**3rd Week Michaelmas Term 2023 Student Council**

**TIME: 17:30**

**DATE: Tuesday 24th October 2023**

**LOCATION: Exeter College**

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**B. Matters arising from the minutes**

**C. Elections in Council**

Returning Officer [by-election]

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[60 seconds per candidate]

**D. Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**

Written reports can be found here: <https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/>3 minutes per report

**E. Reports from and questions to LGBTQ+ Campaign, Disabilities Campaign, Women\*s Campaign, and Class Act.**

Written reports can be found here: <https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/>
90 seconds per report

**F. Reports from and questions to Divisional Representatives for MPLS and Social Sciences.**

Written reports will be uploaded to the Student Council website by Monday 23rd October
90 seconds per report

**G. Report: SU 2023/24 Budget**

**H. Items for resolution**

1. **Policy For An Intercollegiate and Interdepartmental Campaign to Keep Campsfield Closed** Proposer: Jenna Ali, St Hugh’s
Seconder: Benjamin Matthews, St Hugh’s
**Content Warning: Self-harm, suicide, and xenophobia.**

**Student Council Notes:**

1. That empirical evidence, including but not limited to the findings of the 2016 and 2018 Shaw Reviews, shows that immigration detention has immediate and long-term negative consequences on people’s medical and mental health.

2. That the Conservative government in 2016 acknowledged this evidence and committed to detain fewer people under immigration law; following which in 2018, Campsfield House detention centre in Kidlington was closed.

3. That before Campsfield House closed, it saw hunger strikes, self-harm, and the tragic suicides of 19-year-old Ramazan Komluca in 2005 and Ianos Dragutan in 2011.

4. That the UK government now plans to reopen Campsfield House, contravening its earlier commitment.

5. That the site plans recently shared by the Home Office show a significant expansion of the site from its 2018 footprint with accommodation for 400 detainees.

6. That the plans to reopen Campsfield have already met with significant political and civil opposition in the local area, including from Layla Moran MP; Oxford City Council; the Coalition to Keep Campsfield Closed.

7. That Oxford is a designated UK City of Sanctuary, and certain Oxford colleges have similarly undertaken the designation of Colleges of Sanctuary, committing to the safety and welcome of asylum-seekers. \*For Somerville & Mansfield, directly address them\*

8. That a collective of Oxfordshire civil society organisations known as the Coalition to Keep Campsfield Closed (CKCC) has engaged the support of various local actors - most recently the Oxford SU - to campaign against the reopening of Campsfield House.

9. That the CKCC has prepared an Open Letter addressed to the Prime Minister urging him to Keep Campsfield Closed, to be signed by Oxford students, student organisations, and faculty members.

10. That this SC and its existing voting membership commendably committed to supporting the CKCC earlier this year by voting for the agenda proposed by Hajar Zainuddin of University College.

11. That the SU, as per the CRAE Constitution section 2.1, is committed to "the promotion and defence of the academic, recreational, communal, welfare and cultural interests of students of Arab, Asian, African or Caribbean descent, or people of colour, black, or ethnic minority students at the University of Oxford" and that these interests in the case of such students with a history of refuge concern also the welfare of refugees locally.

12. That Oxford University and the Student Council membership is comprised of many independently functioning colleges and departments for whom the Student Council voting membership serve as representatives and therefore as a channel for communicating and promoting the agendas and activities of the Student Union.

**Student Council Believes:**

1. That it is vital for students at Oxford University to engage and take action regarding social issues in Oxfordshire, and for student bodies to facilitate such engagement.

2. That the reopening of Campsfield House is an example of an important local issue, as it poses a threat to the welfare and human rights of asylum-seekers, and to Oxford’s designated status as a City of Sanctuary.

3. That student bodies should show their support for the campaign to Keep Campsfield Closed through measures including but not limited to signing the aforementioned Open Letter.

4. That support for the campaign to keep Campsfield closed aligns with previous support for the campaign to close it in the first place, which was supported in 2014 by nine college heads, who were amongst 70 signatories of an open letter to the Prime Minister.

5. That support for the campaign aligns with the commitment of the university and its student body to the welfare of its BAME community which may include students with a history of refuge such as students from countries such as Iraq or Iran which are both amongst the most represented countries of origin of refugees in Britain as well as of students at the university.

6. That it is the responsibility of student representatives to lead and accelerate social change, particularly that which is in the collective interest of underrepresented or marginalised students, by utilising channels of communication available to them to campaign for social welfare.

**Student Council Resolves:**

To make CKCC campaigning and support by Sabbatical Officers Policy. Sabbatical Officers will uphold this Policy by:

1) Encouraging voting delegates to submit and campaign for motions at their respective JCRs and MCRs calling on the body to:

a) Sign the CKCC Open Letter as a JCR/MCR.

b) Mandate the JCR/MCR President to encourage the Head of College to sign the Open Letter.

c) Provide support with contacting senior leadership to sign the Open Letter.

d) Circulate the petition to Keep Campsfield Closed to members of the JCR/MCR and encourage them to ask academics to sign it.

e) Circulate other events and initiatives relating to the campaign to members of the JCR/MCR, upon request by the campaign.

2) Utilising their elevated access to communication channels to:

a) Circulate the petition to Keep Campsfield Closed to students and academics across the university’s various colleges and departments and encourage signature and further circulation.

b) Circulate other events and initiatives relating to the campaign upon request by the campaign.

1. **Ethical Investment Governance Review**

Proposer: Mia Clement, Oxford SU
Seconder: Jennifer Lynam, Oxford SU

**Student Council Notes:**

* + The sabbatical officer representative not being invited to the only EIRRS meeting of the year or having a formal introduction to the committee by the Chair/secretary as with other University committees.
	+ Repeatedly raising concerns around progress on OUem’s net zero portfolio engagement without clear avenues for formally elevating concern. It was evident from Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee (ESSC) meetings that the Students’ Union was the only body closely tracking and holding OUem to account on its investment strategy with regards to sustainability, for instance by writing multiple papers on the subject, despite this being a University commitment in its Sustainability Strategy.
	+ This left the Students’ Union feeling as if it was the only body raising concerns regarding, for instance, the number of ESG engagements going down, the portfolio’s fossil fuel exposure going up, the low ambition of targets (including the aim to only secure net zero targets from investee companies by 2035). This was not appropriate given that it relies on a sabbatical officer taking particular interest, time commitment and onboarding of knowledge to do this task.
	+ Throughout the year, the Sabbatical Officer for Charities and Community repeatedly raised concerns, and made suggestions regarding ways to improve net zero engagement. The officer researched and evidenced these suggestions in drafted papers sent to the Chair of EIRRS, and repeatedly asked for EIRRS to meet to discuss these. However, the response was often slow, and a meeting was never arranged by the Chair. There were some alternative suggestions of the best routes to take concerns, but these were similarly slow. It was consistently unclear what the appropriate governance route was to have these discussions - especially given EIRRS was only guaranteed to meet once a year.

**Student Council Believes:**

* + Climate divestment is key in tackling the climate crisis, with Student Council having passed motions on climate divestment and ethical investment in the past.
	+ Environmental sustainability should be adequately represented and addressed in investment and the governance of the university’s endowment fund in addition to helping college ethical investment progress.

**Student Council Resolves:**

* + VP Activities & Community be mandated to work with the environmental sustainability team at the University in improving governance on ethical investment and climate divestment across the University endowment fund, in particular changes to the Ethical Investment Representative Review Sub-committee (including an environmental sustainability team member and increased meeting frequency to once a term rather than once annually).
	+ VP Activities & Community be mandated to collaborate with colleges on managing their own environmental and ethical investment efforts.
1. **LGBTQ+ and Trans-Inclusive Sports**
Proposer: Mia Clement (Oxford SU)
Seconder: Aryemis Brown (Somerville)
**Content Warning: Transphobia**

**Student Council Notes:**

* Despite the positive aspects of university sports, by mimicking wider sport practices, they may also be environments that exclude non-normative bodies, including those who are trans.
* At Oxford, approximately half of sports clubs are governed by the British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) and the other half are non-BUCS clubs, resulting in different governance practices and inclusion policies.
* Experience and testimonies from trans student suggests further action can be taken to ensure university and college sport is inclusive to all, particularly in regard to the reliance on wider binary gender structures in sport (men and women’s categories, often with no additional available open or mixed category), which are evident in the British Universities and Colleges Sport transgender policy, and additionally non-BUCS club policy at Oxford.
* Based on the available academic literature like Phipps (2019) and trans student experiences, it is clear that major barriers still exist in sport, an environment that is predominantly structured with reliance on gender binaries, where eligibility issues and transphobia are potential barriers for non-binary, gender non-conforming and trans-students want to play sport.
* To elaborate, within sport the body is a central focus, with gendered structures (such as separate male and female sport teams) and normative gendered ideologies (such as socialisation of males and females into different sports) apparent, creating a highly gendered space. Gender binaries are arguably evident in sport for two broad reasons; firstly, there is the suggestion they create and maintain a level playing field for female athletes in the vast majority of sports where male physiology may create ‘natural’ physical advantages. Aside from ensuring fairness, binary classifications may also be seen as a means to ensure male hegemony in sport, perpetuating male privilege and the ‘patriarchal status quo’ (Krech, 2017), restricting any attempts for inclusion or accessibility for those who identify outside of the gender binary or the success of open/mixed sports teams.

[Phipps, 2019: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1012690219889621> ]

[Krech, 2017: [https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPagehandle=hein.journals/berkjintlw35&div=14&id=&page=](https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPagehandle%3Dhein.journals/berkjintlw35%26div%3D14%26id%3D%26page%3D) ]

**Student Council Believes:**

* + It is essential that we create an environment where all individuals, regardless of their gender identity, expression or sexual orientation, feel safe, welcome, and empowered to participate in sports and physical activities.
	+ Oxford University has a proud history of academic excellence and inclusivity, and these principles should extend to all aspects of university life, including sports.
	+ University and college clubs should be accessible to all students and students should have the opportunity to join an ‘Open Team’.

**Student Council Resolves:**

* + VP Activities & Community be mandated to work and implement on a LGBTQ+ and trans-inclusive policy for sports, bringing it to the Sports Strategic Sub-Committee.
	+ VP Activities & Community be mandated to collaborate with university and college clubs to support trans-students in sport across Oxford.
	+ VP Activities & Community be mandated to collaborate with the LGBTQ+ campaign on the creation, adapting and implementation of an LGBTQ+ and Trans-Inclusive sports policy across the university and colleges.
	+ VP Activities & Community be mandated to work not only on non-BUCS club policy but in addition work with BUCS to improve its current trans-inclusive policy.
1. **Creation of an Environmental Affairs Campaign for Social and Environmental Justice**
Proposer: Mia Clement (Oxford SU)
Seconder: Luca di Bona (St Hilda’s)

**Student Council Notes:**
Oxford University has always been an institution known for its pursuit of knowledge and its commitment to bettering our world. We believe that this tradition should extend to our collective responsibility for promoting social and environmental justice. As students and a collective student union, we have a unique opportunity to engage with these critical issues and work towards a more equitable and sustainable future.

**Student Council Believes:**
The creation of an Environmental Affairs campaign will serve as a platform for students to engage in dialogue, advocacy, and action regarding social and environmental justice. For example, this campaign could focus on the following key objectives:

• Awareness and Education: The campaign will organize workshops, seminars, and events to raise awareness about various environmental and ethical issues, such as climate change, social inequalities, human rights, and sustainable living.

• Advocacy: We will actively engage with local and national organizations to advocate for policies and practices that promote social and environmental justice. We will also lobby for changes within our institution to align with ethical values.

• Community Engagement: The campaign will collaborate with other student groups, community organizations, and experts to build a network of support for our initiatives. We will also promote volunteering opportunities related to environmental and ethical causes.

• Sustainability Initiatives: The campaign will work on developing and implementing sustainable practices within the university. This includes initiatives related to energy conservation, waste reduction, and eco-friendly transportation.

• Transparency and Accountability: We will work closely with the university administration to ensure that environmental and ethical standards are maintained and that there is transparency and accountability in all ethical affairs.

The creation of an Environmental Affairs campaign would have several benefits for the Oxford community:

• Empowerment: It will empower students to make a meaningful impact on social and environmental issues, both locally and globally.

• Learning Opportunities: It will provide educational opportunities that enrich the academic experience and encourage critical thinking.

• Positive Image: It will enhance the student union’s reputation as an institution that is committed to ethical values and social responsibility.

• Engagement and Networking: It will create a platform for students to connect with like-minded individuals, faculty, and professionals who share their passion for ethical causes.

**Student Council Resolves:**
• That an Environmental Affairs campaign be created.

• That the constitution for the Environmental Affairs campaign be brought to the next Student Council meeting in 7th week.

**5. Clarity on the Rules of Council**
Proposer: Niall Pearson-Shaul, Merton
Seconder: Joe Bell, Merton

**Student Council Notes:**

1. Last term (TT23), Council approved a new set of Rules for Council, and amendments, without any opposition, following a review process in which the SU and students were invited to give views and/or contribute (see TT23 3rd week minutes of Student Council).

2. The decision of the Trustee Board in the long vacation to alter Council’s rules to a very different and much vaguer version. This version is flawed in several ways, with incomplete sentences, grammatical errors, and no amendments enacting the changes necessary to ensure the continued function of the Council’s democracy with only two meetings per term. Furthermore, rules of council providing for Extraordinary Meetings, Emergency motions, and interpretation of several crucial terms were omitted, and a new rule providing for the Trustee Board’s ability to amend the rules was included.

3. These changes make it much harder to hold the Sabbatical Trustees to account (e.g. by delaying a possible no confidence vote by as much as a whole term).

4. The Council did not pass such amendments in 2.

5. That, leaving aside any questions of ultra vires vis-à-vis the trustee board’s capacity to make the decision in 2., the power to amend the Rules of Council is only expressly accorded to the Student Council.

6. The rules as they were before the amendments in 2. were drafted by the Working Group on Rules, a Working Group of this Council composed of Students, and Sabbatical Officers overseen by the CEO, and passed by Council.

**Student Council Believes:**

1. That the Trustee Board acted ultra vires in its amendment of the Rules of Council.

2. That the Rules of Council as they were at the end of TT23 (Appendix 1) stand as the authoritative rules.

3. That, nonetheless, there is a need for clarity and direction going forward.

4. It welcomes input from the Trustee Board (and students) on how it can be improved. Where change is needed, it should be made.

5. Changes to the Rules must be done through the proper channels, so there is clarity about what changes are made, and the Student Body has an opportunity to comment.

**Student Council Resolves:**

1. That the Rules of Council remain as they were at the end of TT23.

2. To mandate the SU President to ensure that a document accurately reflecting that state of the rules is uploaded to the SU website.

3. To mandate the SU President to inquire into, and report to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, the process informing the decision to amend the rules, including whether the decision was know to be ultra vires, and if it was, why the decision was taken in light of that knowledge.

4. To mandate Steering Committee to publish a schedule, no later than Sunday of 4th week MT23, providing for two further meetings of the Council in MT23 and to undertake the accompanying administrative tasks to organise those meetings as specified by the rules.

5. To invite the Trustee Board to propose amendments properly, so the changes can be debated openly.

**I. Project Proposals for resolution**

**1. Science Policy Discussions**
Proposers: Kai Sandbrink, LMH and Jirko Rubruck, St Cross

**Project Description:**

We propose a short-form lecture and discussion series, Science Policy Discussions, which would two speaker events this term (MT23). Meetings would feature a short-format salon-style evening “lecture” by a speaker who is a member of the Oxford academic community in the evening followed by open discussion over an aperitifs where the focus is as much on discussions around the topic and getting to know other students as it is on the lecture itself. This project takes inspiration from the Royal Society and would cover a similar range of topics: https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/

We are currently liaising with relevant speakers and will announce them in due course. Although the topics are not fixed precisely, we hope to cover the following topics in speaker events this term: Climate change in academia, DEI, and university funding (government initiatives, policies affecting grant cycles and availability, etc.)

This Discussion Series is part of a larger effort to create a platform that allows for discussions between students about the interactions between science, society, and policy. We aim to discuss not only the influence of science on society, but also the way policy influences science. We have created a WhatsApp group which has reached over 100 members which has been advertised through Graduate Society newsletters and that we are using to coordinate joint trips to museums and public lectures of relevance to science policy around Oxford. Being accepted as a Student Council project would allow us to widen our scope and hold our own events that are tailored to our specific interests. Our hope is that we can use these events to grow into a permanent project or an established society.

**Project Aims:**

To create a forum for discussion for students to engage with topics on the intersection of science and policy.

We will host 2 events through this SU Council project, in addition to 5-6 events we are planning throughout the term via our existing WhatsApp group. We aim to have 20 people in attendance at each event, although we would be open to more.

**Project Spending:**
Council is asked to approve of Oxford SU funding the following spends for this Project.

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| Amount (£)  | What is this spend for?  |
| 120 | Pizza to increase attendance at our first speaker event |
| 120 | Pizza to increase attendance at our second speaker event |
| Total spend = £240 |

**2. Ethical, Decentralised, Democratic Social Media**
Proposer: Tom Campbell, Univ

**Project Description:**
Current corporate social media uses walled gardens and the social network effect to keep users on their platform, just because “Everyone else is on it.” This project suggests an alternative model, which allows free choice to move between platforms, so we can stop using commercial products which are massively harmful to our mental health, information environment, and democracy.

 This project would establish, following other institutions and communities, the SU’s own social media server, part of an existing network of over 10 million users. While being independently run, controlled, and moderated, by the SU or its members, users would still be able to interact with, follow, post to, and message other users around the world. It would use the existing software “Mastodon”, its being ‘open-source’ meaning it is not restricted in use or owned by anyone.

Our own “instance” of Mastodon would essentially provide an alternative to Twitter, with content siloed into SU/Univeristy content and public content. However, the free choice allowed by this decentralised model means that if you don’t like this software or way of socialising, you can choose alternatives, while still being connected to those using other platforms (unlike Instagram users who are cut off from their friends on Facebook or Twitter).

 Please see example instances at [bbc.social (BBC‘s own experimental instance)](https://bbc.social/), [mastodon.social](https://mastodon.social/explore) (run by the founding developers), and profiles for [Stephen Fry](https://mastodonapp.uk/%40stephenfry/) (official), [Financial Times](https://press.coop/%40FT) (imported). More about the Mastodon software can be found at [joinmastodon.org](https://joinmastodon.org/), and the wider project at [fediverse.info](https://fediverse.info/). The vast majority of journalism outlets are already on this network, with many privacyconscious celebrities also looking for alternatives. The consequences of corporate, yet effectively public-service social media have been particularly apparent with the massive individual influence of wealthy actors such as Elon Musk, after he bought Twitter (once envisioned ‘the public townsquare’).

 Please see the [longer draft proposal](https://univox.social/page/tom_campbell/uniengagement) for more information

**Project Aims:**

* + Reduce the harmful effects of current social media platforms on students’ mental health and information environment.
	+ Provide a non-corporate social media service accessible to any interested Oxford student.
	+ Introduce a social media model designed for competivity, not monopolisation
	+ Protect the online privacy of Oxford students.
	+ Promote open, global, free technologies, not gate-kept by for-profit corporations

**Project Spending:**

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| Amount (£) | What is this spend for?  |
| <£10 /month | Server Hosing, depending on existing SU network infrastructure (£0 if developed) |
| £5-£100 | Domain name ownership (variable price) eg. £5 for oxuni.social, £100 for ox.social |
| Total Spend to Start -> £300 |

**J. Items for Discussion**

**1.** **Free Speech and the Oxford Union**
Proposer: Luca di Bona, St Hildas
**Content Warning: Racism, islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, antiziganism, fatphobia and antisemitism.**

**To note:**

1. In Trinity Term 2023 Oxford SU removed a statement published by Oxford SU LGBTQ Campaign (the Campaign) calling for the cancellation of an event at the Oxford Union featuring Kathleen Stock against the wishes of the Campaign.

2. This decision was made by Oxford SU over fears the statement may have been in breach of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023.

3. The Oxford Union has invited Ben Shapiro, Katie Hopkins and Charlie Kirk to speak or debate in Michaelmas Term 2023.

4. Ben Shapiro has been accused by the Scientific American of climate change denial1; accused the Palestinian people of “dress[ing] their toddlers in suicide vests” and declared that “[t]he Palestinian Arab population is rotten to the core”2; said that “Arabs like to bomb crap and live in open sewage”3; falsely claimed that George Floyd, an unarmed black man murdered in 2020 by white police officer Derek Chauvin, died of a drug overdose4; claimed that “[a] man and a woman do a better job of raising a child than two men or two women”5, that “homosexual activity is a sin”; and referred to being transgender as a mental illness, saying that “biology is biology; men can’t magically become women”6 and promoted the debunked and transphobic concept of rapid onset gender dysphoria.7

5. Katie Hopkins has said that “Islam disgusts me”8 and referred to Sadiq Khan as the “Muslim mayor of Londonistan”9; blamed crime on multiculturalism10; said she would not employ obese people11; promoted the white genocide conspiracy theory12; tweeted “Gypsies are ferrel [sic] humans – we have no duty to them”13; appeared alongside a holocaust denier whilst attempting to intervene to return migrants to unsafe Libya14; and blamed the Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting on the Chief Rabbi’s support for refugees.15

6. Charlie Kirk leads Turning Point USA, a group whose former second-in-command said “I HATE BLACK PEOPLE. Like fuck them all . . . I hate blacks. End of story.”16. He has promoted the cultural Marxism conspiracy theory17; advocated for the creation of a citizen militia to be sent to the US-Mexico border to protect against the “invasion” of the country by Haitian refugees and prevent the “diminishing and decreasing [of] white demographics in America”18; referred to George Floyd as a “scumbag”19; denied climate change20; pushed lies about the Covid-19 Pandemic21 and the 2020 election22; and referred to trans people as a “throbbing middle finger to God”.23

7. In 2001 David Irving’s scheduled appearance at the Oxford Union was cancelled after in part the intervention of Oxford SU (then OUSU)24

**To discuss:**

1. The nature Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act in relation to freedom of speech, and it’s capacity in allowing SU representatives to exercise their own free speech. This extends for the ability of the SU to call for cancellation of events.

2. The nature of protests against events as a manifestation of freedom of speech.

3. The views expressed by Ben Shapiro, Katie Hopkins and Charlie Kirk.

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**2. The change to move Student Council from 4 meetings a term to 2**
Proposer: Danial Hussain, Oxford SU

Recently, the Trustee Board of the SU made the decision to reduce the number of Student Council's per term. This was partly done as a result of financial decisions but another key reason was lack of engagement. In the last Student Council, only ten people attended, and over the past year, we have struggled to pass quorum.
As there will be a full review of the SU announced shortly, I wanted to discuss with members their thoughts on this issue.

**K.** Any other business