CUSU Council Michaelmas IV
7pm, Monday 21st November 2016
Hicks 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
4. Date, time and venue of upcoming Council Meetings
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
   a. Roberta Huldisch (CUSU Education Officer) to update.
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Discussions
   a. None submitted
9. Ordinary motions
   a. Motion to Support the ‘Stop Funding Hate’ Campaign
   b. Motion to Create an Access Sub-Committee
10. Any other business
    a. CUSU Part Time Executive Elections*
    b. Societies Syndicate Elections*
    c. Elections Committee*

* Whether these elections are held is dependent on if candidates decide to run for the respective positions. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 20th November at noon. Please see the bottom of this agenda for more information.
2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Please click here: CUSU Council 7th November 2016 Minutes

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

AMATEY DOKU – CUSU PRESIDENT

- Attended a Welcome Event for Students with Children
- Met with the Corpus Christi JCR Committee ahead of their referendum on CUSU affiliation
- Spoke at West Cambridge for the Postgraduate Open Day
- Met with the press office ahead of the Class Lists Referendum
- Attended an affiliation debate at Corpus Christi College
- Attended the Societies Syndicate Technical Committee, which considers grant applications for clubs and societies under £1000
- Attended a Moodle Training session
- Attended a Trustee Development Conference
- Met with Emily Watts from the Electoral Support Office at the local Council to work out ways we could encourage students to register to vote
- Attended an affiliation debate at Selwyn College
- Met with William Hewstone for our first Union Development meeting at Homerton College
- Met with staff and CUSU Welfare and Rights Officer to discuss devising a new sexual health supplies strategy
- Attended the Societies Syndicate Committee
- Met with all the new NUS Delegates to discuss our strategy for the year
- Submitted the fly sheet opposing abolishing class lists with the required number of names

ROBERTA HULDISCH – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

JESSICA WING – DISABLED STUDENTS’ OFFICER

- Following the meeting with University Estates, the Disability Resource Centre and Nick Bampos, an Advisory Group has been set up to report on issues of building access and egress. This will meet termly, and I will be the student representative on it. If you have any concerns or examples of best practice regarding physical access in any University building please drop me an email.
- Continuing to do casework and provide advice to students as part of my role within the Student Advice Service
- Got in contact with Cambridge City Council concerning their data collection methods on the issue of disabled access to council properties; will be doing more on this issue following a lacklustre response
- Held a meeting with members to formally vote on our position re. class lists and decide on the content of a placet fly-sheet
- Wrote a placet fly-sheet (i.e. to campaign for the abolition of class lists), canvassed for signatures etc.
- Gave comment to Varsity on the issues of intermission and the fly-sheet
Finalising the draft text for a Disabled Students' Campaign Guide to Intermission. This will communicate factual information on the process but also advice from those who have experienced it on what to be aware of. If any student wants to include their testimony in their guide, please drop me an email for further information.

AUDREY SEBATINDIRA – CUSU WOMEN’S OFFICER

- Sat on the Joint Committee on Childcare for Students
- co-organised the Stop Rampal cycle rally
- organised the Decolonisation Assembly
- met with the E&D team at the Cambridge City Council
- spoke at a panel event for the Wilberforce Society
- gave consent workshop training to the Downing MCR Welfare Officer
- began organising Reclaim the Night
- led the year’s first Feminism 101
- began organising a Feminism 101 on non-binary feminism
- ran self-care Forum
- spoke at a Newnham feminist event
- sat on the new Sexual Harassment Working Group
- researched tech solutions to sexual harassment and assault on campus
- liaised with the BME Campaign on Intercultural Awareness workshops
- liaised with the DSO on the class lists fly sheet
- currently organising college women’s officers in a joint meeting
- met with student parents
- met with the WomCam LGBT Officer and LGBT Women’s Officer to discuss the future
- LGBT Forum
- attended Elections Committee de-brief meeting
- currently putting together a Gender Agenda 2015-16 anthology with the WomCam Zine Officer

SOPHIE BUCK – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

- Met with Student Minds Cambridge to discuss campaigns
- Provided a comment for the Varsity feature on Intermission
- Attended a meeting about the CUSU Sexual Health Scheme
- Attended a Welfare and Finance Committee Meeting: items included the University Sexual Harassment Policy, Intermission Policy (to be revisited in a working group), care leavers and the CUSU-GU Winter Holiday Guide
- Attended the Student Wellbeing Conference at Westminster. Listened to talks by the NUS Executive, Student Minds Nationwide, Public Health England, GIRES, and GPs, among others
- Spoke at the Wilberforce Society conference on a paper about Mental Health in Cambridge
- Ran the Art for Mental Health event, which offered a range of art materials (including clay, watercolour, oil pastels and collage) and inspiration (fruit and vegetables and art books) in a relaxed environment
- Met with the Head of the College Nurses, Helen James. Discussed how college nurses are well-trained in mental health (similar to Mental Health Advisors) and should be used by more students, both as a first port of call and for continued support
- Met with the Senior Tutor at Queen’s, James Kelly. Discussed the reformed Welfare System at Queen’s, wherein there are 2 Student Support tutors, 2 Academic Tutors, 1 General Nurse and 3 Welfare Advisors.
- Met with my Part-Time Exec Officer, Angelica Van Clarke, to discuss future arts and welfare initiatives.
- Sent a Welfare Bulletin out (theme: Creative Activities).

**ÉIREANN ATTRIDGE – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER**

- Trained new #Cambtweeters. We now have a new profile for ASNAC and new volunteers behind the MML, Physical Natural Sciences and Law account.
- Attended a CUSU elections meeting.
- Met with Islamic society to talk about ways I can support their access initiatives.
- Held Access Forum with JCR Access Officers.
- Met with the BME campaign Access Officer to discuss upcoming BME events and how best to collaborate with the university on this.
- Continued to do DBS checks for those who have applied to be mentors on the CUSU Shadowing Scheme. This included visiting colleges which are further away from CUSU than others.
- Attended an IntoUniversity event at Trinity College.
- Attended the Information and Publications Outreach Steering Group.
- Attended a CUSU Representation meeting.
- Attended the NUS delegates meeting.
- Attended the weekly Sabbatical Officer meeting.
- Attended the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.
- Attended Admissions Forum.
- Attended the NUS National Demo.
- Contacted colleges in regards to organising welcome meals at colleges during the Shadowing scheme.
- Organised a Target schools training session.
- Contacted mature colleges about further advertising the mature strand of the Shadowing scheme.

**CUSU LGBT+ CAMPAIGN**

To update at CUSU Council.

**CUSU BME CAMPAIGN**

To update at CUSU Council.

**CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN**

Updated by Jessica Wing above.

**CUSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ CAMPAIGN**

To update at CUSU Council.
CUSU WOMEN’S CAMPAIGN

Updated by Audrey Sebatindira above.

9A. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE ‘STOP FUNDING HATE’ CAMPAIGN

Proposed by Ben Whitby, JCR President, St John’s College on behalf of St John’s College JCR (btw30@cam.ac.uk), seconded by Tabitha Hutchison, JCR Ethical Affairs Officer, St John’s College (th471@cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. That hate crimes, xenophobia and racism have increased in recent times;
2. That some of this is contributed to by Newspaper Publications which perpetuate bad feeling toward and unfairly stigmatise migrants and asylum seekers;
3. That these newspapers draw large parts of their funding from companies which pay to advertise within them;
4. That some companies have already committed to withdraw their advertising in light of this.

CUSU Believes:

1. That all members of our society should feel safe in the company of and supported by those around them;
2. That publications responsible for stigmatising any group of people should be held accountable for the divisions they create;
3. That lobbying for companies to review their advertising policies will put pressure on newspapers to review their editorial stance on these issues;
4. That it would incentivise businesses to comply if we were to offer businesses which cease publishing in these newspapers a period of free publicity advertising their positive decision courtesy of CUSU;

CUSU Resolves:

1. To mandate the CUSU President to write letters to high profile businesses which advertise in newspapers that frequently write articles stigmatising migrants or asylum seekers explaining our stance and offering them a period of free publicity advertising their positive decision courtesy of CUSU if they cease advertising in these publications;
2. To distribute all appropriate responses to these letters to students at the University of Cambridge, making businesses aware of our intention to do so;
3. To circulate a letter template to JCR and MCR Committees, asking them to do the same (subject to their constitutional requirements);
4. To attempt to collaborate with other Student Unions in order to increase the success of this policy.
98. MOTION TO CREATE AN ACCESS SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposed by Éireann Attridge, CUSU Access & Funding Officer (access@cusu.cam.ac.uk), seconded by Roberta Huldisch, CUSU Education Officer (education@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. That the Access and Funding Officer role involves a large amount of student facing work as well as representation on committees;
2. That this work goes on beyond the working hours of the Access and Funding Officer.

CUSU Believes:

1. Access is most effective when it is student-led;
2. Involving more students in the work of the Access and Funding Officer will:
   - give students a greater understanding of the Access and Funding Officer role.
   - ensure that student opinion and voice is at the heart of access work.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To develop an Access Subcommittee with the following roles:
   - Shadowing Scheme assistant coordinator
   - Alternative Prospectus coordinator
   - Cambtweet coordinator
   - Promotional and Outreach coordinator;
2. For these roles to be elected alongside the part time executive each year in Michaelmas term;
3. For these roles to be co-opted this year;
4. To appoint the following students to the subcommittee:
   - Gaia Fay Lambert (Shadowing scheme assistant coordinator)
   - Ellie Wood (#Cambtweet coordinator)
   - Tom Bevan (Promotional and Outreach coordinator)

10A. CUSU PART TIME EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Being on a CUSU Team is an exciting opportunity to make a difference within the University, within Cambridge or even nationally! CUSU campaigns on a huge range of issues and part-time officers are right at the heart of developing and running CUSU’s activities as a students’ union representing 20,000 students. For more information please click here: http://www.cusu.co.uk/events/part-time-executive-elections

The remaining positions are: Union Development, Welfare and Rights and Education on the Part Time Executive.
3 representative positions are also available on the Part Time Executive: Mature Students Officer, Part Time Students Officer and Student Parents Officer.

If you would like any further information, please contact president@cusu.cam.ac.uk. If you would like to run for the position please email the CUSU Coordinator at alex.cicale@cusu.cam.ac.uk. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 20th November at noon.
10B. SOCIETIES SYNDICATE ELECTIONS

The Societies Syndicate awards grants and guarantees against loss to registered university societies. In practice most grants are awarded by the Technical Committee with the full Syndicate only meeting to consider large or annual applications.

There are two positions available.

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10C. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

CUSU Council is asked to elect up to two more 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

Any member of CUSU is eligible to stand to be a member of the CUSU Elections Committee. Please send nominations to alex.cicale@cusu.cam.ac.uk. The deadline for nominations is Sunday 20th November at noon.