**Student Council 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2021**

**Tuesday 12th 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 1st meeting of the term 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 goes through all the roles that are up for 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. | 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/21mt1w/).  **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. They will report at 3rd week council  **Report from the LGBTQ+ campaign**  Our main targets for this term are  Sensitivity training with MedSoc, to be completed in 10th week.  New Definition of Transphobia  Hold a greater number and variety of social events.  Review and improve student rep training resources.  Compile questionnaire for Trans Report 2021-22, to distribute by the end of term  Full report can be found [here](https://unioxfordnexus.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/OUSU-StudentUnion/Shared%20Documents/.Oxford%20SU/Student%20Engagement%20and%20Communications/Student%20Council/Student%20Council%20Meeting%20Archive/Student%20Council%202021-22/MT21/1st%20Week/Reports/LGBTQ+%20Campaign%20Report%20MT21.docx?d=w56b4d439ffcc4847b50ed61ecb159791&csf=1&web=1&e=QXfBUj)  **The Chair opens the floor to questions for the Report from the LGBTQ+ campaign.**  There are no questions. | To receive |
| **F** | **Reports from and questions to MPLS PG Divisional Representative**  Chair explains there is no UG MPLS Divisional Representative, due to ongoing training. Chair informs members that they will all report at 3rd week | To receive |
| **G** | **Items for Discussion** |  |
| **1** | Oxford SU Annual Elections are the largest set of student elections in Oxford, in which our members elect their 6 full-time sabbatical trustees, 3 non-executive student trustees, and 7 delegates to the National Union of Students.  The 2021 Annual Elections and By-Election saw more turnout than ever before in an Oxford SU election. Still, there is a lot of room for improvement, with turnout under 25%.  Aside from the Annual Elections, Oxford SU also holds Referendums, Campaign Committee Elections, and Elections-in-Council.  The Returning Officer invites discussion on strategies and policies the elections team could implement to boost turnout, attract more candidates, and ensure the election process is fair, transparent, and accessible.  **Proposer:** Wesley Ding, Returning Officer |  |
| **H** | **Any Other Business** | To note |
|  | **Chair declares meeting finished at 18:16** | To note |