



# CUSU Council (Michaelmas IV)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm

Lecture Room 1, Mill Lane Lecture Rooms

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## Minutes

1. Objections to the order of items on the agenda
  - o None raised
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last Council Meeting
  - o None raised
3. Announcements by Committees, Campaign Teams and the Executive
  - a. **Officer accountability**
    - The Officer team delivered updates on their work
    - Matthew Alderton (Magdalene JCR) asked Jess O'Brien whether she planned to apologise for Facebook status earlier in the week.
      - Jess O'Brien (Disabled Students' Officer) answered confirming that she did not, and reiterating the decision of the Disabled Students' Campaign.
    - April Jakso (LGBT+ Campaign) asked if the minutes of the relevant meeting of the DSC could be circulated.
      - Jess O'Brien (Disabled Students' Officer) confirmed that they will be circulated.
    - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) delivered an update on the CUSU position on DRC/UCS strike action.
  - b. **Updates from Campaigns and the Executive**
    - Jake Simms (Ethical Affairs) delivered an update from the Campaign.
    - Liam Plimmer (LGBT+ Campaign) delivered an update from the CUSU position

- Emily Hall (Robinson JCR) asked iCUSU about a message regarding visa requirements for attendance during the strikes.
    - Julia Yan (iCUSU) responded saying that missing compulsory contact hours is a risk for international students with regards to compulsory contact hours.
    - Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) confirmed that CUSU is not expecting anyone to miss compulsory contact hours. It was clarified with the NUS that only compulsory contact hours apply to visa requirements.
4. Ratification of Trustee appointments
    - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) delivered the proposals from the Trustee Selection group.
    - It was proposed that Laura Davies be appointed.
    - The appointment was ratified with 41 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
  5. Proposed Standing Orders amendment
    - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) proposed the amendment.
    - Aberdeen Powell (Disabled Students' Campaign) asked whether this has been considered for the Part-Time Executive.
      - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) confirmed that this would be revisited.
    - Anna Ward (Part-Time Students' Officer) also suggested this be considered for the Part-Time Students' Officer.
    - The motion passed with 40 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
  6. Ordinary Policy Motions from Previous Council
    - a. **Motion to support and encourage a boycott of the NSS (National Student Survey) \***
  7. Proposed Ordinary Policy Motions
    - a. **Campaigning for Antiracist training for University Staff**
      - Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) presented the motion
      - The motion passed with 44 Yes votes and 0 No votes.
    - b. **Campaigning for Improving Unconscious Bias training for University Staff involved in Admissions Procedures**
      - Lily-Rose Sharry (Access & Funding Officer) presented the motion.
      - The motion was passed with 43 Yes votes and 1 No vote.
  8. Proposed Ordinary Action Motions

a. **Motion to fund a portion of the cost of running CamQueerHistory's Events for LGBT+ History Month**

- Alex Russell (Magdalene J/MCR) presented the motion.
- The motion was passed with 42 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

b. **Action motion regarding CUSU support for UCS/DRC appointments**

- Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) presented the motion.
- The proposer of the motion accepted the amendment from Edward Parker Humphreys (President) as friendly, with no objections from Council.
- Aberdeen Powell (Peterhouse JCR) asked why this motion had come to Council and not the DSC?
  - Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) gave an answer that these issue had been raised by Disabled Students to him.
- April Jakso (LGBT+ Campaign) questioned why the minuting of the DSC meeting did not accurately reflect discussion about the wording of the DSC decision.
- Matt Alderton (Magdalene JCR) spoke in favour of the motion.
- Anna Ward (Part-Time Students Officer) introduced the, now accepted, amendment.
- Edward Parker Humphreys (President) spoke in favour of the amended motion.
- Henry Wright (Homerton JCR) asked the officer team what will be done to reflect on communications issues?
  - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) answered, stating that there have been extenuating circumstances impacting communications, and that CUSU is trying its best to respond to all queries.
  - Jess O'Brien (Disabled Students' Officer) read out a statement from the Disabled Students' Campaign Committee - [Statement here](#)
  - Jana Sadovska (Lucy Cavendish CR) asked what can be done actively to support strikes?
    - Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights Officer) directed to her own Facebook page for information.

- Cameron O'Connor (Downing MCR) asked for clarity on the difference between CUSU and the Campaigns?
  - Kate Litman (Women's Officer) emphasised the need for CUSU to be clearer about different stances taken by Campaigns.
  - Jess O'Brien (Disabled Students' Officer) also committed to be clearer on these stances going forward.
- The motion passed with 37 Yes votes and 3 No votes.

9. Any other business

- Matt Alderton (Magdalene JCR) asked what the procedure is for disaffiliation and whether disaffiliation will be possible in the new Union?
  - Edward Parker Humphreys (President) gave answers to both questions
- Stella Swain (Welfare & Rights) encouraged voting representatives to make sure their members knew about the voter registration deadline and postal vote registration deadline tomorrow.
- Arinjay Butani (Selwyn JCR) emphasised that Commonwealth citizens are also eligible to vote.
- CUSU's statements on the strikes are to be circulated

\*For note, except where these items are unstarred by a vote of Council members, or amendments are submitted.