# 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2022 Student Council

**TIME: 17:30**

**DATE: Tuesday, 12 October 2021**

**LOCATION: Hybrid/** Oriel College- Harris lecture theatre

If you have any questions about Student Council, please feel free to contact the
Chair of Student Council on **chair@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk**or the Student Engagement team on[**studentengagement@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk**](https://unioxfordnexus.sharepoint.com/sites/OUSU-StudentUnion/Shared%20Documents/.Oxford%20SU/Student%20Engagement%20and%20Communications/Student%20Council/Student%20Council%20Meeting%20Archive/Student%20Council%202020-21/Student%20Council%20MT20/1st%20Week%20MT20/studentengagement%40oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk)**.**

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Click [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student_council_holding/) for minutes

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. **Elections in Council**

**Chair of Council (x1):** Chair of Council is responsible for the running, operation, and pre-planning of the meeting as well as sitting on Steering Committee. Council’s decisions have an impact across all levels of both the University and the Student Union, and as Chair you will be responsible for ensuring that this student decision making body is as effective as it can be.

**Elections Committee (x2):** Elections Committee work behind the scenes during Oxford SU’s Leadership Elections to ensure they are run fairly and properly. From making rules on the use of social media, to the use of mailing lists, to the rules surrounding endorsements. Elections Committee is only its second year so you can play a key role in shaping its future and how it should operate.

**Steering Committee (x2):** Steering Committee is comprised of two elected student steering members, the Chair, the President, and the Returning Officer. Steering is the committee tasked with deciding the agenda for the coming Council. They meet the week before to discuss whether submissions should make it to the agenda, whether they need to be amended, or whether they require ‘steering’ to another committee first. Steering are also the group responsible for ensuring that an All Student Consultation is held, if called for.

**Scrutiny Committee (x2):**Scrutiny are elected at the start of Michaelmas to serve for the entire academic year. It is their task to interview the Sabbatical officers at the end of each term and ensure that they are doing the job they have been elected to do. Scrutiny will craft a report to be delivered to Council in 7th Week of each term.

1. **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**
2. **Report from and questions to Disabilities Campaign**
3. **Reports from and questions to LGBTQ+ Campaign**
4. **Items for Discussion**
5. **Cost of living crisis**

The cost-of-living crisis currently facing the UK is at the forefront of everyone’s minds and as your SU President, it’s my top priority here at the Students’ Union.  We know that you will already be feeling the impact of the increase in prices and will be concerned about the coming months, especially with winter fast approaching. It is not possible to centre the student perspective without consultation and thus it is essential to work in collaboration with students.

**Council Notes:**

1. In conjunction VP Graduates and VP Access and Academic affairs, create Cost of Living workstreams with senior staff across colleges and University, to work with them on establishing joint initiatives that target student communities, to advocate for the needs of those students during this time and push for better communication of existing and new support available.
2. To collaborate with relevant Student campaigns, Pres&Rep Comms in identifying urgent needs that student want addressed and create a strategy of resolution.
3. To work with the University to
	1. Look at increasing the capacity of our Oxford SU Advice Team to deliver more tailored money advice.
	2. Explore the possibility of creating a central special Cost of Living Fund/Scholarship targeted at providing essential support for the benefit of those feeling the squeeze the most.
4. Work with Colleges to
	1. Increase awareness of financial support available and support for students who will may need to apply for Student Support or hardships.
	2. Encourage and ensure a collaborative impact on students centered approach with college rent/ battels proposals.

Proposer: Michael-Akolade Ayodeji ,SU President

1. **Any Other Business**