CUSU Council Lent IV  
7pm, Monday 6th March 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. To be announced. Provisionally Monday 1st May, 7pm, Cormack Room.
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
   a. Announcement by the Union Development Team: Timeline of Student Trustee Selection by Selection Group.
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Discussions
   a. None
9. Ordinary motions
   a. Motion to allocate funding from the Council Free Budget to Cambridge Nightline
   b. Motion to submit Name-blind UCAS Admissions motion to NUS National Conference
10. Elections
    a. CUSU Chair Election
    b. CUSU Deputy Chair Election
    c. Election of Ordinary member to the Trustee Selection Group
11. Any other business
## 2. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Please click here: [CUSU Council 20 February 2017 Minutes](#)

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEES, CAMPAIGN TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE

### AMATEY DOKU – CUSU PRESIDENT

- Attended a meeting of the University’s Prevent Committee
- Began on Campaign planning for referendum on CUSU’s Constitution and Standing Orders
- Met with the Elections Committee to decide the referendum question
- Attended a Cambridge and Brexit Roundtable discussion at the Town Hall
- Visited Oxford University Students’ Union
- Attended University Council
- Met with a member of the Equality and Diversity department to discuss logistics for College based Unconscious bias training
- Attended Resource Management Committee
- Met the Pro Vice Chancellor for Education, Graham Virgo
- Discussed with Jon Beard, Head of Undergraduate Admissions, the possibility of including BME Admissions Targets in the University’s OFA Agreement
- Attended University Council’s Committee for the Supervision of Students’ Union to finalise changes made to the Constitution
- Attended Fitzwilliam Debating Society to give insight into the practicalities of implementing a reading week at Cambridge
- Attended a History MSt Course Dinner to speak to part time students about the role of CUSU within the University
- Met with the African Society Executive

### ROBERTA HULDISCH – CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

### JESSICA WING – DISABLED STUDENTS’ OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

### AUDREY SEBATINDIRA – CUSU WOMEN’S OFFICER

To update at CUSU Council

### SOPHIE BUCK – CUSU/GU WELFARE AND RIGHTS OFFICER

- Currently off sick. Please see week 5 welfare bulletins for some updates: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_m8kxNVnPlvq2rmjrIDQYt57fiGd3RgSa9Zbya6RY](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_m8kxNVnPlvq2rmjrIDQYt57fiGd3RgSa9Zbya6RY)
**ÉIREANN ATTRIDGE – CUSU ACCESS AND FUNDING OFFICER**

- Was ill so took sick leave and wasn’t able to do as much as usual
- Spoke on a panel about Social Mobility and Access at a Hobsons conference
- Submitted the Widening Participation Project Fund (WPPF) Report to the Cambridge Admissions Office (CAO) who provide funding for the CUSU Shadowing Scheme.
- Met with Oxford University Students’ Union (OUSU) and discussed future plans and the work that they’re currently doing.
- Attended a Representation meeting and discussed how I’ve recently been supporting students.
- Attended a sabb meeting in which handover was discussed.
- Attended the Outreach Steering Group.
- Attended the Cambridge Bursary Subgroup.
- Met with the Schools Liaison Officer for the Education Faculty to discuss the Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) Conference.
- Attended the CUSU Garden Party Subcommittee.
- Facilitated a discussion on social class for students from ‘widening participation’ backgrounds.
- Sat on Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

**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
9A. MOTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL FREE BUDGET TO CAMBRIDGE NIGHTLINE

Proposed by Maya Raphael, Cambridge Nightline Public Face (mr641@cam.ac.uk), seconded by Daniel Walsh, Cambridge Nightline Coordinator (daw77@cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. That Cambridge Nightline is a front-line service central to the provision of welfare support around Cambridge. We are a specific form of welfare as are founded on the principles of anonymity and confidentiality. This covers a complementary but unique form of support to that which students receive from their JCRs, MCRs and CUSU itself;
2. That without CUSU, the service we provide will not be sufficiently publicized to new and current students, which will have a significant impact on student welfare;
3. That this academic year (2016-2017), Cambridge Linkline has been rebranded as Cambridge Nightline. We did this because we were finding that 'Nightline' was more familiar to the university student body and hence increases the degree of support that we can give to students in Cambridge;
4. That due to the name change, we have lost a significant degree of publicity around the university. Over the years we have built up a physical presence in the university student centres. However, with the name change we must replace all of this material. Our funding from the university is set at a rate to cover replenishing the amount of the publicity that we produce, rather than a wholesale replacement.

CUSU Believes:

1. That Cambridge Nightline is the primary nighttime (7pm-7am) support service for students that is available at the university;
2. That the need for the service we provide has only continued to increase over the last couple of years, highlighting the centrality of Nightline to student welfare. For example, as of November 2015, Cambridge Nightline has seen a 56% increase in calls received from students and the number of instant messages received has almost doubled. However, whilst the need for and pressure on Cambridge Nightline has increased significantly, our funding has remained constant;
3. That due to the de-centralised collegiate system, Cambridge Nightline does not receive the same degree of support or free publicity from the student unions that other universities provide. For example, at Cardiff University Nightline is included in all freshers and welfare packs, is on all university student cards, and is advertised on every university TV screen. Cambridge Nightline is the only helpline for students which is also run by Cambridge University students. The support we provide is distinct in being non-directive, non-judgemental, anonymous, and confidential;
4. As of this year, Cambridge Nightline also publicizes the daytime Students' Unions' (CUSU) Advice Service.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To allocate funding from the Free Council Budget to Cambridge Nightline for the year 2016-2017;
2. To continue to fulfil our duty to provide the best possible welfare and support services we can, reaching as many students as possible, by financially supporting Cambridge Nightline;
3. To continue to work together with Cambridge Nightline both in raising awareness of the service and in fundraising.

98. MOTION TO SUBMIT NAME-BLIND UCAS ADMISSIONS MOTION TO NUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Proposed by Amatey Doku (president@cusu.cam.ac.uk), seconded by Audrey Sebatindira (womens@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

CUSU Notes:

1. The CUSU President received a motion after the last Council to support Name-blind admissions on UCAS when undergraduate students apply which other Universities such as the University of East Anglia are putting forward to national conference
2. Due to time constraints, the CUSU President submitted the motion by the deadline (Tuesday 28th February) after consultation with the sabbatical officer Team and particular, the CUSU Access and Funding Officer, Eireann Attridge
3. A motion is more likely to be debated at National Conference if more than one Union has proposed it

CUSU Believes:

1. That name-blind applications will not solve these inequalities on their own, but they have the potential to remove some opportunities for relations of domination to be upheld, and help to promote fair access in education.
2. That Cambridge, in particular, has issues with Widening Participation from BME backgrounds and has a much lower proportion of BME students than the national average
3. This will be no means a silver bullet but supports Cambridge’s efforts and the efforts of the sector as a whole to improve our efforts in Widening Participation to Higher Education
4. That supporting this motion will show CUSU’s commitment on a national level to tackle institutional prejudice

CUSU Resolves:

1. To support other Unions by endorsing the submission of the attached motion to National Conference in April

Reference:

The NUS Motion – Click here.

10. ELECTIONS

At the fourth CUSU Council of Term, Council will be holding elections for CUSU Chair and Deputy Chair! The role of the Chair and the Deputy Chair have become even more important with the drafting of the new Constitution and Standing Orders and holders of the position will be coming in at a crucial time as we will seek to implement the new changes.
CUSU is also looking to appoint 2 new Student Trustees, to the Trustee Board for the next academic year. The Union development team will be forming a Student Trustee Selection Group, which has a space for someone voted in by Council. The responsibility of the Selection Group is to propose Student Trustee candidates to fill Student Trustee vacancies on the CUSU's Board of Trustees. If you would like to be on the Selection Group please email uniondev@cusu.cam.ac.uk to put your name down or if you have any further questions.

If you would like to run or find out more about any of these roles, email the Union Development Team at uniondev@cusu.cam.ac.uk by 5pm on Sunday 5th March.