

**COUNCIL MEETING NO. 8**

**5TH APRIL 2011, 6.00 P.M.**

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**Chair:** J Akinagbe

**Present:** O Abdulrazeg, J Ademeso, J Anderson, S Anwar, Z Asghar, M Battye, J Buck, B Dawoud, J Dresner, A Goodman, Z Gothelf, D Hardwick, M Harrison, L Kaplan, F McGough, M Mahfouz, H Omara, H Paterson, R Raoufi, M Saqib, W Sheikh, L Sterie, A Tahboub, A Walters.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted for absence from R Arkush, T Brook, H Hill, O Kasin, E Kerry, A Khan, K Little, F McGoldrick, R McKeown, L Newton, Luke Newton, A Razak, J Woodcock; and for leaving early from M Battye.

D Hardwick "Council discusses no-confidence motions as first item of business"

**Carried**

It was noted that Elsie-Jane Wraight and Talha Javed had submitted their resignation from Council.

D Hardwick "A vote of no confidence be passed against Radu Simionescu"

**Carried**

Baz Dawoud admitted that he had only attended the first Council meeting and had decided that the way of conducting business was inefficient. It was pointed out that he should have raised his concerns for Council to discuss these issues and submit apologies for subsequent meetings,

D Hardwick "A vote of no confidence be passed against Baz Dawoud"

**10 : 11: 4  
Defeated**

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION -  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR GRADUATING EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

J Buck  
Amendment

"Add under *This Council Notes*:

6. That Kate Little has done outstanding work on the Student Written Submission and in ensuring the implementation of a new feedback policy, alongside her two years of work with the University.
7. That Robyn McKeown has worked tirelessly to ensure that the student newspaper, *Mancunion*, is of the highest quality, and that student media has a viable and exciting future.
8. That Miles Battye has achieved great strides in enacting the societies STARS scheme, and has given PANGAEA the attention required to make it more successful than ever.

9. That Emma Kerry has provided incredible campaigns and representation in Women's liberation, including local and national work, in particular throughout the anti-cuts campaign.
10. That Sarah Wakefield has shouldered an enormous responsibility in overseeing the employment of a fresh senior management team and throughout the restructure, alongside building strong relationships within the University and further afield.

Renumber point 6 as point 11.

Add to *This Council Believes 1* – Kate Little, Robyn McKeown, Miles Battye  
Emma Kerry, Sarah Wakefield.

Add to *This Council Resolves 1* – Kate Little, Robyn McKeown, Miles Battye  
Emma Kerry, Sarah Wakefield.

The Amendment was accepted into the main motion by the Proposer.

Proposer: Dominic Hardwick  
Secunder: Zubair Ashgar

#### **THIS COUNCIL NOTES**

1. That Mark Harrison, Hisham Omara, and Joseph Akinagbe graduate this year.
2. That Mark Harrison has continually attempted to reform the Union's General Meetings by moving them online, as both an ordinary member and as EPS Faculty Officer.
3. That Hisham Omara has continually spoken out on Council and Executive on behalf of postgraduate student and mature student issues, and has brought motions to Council relating specifically to them.
4. That Joseph Akinagbe has continually spoken out on Council and Executive about issues affecting international students, and has brought motions to Council and General Meetings relating specifically to them.
5. That Joseph Akinagbe has previously won NUS Student of the Year.
6. That Kate Little has done outstanding work on the Student Written Submission and in ensuring the implementation of a new feedback policy, alongside her two years of work with the University.
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10. That Sarah Wakefield has shouldered an enormous responsibility in overseeing the employment of a fresh senior management team and throughout the restructure, alongside building strong relationships within the University and further afield.

11. That Article 2.3 of the Constitution empowers Council to elect life members of the Union.

#### **THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES**

1. That the actions and conduct of Mark Harrison, Hisham Omara, Joseph Akinagbe, Kate Little, Robyn McKeown, Miles Battye, Emma Kerry and Sarah Wakefield this year have been exemplary.

#### **THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES**

1. To elect Mark Harrison, Hisham Omara, Joseph Akinagbe, Kate Little, Robyn McKeown, Miles Battye, Emma Kerry and Sarah Wakefield as life members of the Student Union without any fee.

#### **Vote on Main Motion with Amendment**

**Carried**

#### **PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION - SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY, OPEN DEBATE AND THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH**

M Harrison  
Amendment                    *"Under Council Resolves 1 Delete 'may only be proposed if there has been an equal number of speeches both for and against the motion (not including the proposer's summation) and a period' Insert 'may be vetoed by any council member unless there has been a period'"*

H Omara  
Amendment                    *"Add to This Council Resolves 1 'and a time limit of 25 minutes be imposed for the debate'"*

Proposer:    Dominic Hardwick

Secunder:    Curtis McLellan

#### **THIS COUNCIL NOTES**

1. That recently, several motions have been passed through council meetings and general meetings after procedural motions have been called for the motion to be put straight to a vote.
2. That in the above circumstances, most of these motions had not had opposition speeches made against them, and in some cases had opposition speakers ready to make the case against them.
3. That Schedule I.10 of the constitution states:

*"The Chair of the meeting shall allow any member to propose any of the following procedural motions, each requiring a two-thirds majority, as a point of order:*

*(a) That the motion shall now be voted upon."*

4. That a two-thirds majority at this meeting can amend Schedule I.

#### **THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES**

1. That in order for people to be able to come to a decision upon a matter, they need to be able to hear the arguments against it, as well as in favour of it.
2. That "respect for anyone's right of free speech and opinion," includes letting opposition

speakers to a motion speak against a motion.

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3. That suppression of opposition and free speech is not in the spirit of the constitution.

**THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES**

1. To insert into the constitution the following:

***“I.10.1 Fair Debates***

*Procedural motions that call for a motion or amendment to be voted upon immediately may only be proposed if there has been an equal number of speeches both for and against the motion (not including the proposer’s summation), and a period of debate in which not less than eight speakers have spoken.”*

**MEETING INQUORATE : 7.20 P.M.**