

The Public Minutes of  
**The Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Oxford Students Liberal Association**  
6<sup>th</sup> Week Michaelmas Term 2024  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm Swire Seminar Room

**Present:**

**The President**, (Zagham Farhan, College of the Great Hall), **The Political Officer** (Christchurch), **The Vice-President** (Richanne Davies, University College), **The Treasurer** (William Lawson, Mansfield College), **The Social Secretary** (Lauren Crabtree, Pembroke College) **The Communications Director** (Felix Mottram, St Edmund Hall), **The Outreach Officer** (Hayden Williams, Oxford Brookes). **The Ordinary Member** (Shermar Pryce, UN4) **The Ordinary Member** (Arun Lewis, University College)

**Absent:**

**The Returning Officer** (Julian Wang, University College)

**The President** opens the meeting at 7.10pm.

**Standing order amendments:**

**The President** moves to amend Standing Order 13 in his name, seconded by the **Political Officer**. The amendment passes with no objections.

**The Political Officer** brings a Standing Order Amendment in his name to introduce an office for President-Elect.

**The Political Officer** moves to adjourn the amendment, calling an extraordinary meeting of council on Friday morning. **The President** agrees to call this meeting for Friday.

No closed council meeting this week as there is no business.

**Date of the next meeting:**

Friday Week 7 Michaelmas Term 2024 (22<sup>nd</sup> November), 11am online meeting.

Minuted by,

Richanne Davies,

Vice President (Secretary), *University College*.

## **Annex 1 – Standing Order Amendment 13**

### **Standing Order Amendment 13 - at the Ordinary Meeting of Open Council Week 6 20/11/2024**

*Substantial amendments covering a number of areas*

Proposer - Zaghham Farhan (The President, *College of the Great Hall*)

Seconder - Oliver Jones-Lyons (The Political Officer and Returning Officer Emeritus, *ChristChurch*)

#### **1. Amend Standing Order 3(IV) From its current form:**

IV. Membership entitles members to vote in elections, stand for election and propose Rules amendments.

To read instead as:

IV. Membership entitles members to vote in elections, stand for election, propose Rules amendments and all other rights, privileges and duties conferred by these documents.

#### **2. Amend Standing Order 4B from its current form:**

##### **B. The Executive**

- I. The President, Vice President (Secretary) and the Treasurer shall constitute the Executive of the Association ('Office Holders' as outlined in *Paragraph 18* of the Standard Constitution).
- II. Members of the Executive may not hold any other position in the Association.
- III. Members of the Executive may only be removed if consultation is first sought from the Senior Member.
- IV. There may be additional requirements to stand for election to an Executive position, as outlined in *Standing Order 5*.

To read instead as:

##### **B. The Executive**

- I. The President, Vice President (Secretary) and the Treasurer shall constitute the Executive of the Association ('Office Holders' as outlined in *Paragraph 18* of the Standard Constitution).
- II. Members of the Executive may not hold any other position in the Association, however they may hold the powers and responsibilities of other positions from time to time.
- III. Members of the Executive may only be removed, by any mechanism given in these Rules, if consultation is first sought from the Senior Member.

- IV. There may be additional requirements to stand for election to an Executive position, as outlined in *Standing Order 5*.

3. Amend Standing Order 4C(I)-(III) from their current form:

- I. The President:
  - a. Overall management of the Association and the coordination of all Position Holders.
  - b. The production of the termcard.
  - c. Attend Executive meetings.
- II. The Vice President (Secretary):
  - a. Be responsible for the administration of the Association, including the distribution of meetings, copies of the Standing Orders etc.
  - b. Communicate with organisations such as the SU and the University when necessary.
  - c. Deputise for the President when requested, and assist the President in the preparation of the term card.
  - d. Attend Executive meetings.
- III. The Treasurer:
  - a. Manage the budget, and advise on what money is available.
  - b. Help maintain the membership lists and drive memberships.
  - c. Take payment on the door at events when required.
  - d. Attend Executive meetings.

To read instead as:

- I. The President:
  - a. Overall management of the Association and the coordination of all Position Holders.
  - b. The production of the termcard.
- II. The Vice President (Secretary):
  - a. Be responsible for the administration of the Association, including the distribution of meetings, copies of the Standing Orders etc.
  - b. Communicate with organisations such as the SU and the University when necessary.
  - c. Deputise for the President when requested, and assist the President in the preparation of the term card.
- III. The Treasurer:
  - a. Manage the budget, and advise on what money is available.
  - b. Help maintain the membership lists and drive memberships.
  - c. Take payment on the door at events when required.

4. Insert Standing Order 4(I) after 4(H):

I. Automatic Resignations

The following shall be considered derelictions of duty to the point the Position Holder in question shall be deemed to have resigned from their position.

- I. The Chair of any meeting failing to call three meetings of that body during one academic term, save for the Emeritus Committee.
- II. Failing to present a written or oral report, without good reason, to the Termly General Meeting.
- III. Failure of the Treasurer, without good reason, to present the financial report to the Termly General Meeting or to appoint a delegate to do so on their behalf.
- IV. Failure of any of the relevant Position Holders to call a meeting of the Emeritus Committee under Standing Order 13C (I)-(II) within 96 hours of receipt.
- V. Failure to attend three events at which your presence has been requested by the President or which the duties of the position holder's role would require their attendance, without good reason or without the permission of the President.

5. Amend Standing Order 5D(VIII) from its current form:

VIII. Members may nominate another person to vote on their behalf in elections on the basis of accessibility, with the permission of the Returning Officer gained in advance of the election. The member must get in contact with the Returning Officer themselves, and name their proxy.

To read instead as:

VIII. Members may nominate another person to vote on their behalf in elections on the basis of accessibility, with the permission of the Returning Officer gained in advance of the commencement of voting in election. The member must get in contact with the Returning Officer themselves, and name their proxy.

6. Add (VI) after Standing Order 5F (V):

VI. Count Representatives shall have the duty to ensure a true result is returned, to aid in this duty they shall have the power to object to the Returning Officer's or of their Deputies' interpretation of a ballot, the Returning Officer shall retain final interpretative power over ballots cast, although a Count Representative may ask objected ballots be signed for the purposes of disciplinary proceedings regarding an election result.

7. Amend Standing Order 6A (I) from its current form:

- I. This table delineates the Order of Seniority within the Association:

The President,

The Vice President (Secretary),  
The Treasurer,  
The President Emeritus,  
The Access and Welfare Officer,  
The Social Secretary,  
The Director of Communications,  
Any other Officers,  
The Vice President Emeritus,  
The Treasurer Emeritus,  
The Returning Officer Emeritus,  
Other Ex-Presidents *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex Vice Presidents *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex Treasurers *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex Returning Officers *in statu pupillari*,  
Ex Senior Members,  
Any other Ex Officers *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex-Presidents,  
Other Ex Vice Presidents,  
Ex Secretaries,  
Other Ex Treasurers,  
Other Ex Returning Officers,  
Any other Ex Officers,  
Ordinary Members.

To read instead as:

I. This table delineates the Order of Seniority within the Association:

The President,  
The Vice President (Secretary),  
The Treasurer,  
The President Emeritus,  
The Vice President Emeritus,  
The Treasurer Emeritus,  
The Returning Officer Emeritus,  
The Access and Welfare Officer,  
The Social Secretary,  
The Director of Communications,  
Any other Position Holders,  
Other Ex-Presidents *in statu pupillari*,  
Ex Senior Members,  
Other Ex-Vice Presidents *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex-Treasurers *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex-Returning Officers *in statu pupillari*,

Any other Ex-Position Holders *in statu pupillari*,  
Other Ex-Presidents,  
Other Ex-Vice Presidents,  
Ex-Secretaries,  
Other Ex-Treasurers,  
Other Ex-Returning Officers,  
Any other Ex-Position Holders,  
Lifetime Honorary Members,  
Ordinary Members,  
Annual Honorary Members.

8. After Standing Order 7B (IX) insert (X):

- I. The procedure of Sessions shall be governed by the Chair, insofar as it doesn't contravene these Rules. Failing that, or when subject to question or challenge, a simple majority vote of the members of the Emeritus Committee present shall be able to overrule the Chair or otherwise govern.

9. Amend Standing Order 7C from its current form:

C. The Responsibilities

The Emeritus Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- I. Election of the Returning Officer (at least every 12 calendar months).
- II. Dealing with Disciplinary Matters (however, any matter regarding sexual misconduct must immediately be referred to the Proctors).
- III. Dealing with allegations of Electoral Malpractice.

To read instead as:

C. The Responsibilities

The Emeritus Committee shall have the following responsibilities, and any such responsibilities or powers conferred elsewhere in these Standing Orders:

- I. Election of the Returning Officer (at least every 12 calendar months).
- II. Final interpretive power over these Standing Orders.
- III. Dealing with Disciplinary Matters (however, any matter regarding sexual misconduct must immediately be referred to the Proctors).
- IV. Dealing with allegations of Electoral Malpractice.

10. Insert (VIII) after Standing Order 7A (VII)

VIII. Any member of the Emeritus Committee may resign their vote, and this shall be deemed to be a resignation from the position of an Ex-Officer. They may also be removed from the Emeritus Committee by a two thirds majority vote of the Emeritus Committee, this also be deemed to be a resignation from the position of an Ex Officer. When any session is called to remove a member of the Emeritus Committee, that member shall have the right to be present and defend themselves. Removals shall be time limited to one calendar year, at which point the relevant seniority shall be re-conferred. Any such decision under this clause may be appealed to the Closed Council which with a majority of at least 75% may overturn any decision of the Emeritus Committee under this clause

11. Amend Standing Order 8B from its current form:

B. Council

- I. There shall be a subdivision of this body into Open Council and Closed Council. Meetings of Council should be held weekly during full academic term and the time and date should be emailed to the membership by the Vice President (Secretary). Minutes should also be made available to members after the meeting.
- II. Meetings of the Open Council can be attended by any member of the Association. The following business may be conducted in Open Council:
  - a) Questions to the Committee and in particular the Executive.
  - b) Proposition of Standing Order amendments (see *Standing Order 12*).
  - c) Motions of No Confidence (see *Standing Order 14*).
  - d) Requests for events and speakers from the general membership.
  - e) Elections for positions that are not to be elected in a full termly meeting, and by-elections.
  - f) For ordinary members to challenge any action of any Position Holder or Ordinary Member which they feel has violated the Constitution or Standing Orders.
  - g) Any other businesses not reserved for Closed Council.
- III. Meetings of Closed Council may take place immediately before or after meetings of Open Council. Meetings should be conducted behind closed doors, with only members of Closed Council and those granted access in attendance.
- IV. The following shall be voting members of Closed Council:
  - The President
  - The Vice President
  - The Treasurer
  - The President Emeritus
  - The Access and Welfare Officer
  - The Returning Officer
  - The Senior Member
- V. Closed Council is the only body (excluding The Emeritus Committee) that may deal with the following matters:

- a. Sensitive financial matters.
- b. Any business members of Closed Council wish not to bring to Open Council.
- c. The ratification of certain appointments.
- VI. Any other Association member may be granted the right to enter Closed Council meetings and additionally to speak via a simple majority vote of those voting members present. The person granted entry may not vote.
- VII. Any Position Holder of the Association (with the exemption of Honorary Officers, The Senior Member, Officers Emeritus and the Returning Officer) are expected to attend all meetings of Council for which they are eligible . Failure to attend 3 Ordinary Meetings of Council in one academic term shall result in auto-resignation from office, and the removal of all seniority and privileges.
- VIII. Council may choose to pass absences (and thus they won't count as failure to attend) in exceptional circumstances via a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote at the meeting in question or the following meeting.

To read instead as:

#### B. Council

- I. There shall be a subdivision of this body into Open Council and Closed Council. Meetings of Council should be held weekly during full academic term and the time and date should be emailed to the membership by the Vice President (Secretary).
- II. Agendas shall be circulated by the Vice President (Secretary) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes should also be made available to members at least 24 hours prior to the next meeting, these minutes should normally be ratified at the next meeting.
- III. Meetings of the Open Council can be attended by any member of the Association. The following business may be conducted in Open Council:
  - a) Questions to the Committee and in particular the Executive.
  - b) Proposition of Standing Order amendments (see *Standing Order 12*).
  - c) Motions of No Confidence (see *Standing Order 14*).
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- IV. Meetings of Closed Council may take place immediately before or after meetings of Open Council. Meetings should be conducted behind closed doors, with only members of Closed Council and those granted access in attendance.
- V. The following shall be voting members of Closed Council:

The President

The Senior Member

The Vice President



The Treasurer  
The Returning Officer  
The Officers Emeritus  
The Access and Welfare Officer  
The Social Secretary  
The Director of Communications

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  - a. Sensitive financial matters.
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- VII. Any other Association member may be granted the right to enter Closed Council meetings and additionally to speak via a simple majority vote of those voting members present. The person granted entry may not vote.
- VIII. Any Position Holder of the Association (with the exemption of The Senior Member, Officers Emeritus and the Returning Officer) are expected to attend all meetings of Council for which they are eligible. Failure to attend three Ordinary Meetings of Open or Closed Council without a passed absence in one academic term shall result in automatic resignation from office, and the removal of all seniority and privileges.
- IX. Council may choose to pass absences (and thus they won't count as failure to attend) where the member has good reason, via a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote at the meeting in question or the following meeting.

12. Amend Standing Order 8C from its current form:

C. Termly General Meeting

- I. There shall be a Termly General Meeting of the Association in 6th Week of each academic term. The date is to be decided in Michaelmas and Trinity by the incumbent President by at least Wednesday of 5th Week. In Hilary, the Vice President (Secretary) should provide 14 days notice of the date of the Meeting.
- II. The Hilary Termly General Meeting shall constitute the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Standard Constitution.
- III. At all General Meetings, The Treasurer shall present a financial report and each Position Holder shall be required to present a report on their work during the term so far.
- IV. In Michaelmas and Trinity Terms, elections shall take place in accordance with *Standing Order 5*.
- V. In Hilary Term, business should be conducted in accordance with *Paragraph 9* of the Standard Constitution. Therefore the Quorum for a Hilary General Meeting shall be 10.
- VI. The only exception to (V) above is *Paragraph 9(d)*. Elections for almost all Position Holders shall take place in accordance with *Standing Order 5*. However, the election to the Office of Senior Member should take place in the Hilary General Meeting.
- VII. Honorary Officers can only be created by a Termly General Meeting.
- VIII. Any business that can be brought in Open Council may also be brought in a Termly General Meeting.

To read instead as:

C. Termly General Meeting

- I. There shall be a Termly General Meeting of the Association in 6th Week of each academic term. The date is to be decided and publicised in Michaelmas and Trinity by the incumbent President by at least Wednesday of 5th Week. In Hilary, the Vice President (Secretary) should provide 14 days notice of the date of the Meeting.
- II. The Hilary Termly General Meeting shall constitute the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Standard Constitution.
- III. At all General Meetings, The Treasurer shall present a financial report and each Position Holder (with the exception of the Senior Member and the Officers Emeritus) shall be required to present a report on their work during the term so far. Those members present shall then be asked to 'accept' the report via a simple majority vote. If they do not accept it, the Emeritus Committee shall act as if it has received a complaint of dereliction of duty.
- IV. In Michaelmas and Trinity Terms, elections shall take place in accordance with *Standing Order 5*.
- V. In Hilary Term, business should be conducted in accordance with *Paragraph 9* of the Standard Constitution.
- VI. The Quorum for a Termly General Meeting shall be 8, and for the Hilary General Meeting it shall be 10.
- VII. The only exception to (V) above is *Paragraph 9(d)*. Elections for almost all Position Holders shall take place in accordance with *Standing Order 5*. However, the election to the Office of Senior Member should take place in the Hilary General Meeting.
- VIII. Honorary Officers can only be created by a Termly General Meeting.
- IX. Any business that can be brought in Open Council may also be brought in a Termly General Meeting.
- X. Attendance at Termly General Meetings shall be mandatory for all Position Holders, excluding the Senior Member. Failure to attend without good reason shall be deemed to be an automatic resignation.

13. Amend Standing Order 9 from its current form:

Standing Order 9: Definitions and Interpretations

- I. The Returning Officer is responsible for interpreting the Rules, though they can be overruled in exceptional circumstances by a simple majority vote of the Emeritus Committee.
- II. A simple majority vote, as referenced in these Standing Orders, is defined as more people voting for than against, or vice-versa of those who are present and eligible to vote, who choose to vote. Abstentions and spoilt ballots should be counted separately, and don't count as votes for or against.
- III. A two-thirds vote, as referenced in these Standing Orders, is defined as 66.67% of those who are present and eligible to vote, who choose to vote. Abstentions and spoilt ballots should be counted separately, and don't count as votes for or against.

- IV. Ties may be split by the highest present person as according to the Table of Seniority, unless specified differently elsewhere in these Standing Orders.
- V. Where the words 'in writing' or similar are used in these Standing Orders, this is taken to mean via letter or email unless explicitly stated otherwise.
- VI. Whenever a member requests, they shall be able to join a meeting via an online method (in so far as is technologically possible). They shall be considered as if they are fully present at the meeting, and afforded all the relevant rights as such. No member shall be punished or denied right in the event of the failure of technology to allow them to join a meeting. This clause does not apply to voting in elections.
- VII. Meetings may also be fully online where necessary, for example over the vacation.
- VIII. '*In statu pupillari*' is defined as being in possession of a valid University of Oxford or Oxford Brookes University student card, and being a current undergraduate or postgraduate student (or in possession of evidence of one's status as a suspended student).

To read instead as:

#### Standing Order 9: Definitions and Interpretations

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- II. A simple majority vote, as referenced in these Standing Orders, is defined as more people voting for than against, or vice-versa of those who are present and eligible to vote, who choose to vote. Abstentions and spoilt ballots should be counted separately, and don't count as votes for or against.
- III. A two-thirds vote, as referenced in these Standing Orders, is defined as 66% + 1 of those who are present and eligible to vote, who choose to vote. Abstentions and spoilt ballots should be counted separately, and don't count as votes for or against.
- IV. Ties may be split by the highest present person as according to the Table of Seniority, unless specified differently elsewhere in these Standing Orders.
- V. (IV) above shall not apply to any election with more than one person nominating under these rules, in which case an Emergency Meeting of Closed Council shall be summoned to resolve the tie. For the purposes of (IV) above, 'None of the Above' shall be considered junior to all others on the Table of Seniority.
- VI. Where the words 'in writing' or similar are used in these Standing Orders, this is taken to mean via letter or email unless explicitly stated otherwise.
- VII. Whenever a member requests, they shall be able to join a meeting via an online method (in so far as is technologically possible). They shall be considered as if they are fully present at the meeting, and afforded all the relevant rights as such. This does not apply to voting in elections.
- VIII. Meetings may also be fully online where necessary, for example over the vacation.
- IX. '*In statu pupillari*' is defined as being in possession of a valid University of Oxford or Oxford Brookes University student card, and being a current undergraduate or postgraduate student (or in possession of evidence of one's status as a suspended student).
- X. '*Good Reason*' for the purposes of passing absences is defined as illness or disability related issues, academic commitments, pressing personal matters and other reasons as determined by a two thirds majority vote of the body in question.

- XI. In the case of automatic or regular resignation from an Emeritus Office, this shall result in the loss of seniority as an Ex-Holder of the relevant office for the duration of the individual's degree, the removal of the title and the removal of any *ex officio* voting rights.

14. Amend Standing Order 10 from its current form:

Standing Order 10: Endorsements and Patronage

- I. The Association may vote to endorse another organisation or to donate funds to another organisation. This can only be approved by a simple majority vote of the Closed Council.
- II. The Association supports the Liberal Democrats and no other political party in Great Britain.

To read instead as:

Standing Order 10: Endorsements and Patronage

- I. The Association may vote to endorse another organisation or to donate funds to another organisation. This can only be approved by a simple majority vote of the Closed Council which must be then ratified by a simple majority vote of the Open Council.
- II. The Association supports the Liberal Democrats and no other political party in Great Britain.

15. Amend Standing Order 11 (III) from its current form:

- I. Honorary Members must be ratified at each Hilary Termly Meeting by a simple majority vote - if unratified the individual shall cease to be an honorary member.

To read instead as:

- I. Honorary Members must be ratified at each Hilary Termly General Meeting by a simple majority vote - if unratified the individual shall cease to be an honorary member.

16. Insert (IX) after Standing Order 17(VIII):

- I. For the purposes of Membership Elected Offices, where succession is occurring after the election of the incoming Officers, succession will automatically fall to the relevant Officer-Elect in an acting capacity until the end of said term and shall not result in vacancy of any existing position the Officer-Elect may hold.

17. Amend Standing Order 17B (III) from its current form:

III. Until such time as the new Returning Officer is elected , the position shall be offered to the following people in order until one accepts:

The Returning Officer Emeritus,  
Other Ex Returning Officers *in statu pupillari*,  
The most senior Deputy Returning Officer from the last election,  
Other Deputy Returning Officers from the last election,  
The President Emeritus,  
Other Ex Presidents *in statu pupillari*.

To read instead as:

III. Until such time as the new Returning Officer is elected or when the Returning Officer is unable to fulfil their position, the position of Acting Returning Officer shall be offered to the following people in order until one accepts:

The Returning Officer Emeritus,  
Other Ex Returning Officers *in statu pupillari*,  
The most senior Deputy Returning Officer from the last election,  
Other Deputy Returning Officers from the last election,  
The President Emeritus,  
Other Ex Presidents *in statu pupillari*.

Annex 2 – Motion to amend the Standing Orders to create a President-Elect

Proposer: Oliver Jones-Lyons (Returning Officer Emeritus, *Christchurch*)

Seconder: Lauren Crabtree (Social Secretary, *Pembroke College*)

Replace Standing Orders 4A and 4B to read as follows:

Standing Order 4: Position Holders

A. The Position Holders are as follows:

The President

The President-Elect

The Vice President (Secretary)

The Treasurer

The Access and Welfare Officer

The Social Secretary

The Director of Communications

The Appointed Officials (as outlined in Standing Order 4D)

The Senior Member

## B. The Executive

I. The President, President-Elect, Vice President (Secretary) and the Treasurer shall constitute the Executive of the

Association ('Office Holders' as outlined in Paragraph 18 of the Standard Constitution).

II. Members of the Executive may not hold any other position in the Association except where Standing Order 4C(VII) has been invoked

III. Members of the Executive may only be removed if consultation is first sought from the Senior Member.

IV. There may be additional requirements to stand for election to an Executive position, as outlined in

Standing Order 5.

Insert new Standing Order 4C II, and renumber accordingly:

### **The President-Elect**

a) The main duty of President Elect shall be to prepare the events for the subsequent term

b) The President Elect shall also have a duty to ensure and encourage any member eligible to become a candidate for the elections of that term

c) The President Elect shall deputise for the President where they are not able to fulfil their duties

Amend new standing Order 4CIII to read:

II. The Vice President (Secretary):

a) Be responsible for the administration of the Association, including the distribution of meetings, copies

of the Standing Orders etc.

- b) Communicate with organisations such as the SU and the University when necessary.
- c) Assist the President in the preparation of the term card.

## Standing Order 5: Elections

### A. The Date and Management of Elections

- I. A 'Termly Election' shall be held in the Termly General Meetings in Michaelmas and Trinity.
- II. Termly Elections shall be for the offices of President Elect for the following term, Vice President (Secretary), Treasurer, Access and Welfare Officer, Social Secretary and Director of Communications.
- III. The above positions shall be known as the 'Generally Elected Officers'.
- IV. Therefore, those elected in the General Meeting shall hold office until the end of the subsequent term, the President Elect shall hold the office of President Elect for the subsequent term and shall hold the title of President for the term after this
- V. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the management of the elections and the nominations process.

### B. Eligibility

- I. Candidates for the Executive must have completed at least 1 campaigning session of at least 2 hours in the 12 months preceding the Close of Nominations, before being allowed to stand, or 2 if it is a General or Local Election year. They must send evidence of campaigning to the Returning Officer. Returning officer may choose to waive this requirement for all candidates or none - but cannot do so only for specific candidates. They must also be students of the University of Oxford - and a member of the Liberal Democrats, or a member of a party in an international alliance which the Liberal Democrats or Young Liberals recognise as allied with themselves.
- II. All candidates must be full members of the Association.
- III. Honorary Members may not stand for election to any Office of the Association.
- IV. Candidates are also ineligible if they have held any elected office in either the Oxford University Labour Club, Oxford University Conservative Association or the Oxford Student Greens, within 10 calendar weeks (i.e 70 days) of the closing of nominations.
- V. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Returning Officer by at least 1800 hrs on Thursday of 5th Week, with a full list of candidates standing to be published by Saturday of 5th Week.
- VI. The Senior Member and Returning Officer may not run in the Termly Elections, or by-elections for Generally Elected Positions.

VII. Candidates may not have won an election for the position they are standing for more than once previously.

VIII. In the case of no nominations for President-Elect, the current President-Elect shall temporarily assume the position pending by-election

### C. By-Elections

I. In the event of the vacation of a Membership-Elected Officer, a by-election should be held in the next meeting of the Open Council.

II. Nominations should be open for at least 48 hours, and should close within 24 hours of the election.

III. If this means the election cannot take place at the next meeting of Open Council, an Extraordinary Meeting shall be called instead, or the Returning Officer may choose to have the election at the next Ordinary Meeting.

IV. Members elected via by- election shall hold office until such time that the original term of office comes to an end, or they resign or are removed.

V. Committee members may announce the date of their resignation in advance, so as to allow time for an election to take place before they withdraw from office.

VI. The winner of any by-election should take office immediately after the count, unless an agreement is reached with the outgoing Committee member to have a set handover period (both parties must be in full agreement). In such a case, the date of power transfer must be submitted to the Returning Officer in writing within one hour of the results announcement.

VII. In the case of a By-Election for President Elect where no nominations were received, the current President Elect and the President shall be eligible to be a candidate

### Amend Standing Order 6A

#### A. Table of Seniority

I. This table delineates the Order of Seniority within the Association:

The President,

The President-Elect,

The Vice President (Secretary),

The Treasurer,

The President Emeritus,

The Access and Welfare Officer,

The Social Secretary,

The Director of Communications,



Any other Officers,  
The Vice President Emeritus,  
The Treasurer Emeritus,  
The Returning Officer Emeritus,  
Other Ex-Presidents in statu pupillari,  
Other Ex Vice Presidents in statu pupillari, Other Ex Treasurers in statu pupillari,  
Other Ex Returning Officers in statu pupillari, Ex Senior Members,  
Any other Ex Officers in statu pupillari,  
Other Ex-Presidents,  
Other Ex Vice Presidents,  
Ex Secretaries,  
Other Ex Treasurers,  
Other Ex Returning Officers,  
Any other Ex Officers,  
Ordinary Members.

Amend Standing Order 8BIV to read:

The following shall be voting members of Closed Council:

The President

The President Elect

The Vice President

The Treasurer

The President Emeritus

The Access and Welfare Officer

The Returning Officer

The Senior Member