**Student Council 3rd Week Michaelmas Term 2021**

**Tuesday 26th October 2021**

**Virtual – 5:30PM**

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| **Item** | **Agenda** | **Actions** |
|  | **Welcome and apologies**  Marcin Pisanski (Chair of Council) welcomed council members to the meeting and explains how Student Council will run, and some ground rules. | To note |
| **A** | **Minutes of the previous meeting**  Chair opened the floor to questions and comments regarding the minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising from the minutes. | To receive |
| **B** | **Matters arising from the minutes**  There are no matters arising. | To receive |
| **C** | **Elections in Council**  Chair hands over to the Returning Officer Wesley Ding. The returning officer informs members he has three announcements. The RO goes through all current roles are up for Student Council election.  **Elections Committee (x3):** 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.  **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.  **Steering Committee (x1):** 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.  **The Ro continues to inform members that**  **OXFORD SU HIRING A PART-TIME STUDENT STAFF MEMBER**  The Students’ Union is looking for a Student Staff member to help the Student Engagement Team with writing minutes, communications work, and administrative tasks. If you are an organized student with great attention to detail, get in touch!  You will need to be available to write minutes for a few meetings per week, usually taking place around 5pm in term-time.  You’ll be paid the Oxford Living Wage (£10.31 per hour) and it's a great opportunity to learn new skills with short, flexible working hours. If you’re interested, please email studentengagement@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk with a little bit about what would make you a great fit for the role. We can’t wait to hear from you!  **Finally the RO informs member about a new idea about the upcoming Leadership elections**  **ELECTIONS WORKING GROUP**  The Elections Working Group is a student-led committee which will set the strategic priorities for Oxford SU's 2022 Annual Elections and brainstorm ideas for what we can do to improve turnout and participation. You'll have the opportunity to shape how our elections should be run in the future!  We will meet once or twice during Michaelmas Term. If you're interested, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G96VzPWXk0-0uv5ouFLPkdauVvacmYNKsWEiHrdqYHlUMzVVOEdPMERZVlo1MThENDZBVjNRTkU3Mi4u>  And feel free to let me know if you have any questions! | To receive |
| **D** | **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**  **Reports from and questions to Sabbatical Trustees**  Chair informed members that officer written updates can be accessed on the website pages for the Sabbatical Trustees.. Reports from the Sabbatical Trustees can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/21mt3w/).  **Chair opens the floor for Questions and comments on officer reports**  **No questions to sabbatical trustees** | To receive |
| **E** | **Reports from and questions to Disabilities Campaign and LGBTQ+ Campaign**  **Report from the Disabilities Campaign**  The Disabilities Campaign is not present, and sent in apologise. The report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/21mt3w/)  **Report from the Women’s campaign**  Our main targets for this term are  Work with IHH on the Girls Night In boycotts and demonstrations  Recruit more committee members for the by-election  Put on more in person events  It’s been a fab term so far, Freshers Fair went really well as did our day at the SU on the 21st October – all in all very excited for everything else we can achieve!  Full report can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/21mt3w/)  **Report from the Class Act campaign**  Our main targets for this term are  Ensure that we have an active interest and membership from freshers so that we have successful committee elections  Work with college Class reps to promote the materials for information sessions and the development of class related welfare support / events in colleges  Work on our report on financial support and the cost of living across different colleges  Continue our efforts to collaborate with other like-minded groups  We are really happy with the work done by committee members and the interest shown in our term card, especially by graduate students. We had great take-up of our Class Act families scheme, membership of our freshers group, and have been working to establish links with college reps in order to help promote our work.  It was great to see our committee members work on their projects: Jane created a Care Leavers community page, and Jenni has filled a serious gap in the university’s provision of resources on Class which can be used by reps for freshers week etc.  We hope to finally make a start on the report this term, ideally with a lot of research and assembly to take place over the Christmas vac.  **The Chair opens the floor to questions for the Report from the campaigns.**  There are no questions. | To receive |
| **F** | **Reports from and questions to, Social Sciences and MPLS PG Divisional Representative**  All 4 divisional reps were present and full reports can be found [here](https://www.oxfordsu.org/representation/student-council/21mt3w/) | To receive |
| **G** | **Items for resolution** |  |
| **1** | **1. (Campaign Constitution Amendment) Create a Welfare Officer Position for the Oxford SU It Happens Here Campaign**  **Council Notes**:    1. The work It Happens Here deals with often relates to providing or signposting to welfare support for survivors and those supporting them as well as emotionally difficult themes.    2. Other Campaigns, such as the Women’s Campaign and Class Act, have Welfare Officers    **Council Believes**:    1. It would be beneficial for there to be a Welfare Officer on the It Happens Here campaign to support our members and committee with welfare issues, as well as signpost to welfare resources offered by external and university providers.    **Council Resolves**:    1. To amend the Oxford SU It Happens Here constitution to create a Welfare Officer post  Proposer: Timea Iliffe New College  Seconder: Natasha Lovel St Hilda’s College  **Results**  Total Votes 40  For 37  Against 0  Abstain 3  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED**  **(Campaign Constitution Amendment) Create a Communications Officer Position for the Oxford SU It Happens Here Campaign**  **Council Notes**:     1. It Happens Here’s work often relates to communicating and signposting to support for survivors, as well as advertising and promoting awareness of and information about sexual violence     2. The Women’s Campaign has a Communications Officer    **Council Believes**:    1. It would be beneficial for there to be a Communications Officer of the It Happens Here campaign to manage our media communications, social media and graphics, as well as other aspect of our external communications.    **Council Resolves**:     * 1. To amend the Oxford SU It Happens Here constitution to create a Communications Officer post   Proposer: Timea Iliffe New College  Seconder: Natasha Lovel St Hilda’s College  **Results**  Total Votes 39  For 36  Against 0  Abstain 3  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED**  **(Campaign Constitution Amendment) Create a Class Representative Position for the Oxford SU It Happens Here Campaign**  **Council Notes**:    1. Working class and low income students face particular barriers at Oxford, which can translate into specific difficulties for survivors of sexual violence.    2. Intersectionality is crucial for any campaign but particularly for a campaign that focuses on such a serious issue and there is currently no dedicated position for representing the needs and interests of working class students on the campaign    **Council Believes**:    1. It would be beneficial for there to be a Class Officer on the It Happens Here campaign to support and represent working class, low income, first generation, and state comprehensive school backgrounds, as well as care leavers and estranged students (as per Class Act’s definition).    **Council Resolves**:     1. To amend the Oxford SU It Happens Here constitution to create a Class Officer post   Proposer: Timea Iliffe New College  Seconder: Natasha Lovel St Hilda’s College  **Results**  Total Votes 40  For 33  Against 3  Abstain 4  **The motion was deemed to be CARRIED** |  |
| **H** | **Any Other Business** | To note |
|  | **Chair declares meeting finished at 18:40** | To note |