

CUSU Council (Lent II)

Monday 3rd February 2020, 7pm

Mill Lane Lecture Room 2, 17 Mill Lane  
Minutes

1. **Objections to the order of items on the agenda**

* Chris Hamilton proposed that item 5C, the Motion on Firearms at Freshers’ Fair, be moved to after 3B on the agenda.
* This was passed with 35 Yes votes and 7 No votes.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last Council Meeting**

* Minutes approved.

1. **Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive** 
   1. **Officer accountability**
   * Edward Parker Humphreys (President) delivered an update.
   * Ali Hyde (Education Officer) delivered an update.
   * Kate Litman (Women’s Officer) delivered an update.
   * Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) delivered an update.
   * Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) delivered an update.
   1. **Updates from Campaigns and the Executive**
   * No updates

**5. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions**

1. **Motion on Firearms at Freshers’ Fair**
   * Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) proposed the motion.
     1. **Amendment (Andrew Salkeld)**
     + Andrew Salkeld (Fitzwilliam JCR) presented the amendment.
     + Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) questioned whether the OTC would be considered a student-run society.
     + Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) answered that this was the case.
     + Daniel asked whether CUSU could interpret the motion differently in the future?
     + Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) stated that her change in the wording of the motion had made this clearer.
     + Olly (Robinson) asked whether external military organisations are actually active at Council?
     + Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) said that it had been the case.
     + Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) spoke in favour of the motion.
     + A student spoke in favour of the motion.
     + Edward Parker Humphreys (President) spoke against the amendment.
     + Peter McLaughlin (Downing) asked whether the current expectations of societies at the Fair make the motion redundant?
     + Edward Parker Humphreys (President) stated that a democratic mandate would back up existing policy.
     + Michael asked why the motion explicitly targets military groups? Does this mean the Council will take action to ensure all groups don’t do this?
     + Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer)
     + Sophie asked whether this is a motion on Firearms or external organisations?
     + Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) stated that the issues had been similar problems at the Fair.
     + Jack (Fitzwilliam JCR) gave a speech in favour of the motion.
     + Dominic asked what the process for becoming part of the CUSU Directory?
     + Edward Parker Humphreys (President) gave clarification on this.
     + Jack (Fitzwilliam JCR) gave a summation on the amendment.
     + The amendment was passed. [Exact voting results lost due to the voting software crashing].

* Michael asked whether the CUSU resolves and believes can be understood to be arguments for the amended motion.
* Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) pointed to examples of arguments for Resolves 1 in the motion.
* Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) asked whether the rejected parts were now the opposite of CUSU policy?
* Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) answered the
* A student asked when there had been examples of problems.
* Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) gave an answer.
* Olly gave an argument against the motion.
* Ben gave a speech against the motion.
* Joe gave a speech against the motion.
* Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) asked that no further speeches be made against the unamended motion.
* A student requested that organisations mentioned in the motion be contacted.
* Gabriel Barton-Singer gave an argument against the motion.
* Catherine gave a speech in favour of the motion.
* Sophie asked how firearms is defined?
* Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) gave an answer.
* Stella (Welfare & Rights Officer) gave a summation on the motion.
* A request was made for a further round of speeches. This request was denied.
* The motion passed with 27 Yes votes and 9 No votes.

1. **Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council**
   1. **Motion to support campaigns working to cut all ties between Cambridge University and the fossil fuel industry**
   * Alice Gilderdale (Ethical Affairs) proposed the motion.
   * Dominic gave a speech against the motion.
   * Dan Whitaker (Clare MCR) gave a speech in favour of the motion.
   * Dominic gave a speech against the motion.
   * Jess O’Brien (Disabled Students’ Officer) gave a speech in favour of the motion.
   * Dominic gave a speech against the motion.
   * Kate Litman (Women’s Officer) gave a speech in favour of the motion.
   * Ben Margolis (Education PTE) gave a speech in favour of the motion.
   * Alice Gilderdale (Ethical Affairs) gave a summation on the motion.
   * The motion passed with 32 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
   1. **Kashmir Solidarity and Citizenship Act Motion**
   * Jess O’Brien (Disabled Students’ Officer) proposed the motion.
   * The motion passed with 32 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
2. **Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions**
   1. **Motion for a Harm-Reduction Policy on Drug Taking**
   * Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) proposed the motion.
   * Rensa Gaunt (Part-Time Students Officer) asked about the financial viability of the scheme.
   * Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) stated that it would be a pilot scheme.
   * Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) asked whether CUSU had asked the University about the scheme
   * Edward Parker Humphreys (President) state that CUSU had not spoken to the University about it.
   * Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) gave a summation.
   * The motion passed with 34 Yes votes and 0 No votes.
   1. **Motion for it to be mandatory for every tripos to include content notes in all faculty produced reading lists**
   * Umme (Homerton) proposed the motion
     1. **Amendment (Ali Hyde)**
     + Ali Hyde (Education Officer) presented the amendment.
     + The amendment was accepted as friendly by the motion’s proposer.
   * Rensa Gaunt (Part-Time Students’ Officer) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Rory Kent (Education PTE) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Kate Litman (Women’s Officer) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Jess O’Brien (Disabled Students’ Officer) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) asked if there is a list of what should be content noted and whether there is a means to request content notes
   * Jess O’Brien (Disabled Students’ Officer) answered.
   * Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) gave a summation.
   * The motion passed with 34 Yes votes and 1 No votes.
3. **Proposed Ordinary Action Motions**
   1. **Motion to apply for Council Free Budget: ‘Fly Hosts *gal-dem*’: A writing workshop and insight into journalism for women and non-binary people of colour**
   * Rachel David proposed the motion.
   * The motion was passed with 33 Yes votes and 0 No votes.
   1. **Motion for an update on progress towards free menstrual products in department toilets**
   * Helen Trenkic (Homerton) proposed the motion.
   * Henry Wright (Homerton) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Ali Hyde (Education Officer) spoke about the motion.
   * Helen Trenkic (Homerton) spoke in favour of the motion.
   * Peter McLaughlin asked whether there is a document that lists where provision is made?
   * Ali Hyde (Education Officer) stated that there is not, but one could be made.
   * Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students’ Campaign) asked that “and colleges” be added in CUSU resolves 1. This was accepted as friendly.
   * Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) gave a summation.
   * The motion was passed with 35 Yes votes and 0 No votes.
4. **Any other business**

* Ali Hyde (Education Officer) gave updates on strikes and the Student-Led Teaching Awards.
* Alice Gilderdale (Ethical Affairs) gave an update on Green Week and Colleges Campaigning guide.
* Jess O’Brien (Disabled Students’ Campaign) gave an update about the Intermission Survey.