



CUSU Council: Minutes of Meeting, Lent II 2010
Monday 8th February; CUSU Council Chamber

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No objections to Council being filmed.

1) Objections to the agenda order

None.

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) says order has changed since she has sent it out.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) says she has received a correction from Beccy Talmy, clarifying one section of the minutes. Chris Lillycrop's name is spelt wrong.

3) Matters arising from the minutes

None

4) Next Council

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) announces that the next meeting is on 22nd February in the CUSU Council Chamber, Small Exams Hall at 7.15pm.

5) Announcements by the Executive

a. Election Rules

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) speaks on behalf of Election Committee. Same as last time, with slates back in the rules.

b. Experience Islam Week

Natalie Szarek (CUSU Women's Officer) is involved in Experience Hijab Day. Build understanding and raise awareness about the issues; and why this is being filmed. Ask her afterwards.

c. Election

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says she still has not heard back from Clare, Downing, Hughes Hall, Darwin and St Eds.

Looking for another person to assist with running the cross-campus elections. If interested, email elections@cusu

d. Affiliation fees

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) Letters went out last week. Everyone sent an invoice to the college bursar and the JCRs, due to different arrangements. Please pay soon, due to CUSU's crazy financial flow. Still waiting for last year's affiliation fees from some colleges.

e. Complaints about CUSU Officers in relation to the NUS election

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) Some aspects still being investigated. Elections Committee reissued rules to all CUSU officers; and specific emails were sent. Send out a reminder on the JCR and MCR lists, to encourage as many students as possible to engage in the debate.

f. NUS Policy Zones and Conferences

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) says that he has explained zones before, and all of their reports have come out with recommendations. Get an email on the Council mailing lists, with policy recommendations. Any student can submit an amendment from a zone to the next CUSU Council, and take them back to NUS Conference.

g. Cuts in fees in general

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) explains about cuts, particularly in the Guardian. As Tom is on UC and other boards, he is aware of the financial situation of the University, so if anyone is worried, please let him know. Cambridge is lucky, both rich and prudent, although the University still has to figure out how to spend money. He will be organising and campaigning around Cuts On Fees.

6) Questions to the Executive

Rob Mindell (St Catherines College) asks about Natalie Szarek's failure to do anything about a speaker invited by Cambridge University Islamic Society who has previously advocated beating women?

Natalie Szarek (CUSU Women's Officers) explains about the complaint about a speaker event this evening. They have got in contact with the relevant people. If it goes against CUSU values, then we oppose that.

Josh Marks (CUSU Secretary) reads out statement Azzam Tamimi which says some pretty nasty things about Jews, who is speaking at an event that was advertised in the CUSU bulletin – please explain CUSU's position.

Sam Wakeford (CUSU Education Officer) says CUSU does not have a no platform policy so would not ban speakers invited by societies.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) refers to the motion on fees and cuts that was mentioned, and asks what has happened?

Sam Wakeford answers that it is being dealt with; and then asks students to fill out the national student survey this term. The data is used in slightly dubious ways by the national government, but it is really useful for CUSU. Please can JCR Presidents advertise it.

Sam Wakeford also announces about the question over the demise of the education Tripos, but describes how Varisty was wrong. UC and General Board make decisions and change rules from time to time. As a result of enquiries last year, they now publishing their draft working. Draft and first report of a review committee which was published a couple of weeks ago with a series of ideas of the review committee, not any proposals. Departmental changes; motion about this later, but nothing is happening

Rebecca Wilkinson (Homerton College) asks Sam about the petition going around the undergraduate body regarding the undergraduate body. If the members of this body were to ask for help would they get it?

Sam Wakeford says current CUSU policy will come up on the motion later. The petition maintains that the education Tripos does wonderful things and teaches unique things. CUSU supports that as do we all as individuals.

Beccy Talmy (CUSU Mental Health Officer) asks when is an appropriate time to challenge a Chair's Ruling? She explains that a friend is stuck outside, so wants to change the order of motion, due to the broken lift.

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) explains that a challenge to a Chair's Ruling can be made at any time but in this case she can just request to change the order of items on the agenda.

Beccy Talmy wants to move 10a to the bottom of the agenda.

Fatima Junaid moves 10a to after item 13 following no objection by Council.

7) Announcements by Council

None.

8) Questions to Council

None.

9) Motions to be Ratified

None.

11) Ordinary Motions

a. New CUSU logo

Beccy Talmy (Queens' College) proposes to change the CUSU logo, to model it on the Cambridge University Stands Up logo. Current logo was adopted as a fall-back option; use this more dynamic logo. Important how CUSU presents itself, and our current logo gives a bad image. University take us more seriously with the new logo; and it is more appealing

Amendment is submitted by **Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College)** to encourage the use of this and more exciting logos but not get rid of the old one in its entirety. Thinks the motion is a good one, but not a good idea to have an official transition, as it is appropriate and functional. Old CUSU logo is more appropriate in certain areas, particularly on business matters.

Beccy Talmy says what he said is accurate, but the amendment makes this, in practice, difficult to enforce. Make this logo official, and the main thing associated with us.

Joe Farish (CUSU Access Officer) asks for the amendment to be read again

Fatima Junaid re-reads the amendment

Maria Helmling (Corpus Christi) asks don't the autonomous campaigns alter the logo already?

Natalie Srazek (CUSU Women's Officer) says the autonomous campaigns already change their logos.

Ben Towse (Churchill College) says he cannot paint the new logo on a banner. If we have an unexciting and rubbish team, we will have bigger worries than the logo.

Vote on amendment passes.

Beccy Talmy adds a friendly amendment to encourage the use of the new logo where possible and for it to be put on a sign outside the CUSU offices.

Maria Helmling asks if what is proposed is the new one is the chief one

Grayden Webb says this is Beccy using a loop hole to get her own way.

Beccy Talmy explains she was not trying to use a loophole but that it is important that people see CUSU as dynamic.

Amendment proposed to delete Beccy's friendly amendment passes.

Joe Farish asks for a clarification of Resolves 2

Beccy Talmy apologises for CUSU bureaucracy, Good for CUSU to present itself as more dynamic; associate CUSU with doing stuff rather than just being.

Vote on motion passes.

b. Fairtrade status for Cambridge University

James Angel (CUSU Ethnical Consumerism Officer) explains that he promotes Fair Trade, through Fair Trade status. It is how the ethical affairs team has been running; need to get to 21 colleges before we can apply as a University. Need to get CUSU policy on fair trade; this is not controversial, just a step to Fair Trade status.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) wants to propose an amendment to delete the first two sentences of CUSU Believes 3. This does not affect students as students; uphold rights for their own value. About Fair Trade not students.

James Angel says it is about upholding individuals' moral authority, which is something lots of students have an interest in.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) says that the policy would get struck down as illegal, if it does not mention students.

Luke Hawksbee asks about the other 70 Universities?

Ben Towse (Churchill College) says this affects students as students, as the motion is somewhat logically incoherent. This is our campus, and it is our business how it is run; this excuse for it being our business does not hold.

Vote on procedural motion passes to delete first two sentences of believes 3.

Rebecca Wilkinson (Homerton College) questions point 3, asks for clarification in terms of JCRs and sub-committees

James Angel says this does not affect JCRs, but puts in policy at CUSU meeting

Ben Towse asks that if Fairtrade food must be served at all meeting, whether we are allowed to not serve any food at all.

James Angel says that food does not need to be served at all CUSU events.

Alan Cruickshank (Churchill College) enquires how this affects our sponsorship by Dominos?

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says the Ethnical Affairs Co-Chairs are currently co-ordinating ethical policies, governing our criteria for advertisement.

Hugo Hickson (Gonville and Caius) argues that if the student body knew more about fair trade, then they may well oppose it. Given the lack of knowledge by the student body.

James Angel says there is Fairtrade fortnight in a couple of weeks to give an opinion. CUSU have been campaigning about this for years.

James Angel waives summation

Vote on motion passes.

c. The Social Sciences Review could be really exciting: let's see what they come up with, and *then* decide

Sam Wakeford (CUSU Education Officer) says that this is not a snappy motion, but it reaffirms current CUSU policy, and applies it in terms of the Social Sciences Tripos; this reaffirms current CUSU policy, but want Council's backing on that. General Board has made some suggestions, but this is causing anxiety, so there are no specific proposals yet. Give the review the benefit of the doubt, for fear it might be taken in an unhelpful direction. Hopes this is non-contentious to reassure ourselves.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) asks if the Faculty Forum has taken a position?

Sam Wakeford says Faculty Forum does not take a stance; it does not meet like Council. Has not met as a collective for two and a half years, but this is obviously a relevant issue.

Rebecca Wilkinson (Homerton College) says what happens if people decide to run autonomous campaigns? Is this damaging to CUSU?

Sam Wakeford explains it is not damaging to CUSU but that the University only reconsiders undergraduate education occasionally, so says we should not oppose it.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) asks about the report being produced – is it going to be the facts or our interpretation of the facts, in the light of NUS report recently

Sam Wakeford says the facts will be in the Reporter, which gives specific proposals. CUSU team to give an analysis of them.

Sam Wakeford waives summation.

Vote on motion passes.

d. CU Stands Up Costs

Natalie Srazek (CUSU Women's Officer) says we spent ages talking about the logo. This is a new campaign; this is not in the budget, but it is well worth the money. Need money to come out of the new Campaigns budget rather than Welfare budget. Transfer £300 from campaigns budget to the Welfare budget

Natalie Srazek waives summation.

Vote on motion passes

e. Independent, Democratic Student Unions and National Organisation

Beccy Talmy (Queens' College) talks about reviving NUS from within. Whatever the outcome of the referendum taking place, we will be involved this year. After being defeated an Annual Conference, two Extraordinary Councils shoved the motions through. NUS becoming more undemocratic; and must be able to relate to students. If we truly believe in change from within

Jatinder Sahota (Homerton College) asks about Resolves 1. No role for anyone who is not a student or who has just graduated, or can we have experts from their field?

Beccy Talmy (Queens' College) says advice from experts must be sought within the framework of demands of the student body.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) asks how much confidence do you have in NUS listening to the motion, as previous experience is negative.

Beccy Talmy says this would be included in review of NUS; making an informed decision next year, as discussion is not just theoretical.

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) asks about Resolves 4, and how CUSU reflects?

Beccy Talmy says CUSU Stands Up says that this is a good example of CUSU as a campaigning organisation. Our membership decide where its resources are allocated; NUS amalgamation would be worried, as only 1/3 of their role would be campaigning

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) asks about Resolves 4, asks about a charter for the democratisation of the student movement, involves removing charity and business model?

Beccy Talmy says that this model talks about models of SUs which have closed off meetings, and only involve officers. Unless there are general open meetings, students are not properly represented.

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) asks about CUSU Resolves 4 and points out that you cannot mandated an NUS delegate.

Beccy Talmy is surprised to hear that you cannot mandate NUS delegates. Hope we hold people to account; becomes an issue at election.

Sam Wakeford (CUSU Education Officer) asks about Resolves 4 and Resolves 1

Beccy Talmy did not realise Wes Streeting had such fantasies carried out on our behalf. This part of the emotion is geared towards student unions is less democratic. Grassroots student unions should be empowered.

Jatinder Sahota asks about Conference Resolves 1, and graduated students elected in sabbatical students

Beccy Talmy asks if this means while they sabbs; precisely to allow room for people who are non-elected and non-students not to control the student union.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) proposes an amendment to Conference Resolves 4 to change the words 'Trustee Boards' to read 'External or Unelected Trustees' and change the word 'based' to

‘focused’. This is what Beccy intended to say in the first place, and she is not trying to stop us being a charity or do away with trustee boards. We need to do this important stuff, so slight rewording so that CUSU is not turned away from being a charity.

Vote on amendment passes.

Beccy Talmy says this is a strong opportunity to go to NUS, and see why we are not happy. This gives us a chance to revitalise the student movement.

Vote on motion passes

f. CUSU Revised Budget 2009-10

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says motion is seconded by Tom. Half way through the year is a good time to review the budget half way through the year. Look at income projections, and realistic revenue. What new projects do we want to use our money for? £10,000 more from Societies Fair; additional £4000 from Access budget; Ethical Affairs and LGBT have had sponsorship. Due to general economic climate, advertising revenues have gone down, TCS will make lower advertising revenue this year, but balanced against lower budgets. Those CUSU Ents losing money in Michaelmas have been cut. Most core activities have had some increased allocation. Provisional allocation of £3000, so that there are funds for new sabbatical position if referendum passes

Jatinder Sahota (CUSU Safety Officer) asks who has spent the money allocated to his portfolio?

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says we had free bike lights; bike lights sold at cost, and selling them on. Only budgeted £600 rather than £1200 of budget this year, with the rest next year.

Esther Leighton (St Edmunds) asks why there is no money for the Disabled Students Liberation Campaign? Do we need permission to spend money?

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says that new COMET and Disabled Students Liberation Campaign are not in this year’s budget Next year starts on July 1st. You need to ask Amiya or me for money.

Summation waived.

Motion passes unanimously

g. Sabbatical Contracts

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says this must come to Council every year, so candidates can see what job they are applying for. Same as last year, but pay going up with 0.5% in line with other University staff - £16,640; CUSU sabbaticals get a lunch break; sickness absence; if they are

disqualified from being a trustee, then they will be unable to continue in their post as a sabbatical officer, as President is CFO and Coordinator sees all financial handling. Trustee Board still majority elected. Draft of student support officer, and working practices

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) asks if she wants to say more?

Clare Tyson says it defines sabbatical roles.

Grayden Web (Churchill College) asks, given that University is pushing for salary increases, whether we should be increasing CUSU sabbatical salaries?

Clare Tyson argues that increasing sabbatical salaries is at the expense of other activities. A future coordinator could be mandated to increase salaries.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) asks about the current Union Development Manager salary?

Clare Tyson says it is £34000

Jatinder Sahota asks about the lunch break?

Clare Tyson says the last contract was illegal; sabbs have been taking lunch breaks

Chris Lillycrop says is there anything in the current contract which you believe to be illegal?

Clare Tyson says no.

Summation waived.

Vote on motion passes unanimously

h. Council Deadlines

Ben Hosford (CUSU Undergraduate Union Development Officer) says there are three deadlines for every Council meeting. 18 days notice before a meeting, 14 days, so notice can be given at the previous Council meeting. 6 days for submission of motions, and 5 days for agenda out; this has been working well. Competing concerns about time to draft motions and time to consult members of the common room. Acceptable balance.

Chris Lillycrop says that D&D ruled that Chair can cancel all councils, and just call Extraordinary Councils. Would this be remedied?

Ben Hosford believes not.

Summation waived.

Vote on motion passes.

i. CUSU Open Meetings

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) says open meetings annoy him most about CUSU; wants to make them more accessible and open. CUSU meetings are not quorate; and disheartening to come to an open meeting which is inquorate and thus pointless. Change debate and procedures for an open meeting, to make it more interesting. Lack of procedural motions, slashed from 10 to 5. New procedure for debate; yes, no or any student can give an opinion. Created a new idea, as a point for discussion; people will have things they want to say. Make CUSU Open Meetings more accessible and more open.

Beccy Talmy (Queens' College) proposes an amendment; D&D limits time frame to an hour; people have come wanting to have a good debate; could equally put people off. Open Meetings can be tacked on before Council with these proposals. Unless the Chair suggests extending the time limit, the discussion cannot be extended – more flexible framework is required. Important to be able to suspend the SOs, and undermines open meetings to have the distinction between open meeting and Council

Tom Chigbo says having an hour long meeting will actively encourage people to come. Time limit puts collective pressure on Chair to make it work. Council after the Open Meeting, as this allows for quorum. As another procedural motion, suspending the SOs in the open meeting which may not be quorate anyway, and policy decisions need to be ratified by Council. Council needs to pass something twice to SOs. Must make them big events, but they are less important than Council, as a fact.

Ben Towse (Churchill College) asks if she intends a simple majority to suspend the standing orders?

Beccy Talmy accepts as a friendly amendment the idea of a 2/3 majority.

Ben Towse asks about accepting only as friendly, the idea of allowing everyone to propose the time limit.

Impromptu meeting of D&D

D&D accept as friendly an amendment to give attendees to Open Meetings an explicit option to extend the time limits.

Beccy Talmy wants to clarify by saying that the Chair will look at what has been submitted, and adapt the timing to the number of motions. Freedom to play along with what is being discussed.

Tom Chigbo opposes says that giving an open meeting time which may not be quorate is dodgy. Time frame and limit, will actually encourage people to come.

Chris Lillycrop says procedural motion to vote on the motion immediately as he has stopped caring.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) speaks against, recognises this is getting boring, as the point has now been made twice about suspending the SOs.

Procedural motion passes.

Vote on amendment fails.

Luke Hawksbee was a dissenting minority at the meeting where this was drawn up, as suspending the SOs should be allowed. No ramifications for after the meeting, as there are no policy implications; specified set of SOs, such as a spurious bit based on choosing a new chair based on the colour of their socks.

Summation waived.

Vote on motion passes.

j. The Big D&D

Ben Hosford (Jesus College) says do not worry about the references; bundle of five unrelated changes; not effective change, but consistency and clarification. If debated separately, it can be taken to parts. Ben outlines rationale behind all changes

Jatinder Sahota (Homerton College) asks about letters in the part of the motion?

Ben Hosford says the motion is written assuming the motion on Open Meetings did not pass, but it did. Without subverting the right of Council, ensure intentions are met.

Summation waived.

Vote on motion passes unanimously.

12) Emergency Motions

a. NUS Affiliation Referendum

Clare Tyson (CUSU Coordinator) says the process for NUS to be put to referendum; wanted to clarify what would happen if the referendum passes and fails; rather than a policy debate – talk about it before the motion. D&D met after the closing of the agenda paper hence why this is an emergency motion. Two criteria for a referendum to pass: 10% voting yes and the yeses being more than the noes. Referenda must be the supreme policy making decision. If this motion passes, and the referenda are inquorate then we should not affiliate

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) says it is interesting that Clare wrote this motion as well as the question for the referendum. Makes the phrasing of this question much more important; thinks D&D ruling would be much better, as it is much more symmetrical. Bias in the question being phrased; people wanted it to come back to Council if it did not get quorum.

James Polybank (Gonville and Caius) asks if this proposal does not pass, what happens if the referendum does not reach quoracy?

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) says that issue comes back to Council

James Taggart (Trinity Hall) says does it needs to be 10% in a Yes vote, not just a vote?

Clare Tyson says 2082 students must vote in favour, and fewer than 2082 students to vote no.

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) asks about the possibilities of reaffiliations.

Tom Chigbo says you would need a referendum to override another referendum next year to affiliate.

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) clarifies that this motion says that if inquorate, then we disaffiliate.

Clare Tyson says that two successive councils could re-affiliate.

Natalie Szarek asks if 2080 students voted yes, and 1 no, then we disaffiliate according to this motion?

Clare Tyson answers yes.

Ben Towse (Churchill College) says we have quorum and a constitution for a reason, so a small number of students cannot hijack the process. The Constitution is solid. Cannot argue that it is not fair or differently worded. Over-ridingly important thing is to obey the Constitution.

Sam Wakeford (CUSU Education Officer) says he has explained quorum, but NUS affiliation is a binary choice. Both choices are politically meaningful choices. We have quorum enshrined in the Constitution, so if it is not quorate it is not the student body saying no but not enough people saying anything. Suggests that this would benefit the 'No' campaign more than the 'Yes' campaign, as this is counter-democratic. This should not happen this way. The current constitution is questionable, but adopted the concept of quorum for the No and Yes votes.

Jatinder Sahota (CUSU Safety Officer) asks what has happened in previous years to inquorate referenda?

Fatima Junaid answers continued affiliation to NUS.

Jatinder Sahota says that in TCS it says there should be affiliation if the referendum is inquorate? This was an attempt to subvert democracy, and wants a ruling from Elections Committee about this concern.

Clare Tyson (Elections Committee) says elections committee have been working to increase student awareness of the issues. Achieve informed voters rather than quorum.

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) says that previously, this was an indicative vote, rather than a binding one. The rules have changed.

Rahul Mansgani (Robinson College) asks whether the decision would be to disaffiliate immediately.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) answers yes, even if the motion fails.

Luke Hawksbee says that if the referendum does not pass, the relevant bodies must be informed, and constitutionally, we would need to inform them that it did not pass.

Ben Towse moves to increase guillotine by one round of speeches, which passes.

Rob Mindell (CUSU Disabilities Officer) questions what happens if this motion were to fail, would we disaffiliate?

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) answers that at the moment D&D ruled that more than 2082 no votes that were more than yes votes would lead to disaffiliation. Fewer than 2082 no votes that were more than yes votes would take the decision back to council.

Grayden Webb accuses D&D of overruling the Constitution.

Luke Hawksbee explains that we still write and inform the results, rather than making a decision on affiliation do they wouldn't be overruling the Constitution with their ruling.

Chris Lillycrop says there is doubt over what Council intended. The Constitution is very clear; if these criteria are not both met, then there are just pass and fail. There is one decision which matters in the Constitution. Chair of D&D has been reprimanded for working for the Yes campaign. This motion clarifies the result.

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) says that he won't say much; issue is of whether Council can or cannot decide. Council can decide to affiliate or not; as C1 of the Constitution is supreme, so this is a policy regarding our policy next year. Basically, referendum, if inquorate, can actually be decided by us. Two, not one, default positions.

Chris Lillycrop summates saying that he agrees with Tom, and the results must be respected; Constitution makes it clear.

Motion fails.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) Emergency Motion was submitted but not accepted, as not submitted before. In the past motions submitted during were accepted. We shouldn't change now.

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) says that she received it during the meeting. It is an emergency but Standing Orders say Emergency Motions must be received before. Last council it was brought before but she just didn't announce it until during.

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) asks whether they are asking to suspend SOs?

Natalie Szarek (CUSU Women's Officer) says she can just do it in AOB.

13) Elections

a. NUS Drafting Officers

Fatima Junaid explain that nobody has stood. Drafting is the process where NUS officers chop and change similar motions and put them in an order on the agenda for Annual Conference.

Luke Hawksbee and **Rebecca McAuley** stand.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) says I've sent a motion for the NUS. We should take an interest and represent our motions in drafting.

Rebecca McAuley (Murray Edwards): Look out for issues important to Cambridge and ensure that things from top people at NUS aren't always put at the top and that minority motions are included.

Tom Chigbo (CUSU President) asks whether they would give up a Sunday?

Rebecca McAuley (Murray Edwards) answers yes

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) claims nothing important happens on Sundays.

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) says people don't always reveal if they're from a faction. Are you from a faction?

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) points to ENS t-shirt.

Rebecca McAuley (Murray Edwards) answers no.

Beccy Talmy (Queens' College) asks how does your faction affect you?

Rebecca McAuley (Murray Edwards): I'm not in one.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) explains that we fight for free education and defend public sector workers. That perspective would inform my decisions.

Rob Mindell (CUSU Disabilities Officer) asks what are your opinions on motions that are not relevant to student issues?

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) says NUS should be democratic and most fundamentally do what we decide to do, even if it's not related to students. If majority of 7 million want to do it, let's do it.

Rebecca McAuley (Murray Edwards) says students as students is subjective. If majority at NUS think it is right to do, let's do it.

Fatima Junaid (CUSU Chair) reminds people about RON and to use STV number system.

10a. Disabled Students Liberation Campaign

Esther Leighton (St Edmunds) says same as last time; definition of disabilities according to disabled students. Ingrained procedures to favour non-disabled; University should not systemically exclude students with disabilities. Although, current officer should be disabled; allows identification; sets examples; better practice; as a team, will support individuals changing things in the University.

Chris Lillycrop (St Catharine's College) asks where the funding comes from, with redistribution of welfare funding?

Beccy Talmy (CUSU Mental Health Officer) mandates the Coordinator must sit down with the autonomous campaign to see where funding can come from.

Rob Mindell (CUSU Disabilities Officer) says there is still the majority of funding allocated to Student Disability Officer available this year.

Vote on motion passes unanimously.

14. Other Business

a. Green Week

Rebecca Wilkinson (Homerton College) tells people to get involved in Green Week

b. Sussex University Occupation

Natalie Szarek (CUSU Women's Officer) explains about supporting Sussex University Campaign have demanded a stop to cuts, write a letter of support. Students have a right to protest; we need to network and co-ordinate. Indicative vote to mandate sabbaticals to write a letter.

Luke Hawksbee (King's College) explains they have disrupted the profitability of the University

Sam Wakeford (CUSU Education Officer) asks what is being cut?

Luke Hawksbee responds that Patrick Rolfe, former Cambridge student, has said they are planning to cut 15 student welfare advisers, down to 4. Amongst other things. Slash in childcare funding; so crèche is facing cuts, or may be privatised. Academic cuts as well

Grayden Webb (Churchill College) asks if the Sussex Union has a policy on it?

Natalie Szarek says they support it, and do not support the Occupation, and cannot support the Occupation before it happens.

Indicative vote passes.

c. Congratulating the sabbs

Beccy Talmy (Queens College) talks about stuff in news about challenging the sabbaticals, and show them support and appreciation for their hard work.

d. Right to Light Campaign

Jatinder Sahota says the Right to Light campaign is still going on.