

The Ex Camera Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 19th February 2025, University College Bar

Present

The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **The Vice President** (Vee Kumar, *Worcester College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Social Secretary** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Director of Communications** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **Vice-President Emeritus** (Richanne Davies, *University College*); **The Returning Officer Emeritus** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*).

Apologies

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

Absent without Apologies

None.

Attending

The Chief Whip (Felix Mottram, *St Edmund's Hall*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*); **The Chief of Staff** (Liza Barkova, *Christ Church*); **The Political Officer** (Milo Donovan, *Lincoln College*).

The President opened the meeting of Open Council at 18:48 GMT.

President agrees there will be *name cards* at Annual Dinner.

Discussion about appointed committee roles:

Other roles needed - *Campaigning, Magazine, alumni relations*. Definition of Chief of staff, chief whip, political officer.

Council agrees not all on committee have access to all online accounts like Square.

President Emeritus - asks who has interest in campaigning to be established. Suggested a few campaigns should have happened already this term - *at least 2 or 3 a term*.

Alumni relations - *needs own position as time-consuming*. Old spread sheet lost. (Name options - Outreach officer, President's Assistant, Presidential private secretary, keep as Chief of Staff)

Welfare officer - *change from elected to appointed?* Replace with publications/magazine/blog officer

Suggested Appointed positions:

- Welfare
- Alumni
- Campaigns

2 at discretion of pres (wouldn't have to be filled) - essentially other helpers (at L&L)

Publications officer suggestion - get articles published in national magazine?

Deputy returning officers - complaints procedure - goes to RO - if conflicted then need deputy RO.
Suggestion - *Appointed by 75% ratification of closed council*. Unlimited DRO's rejected in discussion.
Cap of 3 DRO's proposed. Bring to general meeting.

Regret expressed that social secretary went to Mansfield College for closed council.

Proctor's Registration:

Rules changes presented by **President Emeritus** - to fix problems to register with proctors. *Optimism about registration.*

Rules amended general meeting (constitutional stuff) Standing orders amended by closed council (finances, L&L etc.)

Rule 4 - IV. Necessary to fulfil standard constitution. *Simplified auto-resignations*. If don't turn up to 3 councils, goes to disciplinary committee then can be resigned - appointed by senior officer.

Temporary succession - VP can't be acting president. *If President drops dead* - any office holder can't have two offices at once - senior junior officer currently - welfare officer. Suggestions should be RO.

Updated table of seniority presented in rules changes.

Proctors *love the senior member Steve Goddard*. Calling him constitutional monarch/his excellency not accepted.

Rule 7. EC formation changes. *Senior member can decide who is on disciplinary committee*. RO presents short list to council.

Rule 13. *New complaints procedure*. Vague complaint of complaints procedure. List of offences - doubled amount for clarity - main offence had been disrupting.

Motion of No confidence. If pres, VP, tres - must go to disciplinary committee - appointed by Senior member.

President/Pres elect. Ask for termly elections. President *approves president elect position*. Benefits to help get speakers and room bookings early.

Discussion on *whether can run for more than one position*.

The President closes the meeting of Council at 19:33 GMT.

Minuted by,

Harry Morgan,

The Director of Communications, *Pembroke College*.