



Michaelmas 2 CUSU Council
7:15pm, Monday 3rd November 2014
Old Examinations Hall

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:
17th November, 7:15pm. Location, small exams hall.
5. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
6. Questions to Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
7. Announcements by the Council
8. Ordinary Motions (*=motion requires two thirds majority):
 - a. Motion to Postpone Part-Time Executive Elections
 - b. Motion to support opposition to proposed changes to the Universities Superannuation Scheme
 - c. Motion to Support Sports Provision at Cambridge
9. Emergency Motions
10. Elections
 1. Elections Committee
 2. TCS Board of Directors (two positions)
11. Any other business

11a. Motion to Postpone Part-Time Executive Elections

CUSU Notes

1. Elections for the Part-Time Executive are due to take place at the third meeting of CUSU Council in Michaelmas Term
2. With the exception of the Ethical Affairs Campaign, many positions in the CUSU Part-Time Executive have remained empty for a number of years
3. Despite increased publicity during 2013-14, a significant number of vacancies in the Part-Time Executive remained a serious problem.

CUSU Believes

1. That the Part-Time Executive should be an effective way to become involved in the campaigning and representational work of CUSU
2. That the current complicated structure of the Part-Time Executive presents a barrier to students getting involved with issues that they care about through CUSU
3. That a restructure is necessary to maximise the effectiveness of the Part-Time Executive
4. That it would be preferable to postpone the Michaelmas elections until after a restructure has taken place.

CUSU Resolves

1. To postpone the elections of the Part-Time Executive until the second round of Part-Time Executive elections, held at the fourth meeting of CUSU Council in Lent Term
2. To conduct research into the redevelopment of the Part-Time Executive, including consultation with students about what they would like from these roles
3. To prepare a proposal for the restructure of the Part-Time Executive to be presented at the first CUSU Council Meeting of Lent Term.

Proposed by: The CUSU Sabbatical Team

11b. Motion to support opposition to proposed changes to the Universities Superannuation Scheme

CUSU Notes

1. That proposals by Universities UK (UUK) to reform the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) will significantly diminish the value of pensions held by university staff, in addition to displacing risk onto individual employees;
2. That UCU members have voted in favour of an assessment boycott beginning 6th November 2014;
3. That the University of Cambridge is one of 69 universities that will be affected by the action;

CUSU Believes

1. That university staff are entitled to a pension that both reflects their contribution to Higher Education and that does not have its conditions significantly altered mid-way through their career;
2. That in the long-term, proposed changes to USS will harm the university's ability to attract gifted teachers and academics, disproportionately affecting women and minority groups, and could damage the quality of the education students here will receive;
3. That the proposed changes will harm the prospects of many current Cambridge students who will hope to pursue a career in academia

4. That although the assessment boycott may cause disruption to some students, the motivations of staff for taking industrial action are sound;
5. That UUK should reconsider its intentions to reform USS and, subject to further consultation, search for a solution which appropriately values the fundamental contribution of university staff to HE

CUSU Resolves

1. To support university staff in their opposition to the proposed changes to USS;
2. To closely monitor the progress of the proposed changes to USS;
3. To communicate with appropriate figures where necessary in order to convey support for the rights of the staff who are fundamental to the education of Cambridge students

Submitted by:

Rob Richardson, CUSU Education Officer

Amelia Horgan, CUSU Women's Officer

11c. Motion to Support Sports Provision at Cambridge

CUSU Notes

1. That the University Council established a Review Committee to investigate University Sport in November 2012, which issued its report (*A review of the governance and management arrangements for sport within the University*, November 2013) that was later approved by the University Council;
2. Some Recommendations of the report include:
 - A. Reforming the Sports Syndicate into a Committee which reports jointly to the University Council and General Board;
 - B. Devising a vision and strategy for sport in the University;
 - C. Determining what funding is required to deliver this strategy for sport and to bid for funding to meet this requirement from the University and Colleges;
3. That 27 members of the Regent House requested that the University Council's Report on the subject (which would begin implementation of the recommendations) be put to a vote of the Regent House, scheduled for the second half of November;
4. That, with sufficient signatures from certain CUSU and GU Sabbatical Officers and Presidents of JCRs and MCRs, students may submit a flysheet outlining their position to those voting;
5. That students engaged in sport have voiced support for the implementation of the Review's recommendations and the need for more to be done, notably in a series of articles in *The Blue Bird* (www.bluebirdnews.co.uk);

CUSU Believes

1. That for many students at Cambridge, sport represents a significant contribution to their educational and personal development;

2. That a lack of overarching strategy has resulted in poor support for sport within the University, compared with other Higher Education Institutions;
3. That the implementation of the Review's recommendations would benefit students who participate in sport throughout the Collegiate University;
4. That further work will be required to ensure that students' interests continue to be at the heart of developments in sport provision at the University;

CUSU Resolves

1. To submit a "placet" flysheet for consideration of members of the Regent House during the ballot, demonstrating student support for the findings of the review and to seek the support of JCR and MCR Presidents as signatories to the flysheet;
2. To reach out to members of the Regent House encouraging them to vote 'placet' in favour of the report;
3. To provide support and resources to students campaigning for improved sports provision within the University.

Proposed by: Jemma Stewart (CUSU Coordinator)

Seconded by: Helen Hoogewerf-McComb (CUSU President)