media traction. In the past few months TCS has had to rise to new challenges, but this also presents us with the possibility for positive change.

Urvie Pereira: 35 votes
RON (Re-Open Nominations): 0 votes

Urvie Pereira was therefore elected.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None